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THE LAW SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

IN THE MATTER OF:

MEMBER A,

AND IN THE MATTER OF:

THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT.

Reasons had and taken on Tuesday, September 28, 2021,
via zoom, in the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba.

APPEARANCES: R. Campbell, Q.C.
 K. Mandzuik
 K. Richmond

A. Klein appearing for Law Society of Manitoba.
Member A appearing on his own behalf.

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1 THE CHAIR: Thank you for that brief recess.
2 The panel has made a decision.

3 This is an application for a pardon pursuant to
4 section 5-101.1(1) of the Law Society Rules. The member
5 has met all the threshold requirements for a pardon, and
6 the only question for the panel is whether a pardon is
7 appropriate, in other words, whether the member's 1996
8 conviction for conduct unbecoming a lawyer no longer
9 reflects adversely on his character.

10 As put succinctly by another panel, do the
11 offence and the offender still need to be sanctioned by way
12 of a discipline record?

13 The discretionary items to be considered are
14 the member's prior record, circumstances of the offence,
15 complaint history, and the length of time between the
16 offence and the application.

17 We heard from the Society and considered the
18 joint recommendation and notably heard from the member this
19 morning. The conviction back in 1996 was not law-related,
20 and the member has had an illustrious and otherwise
21 blemish-free career since the incident. He has been a
22 productive and healthy member of our society.

23 The member's remorse is palpable even after all
24 these years. The panel has no hesitation granting the
25 pardon, and the anonymity back to Member A, in that while

1 we recognize the offence is still sanctioned, the member
2 will not be, and that is the decision of the panel.

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5 (DECISION CONCLUDED AT 10:09 A.M.)
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, TOM BRUCE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages, numbered 1 to 3, are a true and accurate transcript of the reasons herein as recorded by me to the best of my skill and ability.



Tom Bruce
Court Reporter

THE PRECEDING 4 PAGES CONSTITUTE THE
DECISION AND REASONS FOR DECISION OF
THE PANEL OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF MANITOBA
RENDERED THE **28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER,**
2021, IN THE MATTER OF:

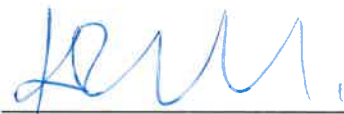
MEMBER A



Roberta Campbell, Q.C., Chair



Kenneth Mandzuik



Keely Richmond