



DISCIPLINE CASE *DIGEST*

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Case 95-25

STEPHEN SAMUEL BONDAR
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Called to the Bar
June 20, 1991

Particulars of Charges
Professional Misconduct (2 counts)

- breach of undertaking to the Law Society
- failure to reply to the Law Society

Date of Hearing
November 27, 1995

Panel
Len Lucas (Chairperson)
M. Alexandra Morton, Q.C.
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Disposition

- fine of \$250.00
- costs of \$250.00
- conditions on practising certificate

Counsel
Daniel Dutchin for the Law Society
Member not represented

Breach of Undertaking to the Law Society

Facts

Mr. Bondar, who was called to the Bar on June 20, 1991, appeared before the Discipline Committee on November 27, 1995

Mr. Bondar provided an undertaking to the Complaints Investigation Committee that he would provide his monthly trust account reconciliations for review by the Law Society Auditor. Mr. Bondar breached his undertaking in that he failed to submit his trust account reconciliations for four consecutive months.

A letter was sent to Mr. Bondar inquiring as to why he had not provided his reconciliations as required by his undertaking. Mr. Bondar did not respond to the letter as required by the Rules of the Law Society.

Comments of the Discipline Committee

Mr. Bondar admitted the two charges of professional misconduct. The Discipline Committee noted that Mr. Bondar provided no reasonable explanation for his lack of responsiveness or his failure to abide by his undertaking to the Law Society, but admitted he was negligent and foolish in not responding to the Law Society.

Findings and Penalties

The Committee found that Mr. Bondar was guilty of professional misconduct on the basis of his admissions to the charges. The Committee imposed a fine of \$250.00 and ordered that costs be paid in the amount of \$250.00. The Committee also cancelled Mr. Bondar's practising certificate and issued a new practising certificate subject to a condition that he fully and completely comply with all aspects of his undertaking to the Law Society by December 15, 1995.

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