

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL
HEARING DIVISION

BETWEEN:

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND:

JOHN MURRAY LOTT

RESPONDENT

CITATION

TO: **John Murray Lott**
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TAKE NOTICE THAT by direction of the Discipline Committee of the Law Society of British Columbia, a Hearing Panel of the Law Society will, at a date and time to be set, conduct a hearing to inquire into your conduct or competence as a member of the Law Society of British Columbia, in accordance with section 38 of the *Legal Profession Act*. Parts 4 and 5 of the Law Society Rules outline the procedures to be followed at the hearing. Your appearance before the Hearing Panel may be your only opportunity to present evidence, call witnesses or make submissions.

The allegations against you are:

1. Between approximately May 6, 2019 and August 8, 2023, in relation to a wills and estates matter concerning your client AA (the “Client”), you failed to provide the quality of service required of a competent lawyer in a similar situation, contrary to one or both of rules 3.1-2 and 3.2-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*, including by doing one or more of the following:

- (a) failing to ensure that the Client's will made May 6, 2019 (the "Will") was properly executed;
- (b) failing to maintain accurate and thorough records regarding the making of the Will;
- (c) signing the Will as a witness after the Client's death and when you had not witnessed the Client's signature on the Will;
- (d) failing to provide the beneficiaries with accurate and complete relevant information about the validity of the Will; and
- (e) failing to bring issues concerning the validity of the Will to the attention of the Supreme Court.

This conduct constitutes professional misconduct or incompetent performance of duties undertaken in the capacity of a lawyer, pursuant to s. 38(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

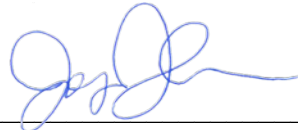
2. Between approximately May 22, 2019 and August 8, 2023, in relation to a wills and estates matter concerning your client AA (the "Client"), you made representations to the Supreme Court and/or the beneficiaries that you knew or ought to have known were false or misleading, contrary to one or more of rules 2.1-2(c), 2.2-1, 5.1-1, and 5.1-2(e) of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*, including one or more of the following:
 - (a) that you witnessed the Client's signature on the Client's will made May 6, 2019 (the "Will");
 - (b) that you signed the Will as a witness in the presence of the Client;

- (c) that you believed the Will complied with the requirements for making a valid will under the *Wills, Estates and Succession Act*, S.B.C. 2009, c. 13; and
- (d) that you were not aware of any issues that would call into question the validity of the Will.

This conduct constitutes professional misconduct, pursuant to s. 38(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Hearing Panel may proceed with the hearing in your absence and make any order that it could have made had you been present.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 10th day of April, 2026.



Joyce Johner
Director, Discipline
The Law Society of British Columbia