

Communiqué

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The Discipline Committee has considered the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Confidentiality of Health Information. 25 lawyers were named in the Report and publicly censured for having obtained or tried to obtain confidential information. The purpose of disciplinary action, which is to stop abuses and to admonish those who have erred, has been accomplished by publication of the Commissioner's Report. Convocation also took into account that no-one appeared to have suffered loss through premature disclosure of medical records. Members are reminded, however, that they must not be involved in obtaining evidence improperly. In future, breaches will be subject to disciplinary action.

The division of the Society's legal education function into two directorships has become necessary because of the rapid increase in the need for expanded continuing legal education which is expected to go on growing for the foreseeable future. George W. Collins-Williams, Q.C., will direct the development of Continuing Legal Education and the Society will advertise for someone to direct the Bar Admission Course.

Convocation adopted the recommendation of the Discipline Committee that a Senior Counsel with appropriate experience be added to the Society's staff to take responsibility for the investigation and prosecution of complaints against members of the profession. The position will be advertised in the Ontario Reports and in the press.

Kenneth Jarvis,

Secretary.