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A special convocation today adopted the recommendation of the Professional Conduct Committee that a lawyer acting as a licenced agent under the Child Welfare Act in connection with an adoption should not charge a legal fee over and above the fee of \$1,500 provided for in the Regulation to that Act, and that a lawyer acting in a private adoption other than as a licenced agent should charge legal fees as justified on the basis of services performed and not be a party to any arrangement for a fee for services which could be characterized as a finders fee.

Bruce Alexander Carson of Ottawa was disbarred. He had forged the signature of the president of a corporation and misappropriated over \$15,000 belonging to the corporation for which he acted, forged the signature of a client from whom he misappropriated over \$4,000 and misappropriated \$4,900 belonging to another client.

Abraham Irving Jacob Copeland of Toronto was disbarred. He had twice before been disciplined and undertook to the Society to file reports respecting his practice, but failed to honour the undertaking. He had failed to pay over \$50,000 to a client which was owing in respect of a judgement against him for negligence in his practice and was petitioned into bankruptcy by the client. He had also failed to produce records required in connection with the Society's investigation.

Robert Arthur Savage of Oakville was disbarred. He had misappropriated over \$60,000 belonging to a client.

Kenneth Jarvis,
Secretary.