FORM 17 - NOTICE OF REVIEW - RESPONDENT/APPLICANT

Review File No.: HE20240004 Decision under Review: 2023 LSBC 08

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL REVIEW DIVISION

BETWEEN:

TEJINDER SINGH DHILLON

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT

AND:

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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To: The Law Society of British Columbia 9th Floor, 845 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 4Z9

ON NOTICE TO: Angela R. Westmacott, KC

TAKE NOTICE that the Respondent/Applicant applies for a review on the record: (Select option(s) that apply.)

- [X] under s. 47(1) of the *Legal Profession Act*, SBC 1998, c. 9, from a final decision of the Hearing Panel made February 20, 2024 and indexed as 2023 LSBC 08;
- [X] under s. 47(3.1) of the *Legal Profession Act*, SBC 1998, c. 9, from a costs order made under section 46 by the Hearing Panel on February 20, 2024 and indexed as 2023 LSBC 08;
- [] under s. 47(3.1) of the *Legal Profession Act*, SBC 1998, c. 9, from a costs order made under section 27(2)(e) by the practice standards committee on [insert date].

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the hearing of the review, the Respondent/Applicant will be seeking an order that:

- 1. The decision of the Hearing Panel made February 20, 2024 that the Respondent/ Applicant be disbarred be set aside and the following alternative punishment be substituted in its place:
 - a. a suspension between eight to twelve months, or longer if alternatively decided to be more appropriate by the Tribunal Review Division, and
 - b. a ban on the Respondent/Applicant operating a Law Society trust account for the longer of 5 years following any suspension or until the Law Society is satisfied that there would be no public risk in allowing the Respondent/ Applicant to operate a trust account should such a request be made after the initial 5-year ban.
- The Respondent/Applicant, while not contesting the finding of the costs by the Hearing Panel, be given more time to pay those costs.

THE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE REVIEW are set out below:

- 1. Did the Hearing Panel err when applying the four general categories set out in the *Law Society of BC* v. *Dent*, 2016 LSBC 5 case ("Dent") in finding that the only punishment for the Respondent/Applicant was disbarment rather than an "alternative sanction" of a suspension, including the combination of a suspension and another sanction as proposed herein?
- 2. Did the Hearing Panel err in deciding that the Respondent/Applicant had not taken suitable personal responsibility for the misuse of his trust account and/or in failing to consider the remedial action taken by the Respondent/Applicant?
- 3. Did the Hearing Panel err in failing to address additional evidence tendered by the Respondent/Applicant that was not referenced in the final written decision that may have formed part of the four general categories set out in the Dent decision?

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4. Did the Hearing Panel err when assessing the medical evidence tendered by the Respondent/Applicant, including that evidence not specifically referenced in the Hearing Panel final decision?

Date: March 21, 2024

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