

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL  
HEARING DIVISION

BETWEEN:

**LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

AND:

**STEVE ALEXANDER PARR**

RESPONDENT

**CITATION**

**TO:**           **Steve Alexander Parr**  
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**AND TO:**   **His Solicitor, Joven Narwal, KC**  
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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 2020 and July 2020 and in relation to your clients AA, BB, and/or ABC Inc., you acted in a conflict of interest, contrary to one or more of rules 3.4-1, 3.4-2, 3.4-3, 3.4-5, 3.4-7, 3.4-8 and 3.4-26.1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia* and your fiduciary duties to your clients, when you did one or more of the following:
  - (a) acted jointly for both AA and BB in relation to a partnership venture between them, without first:
    - i. obtaining their written consent to the joint retainer;
    - ii. advising them that you had been asked to act for both of them in the matter;
    - iii. advising them that no information received in connection with the matter from one client could be treated as confidential so far as the other client was concerned; and
    - iv. advising them that if a conflict developed that could not be resolved, you could not continue to act for both of them and may have to withdraw completely;
  - (b) acted for AA, BB, and/or ABC Inc. when you had an ongoing close personal relationship with both AA and BB;
  - (c) acted or continued to act for AA, BB, and/or ABC Inc. when you knew or ought to have known that the immediate legal interests of AA and BB were adverse; and
  - (d) while acting for both AA, BB, and/or ABC Inc., performed legal services on instructions from BB that you knew or ought to have known were contrary to the interests of AA, without AA's knowledge and consent.

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

2. Between approximately July 2020 and July 2022 you acted in a conflict of interest, contrary to one or more of rules 3.4-1 and 3.4-10 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia* and your fiduciary duties to your clients, by continuing to act for your client BB against the interests of your former client AA in relation to a partnership venture between them on which you had previously jointly represented BB and AA.

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 22nd day of April, 2024.



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Tara McPhail  
Director of Discipline and External Litigation  
The Law Society of British Columbia