

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL  
HEARING DIVISION

BETWEEN:

**LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

AND:

**MANPREET SINGH BAINS**

RESPONDENT

**CITATION**

**TO:** **Manpreet S. Bains**  
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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. On or about May 29, 2023, in the course of failing two breath tests administered by a peace officer (the “Peace Officer”), and being issued a 90-day immediate roadside driving prohibition (the “IRP”) under section 215.41 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, you did one or more of the following:

- (a) attempted, or acted in a manner that could reasonably be perceived as attempting, to inappropriately influence the Peace Officer;
- (b) attempted, or acted in a manner that could reasonably be perceived as attempting, to use your status as a lawyer to avoid the IRP; and
- (c) failed to be forthright and honest with the Peace Officer.

This conduct constitutes conduct unbecoming the profession, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024.



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