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Case 96-17

DOUGLAS WILLIAM REGELOUS
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Called to the Bar
June 24, 1975

Particulars of Charges
Professional Misconduct (3 charges)

- failure to file written answer to 14 day letter
- failure to file Annual Accountant's Report (Form D)
- failure to pay penalties in the amount of \$2,300.00 owing to the Law Society contrary to Rule 133(7)

Date of Hearing
June 27, 1996

Panel
Richard Deeley, Q.C. (Chair)
Gary Gilmour
James Hedley

Disposition

- Reprimand
- Costs of \$745.25

Counsel
Debra Poskar on behalf of the Law Society
Member unrepresented

Failure to Pay Penalties

Facts

Mr. Regelous appeared before the Discipline Committee on June 27, 1996, and entered guilty pleas to three counts of professional misconduct.

Mr. Regelous was charged with failing to pay penalties in the amount of \$2,300.00 owing to the Law Society contrary to Rule 133(7). Such penalties were incurred due to the late filing by Mr. Regelous of his Annual Accountant's Report (Form D), which report for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1995 was due on or before May 31, 1995 and was not received until January 17, 1996. As well, Mr. Regelous was charged with failing to file a written answer to a letter sent to him by the Law Society within 14 days of his receipt of that letter. Mr. Regelous ultimately paid the penalties, in full, two days prior to his hearing before the Discipline Committee.

Decision and Comments

The Committee took into account the small and infrequent number of transactions which flowed through Mr. Regelous' trust account for the fiscal year in question. However, the Committee reminded Mr. Regelous of the importance of the Society's accounting rules, which are in place to protect the public.

The Committee also emphasized the necessity for members of the profession to respond promptly to inquiries made by the Law Society within the time limits prescribed by the *Rules*.

Penalty

The Committee found Mr. Regelous guilty of professional misconduct based upon his admissions to each of the three charges. The Committee imposed a reprimand on all three counts and ordered that costs be paid in the amount of \$745.25.

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