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Case 98-09

DOUGLAS W. REGELOUS

Formerly of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Called to the Bar

June 24, 1975

Particulars of Charges

Professional Misconduct

- Failure to respond to fourteen day letters sent pursuant to Rule 156 and Rule 40 (2 counts)

Date of Hearing

October 28, 1998

Panel

H.S. Leonoff, Q.C. (Chair)

G.P. Riley

V.E. Rachlis

Disposition

- Fine of \$1,000.00
- Costs of \$1,500.00

Counsel

C.K. Dangerfield for The Law Society of Manitoba

David I. Marr for the Member

Failure to Respond to the Law Society

Facts

Mr. Regelous filed an Annual Trust Account (Form D) as required by Rule 133 of The Law Society Rules. The Audit Department of The Law Society requested that Mr. Regelous provide certain information which was outstanding from his Form D. Mr. Regelous failed to respond to two requests for that information and accordingly, pursuant to Rule 156 the Audit Department asked that Mr. Regelous provide a reply within fourteen days. Mr. Regelous did not reply. The Complaints Investigation Committee then directed that a further letter be sent to Mr. Regelous pursuant to Rule 40 requesting a response within fourteen days regarding his failure to respond to correspondence from the Audit Department. Mr. Regelous did not respond to that correspondence.

Mr. Regelous appeared before the Discipline Committee on October 28, 1998 at which time he entered a guilty plea to both counts of professional misconduct. He provided an undertaking to the Society to provide the outstanding information relating to his Form D within 30 days.

Decision and Comments

The Committee found Mr. Regelous guilty of professional misconduct based on his admission to the charges.

Penalty

The Committee considered Mr. Regelous' prior record and the circumstances of the present case. The Committee imposed a fine of \$1,000.00 and ordered that costs be paid in the amount of \$1,500.00 by November 30, 1998.

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