



DISCIPLINE CASE *DIGEST*

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Case 99-02

OTTO GEORG AMENT
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Called to the Bar
June 25, 1974

Particulars of Charges
Professional Misconduct

- Failure to Respond (x 2)

Date of Hearing
July 7, 1999

Panel
G.G. Brodsky, Q.C. (Chair)
D.I. Scaletta
A.J. Semchuk

Disposition

- Fine of \$1,500.00
- Costs of \$1,221.42

Counsel
C. Kristin Dangerfield for The Law Society of Manitoba
John L. P. Sinclair for the Member

Failure to Reply

Facts

Mr. Ament appeared before the Discipline Committee on July 7, 1999.

Mr. Ament was charged with two counts of failing to respond to letters from The Law Society of Manitoba.

By letters dated July 24, 1998 and September 18, 1998, the member was requested to respond to inquiries arising from a spot audit. The member did not provide a response until July 5, 1999.

Decision and Comments

Mr. Ament admitted to the counts in the Citation.

Based on Mr. Ament's admissions to the charges, the Discipline Committee resolved that his actions constituted professional misconduct. The Committee expressed concern that by ignoring requests from the Law Society for information, Mr. Ament put all members at risk.

Penalty

The Committee accepted the joint recommendation of counsel for the Law Society and for Mr. Ament. The Committee imposed a fine of \$1,500.00 and ordered that Mr. Ament pay costs in the amount of \$1,221.42. The total amount of fine and costs in the amount of \$2,721.42 was ordered to be paid by way of three post dated cheques dated September 15, 1999, December 15, 1999 and March 15, 2000. It was further ordered that if any of the cheques should be dishonoured when tendered, the entire balance outstanding as of the date of default would become due and owing and would be payable within 30 days.

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