

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL
HEARING DIVISION

BETWEEN:

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND:

JULIAN REGINALD PORRITT

RESPONDENT

CITATION

TO: Julian Reginald Porritt
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The Village at Park Royal
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AND TO: Their Solicitor, Jeffrey P. Scouten
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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 July 2017 and January 2021, in relation to one or more of client files #5927-1, #5927-2, and #19-175, you used or permitted the use of your firm's trust accounts to receive approximately \$13,257,220.12 CAD, or disburse approximately \$13,254,101.23 CAD, or both, as set out in Schedule "A" (the "Trust Matters"), and failed to do one or more of the following in connection with the Trust Matters:
 - (a) provide substantial legal services;
 - (b) make reasonable inquiries about the circumstances, including, but not limited to:
 - i. your clients or other persons, or both;
 - ii. the subject matter and objectives of your retainer;
 - iii. the source of the funds;
 - iv. the purpose of the payment of the funds; or
 - v. the reason for the funds to go through your firm's trust accounts; and
 - (c) make a record of the results of any inquiries made about the circumstances.

This conduct constitutes professional misconduct, pursuant to section 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 June, 2024.



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