



# DISCIPLINE CASE *DIGEST*

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## **Case 95-21**

**PAUL VICTOR WALSH, Q.C.**  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Called to the Bar**  
June 26, 1968

**Particulars of Charges**  
Professional Misconduct (1 count)

- failure to serve client

**Date of Hearing**  
September 12, 1995

**Panel**  
Reeh Taylor, Q.C. (Chairperson)  
Heather Leonoff, Q.C.  
John Menzies

## **Disposition**

- fine of \$1,000.00
- costs of \$200.00

**Counsel**  
Daniel Dutchin for the Law Society  
William Olson, Q.C. for the Member

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## **Failure to Serve Client**

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## **Facts**

Mr. Walsh, who was called to the Bar on June 26, 1968, appeared before the Discipline Committee on September 12, 1995.

Mr. Walsh represented a client on a criminal matter. A discretionary warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. Walsh's client due to the client's non-appearance. Arrangements were then made for a personal appearance by the client in Provincial Court, however, Mr. Walsh failed to advise his client of this required personal appearance. As a result, the client did not appear and the discretionary warrant was executed resulting in the arrest of the client.

### **Comments of the Discipline Committee**

Mr. Walsh admitted to the charge of professional misconduct. The Committee noted that the client subsequently entered a plea of guilty to the charge and received a minimum fine and expressed satisfaction with Mr. Walsh's services.

The Committee noted that Mr. Walsh should have made the appropriate arrangements for handling his client's matter and should have dealt with correspondence that was received from the Crown Attorney's Office.

### **Findings and Penalties**

The Committee found that Mr. Walsh was guilty of professional misconduct on the basis of his admission to the charge and imposed a fine of \$1,000.00 and ordered that costs be paid in the amount of \$200.00.

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