

Communiqué

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From now on a member must not borrow money from his client unless the client is a lending institution or a related person as defined under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and the lawyer can prove the client's interests were fully protected by the nature of the case and by independent legal advice. The Benchers voted today to delete Sub-section (b) of the first paragraph of Rule 18 of the Professional Conduct Handbook. Members are urged to refer to the Rule which is only paraphrased here.

David Brendan Bennett of Hamilton was found guilty of professional misconduct and disbarred today. He had misappropriated over \$50,000 of trust funds belonging to clients and failed to maintain his books and records in accordance with the Society's Regulations.

Alex Borman of Toronto was found guilty of professional misconduct and was reprimanded in Convocation. He is required to pay the costs of the Society's investigation. He had failed to reply to two letters from the Society respecting complaints against his professional conduct, having on two earlier occasions been guilty of the same offence.

Michael Joseph Delaney of Toronto was found guilty of professional misconduct and disbarred by Convocation today. He had misappropriated over \$180,000 of clients' trust funds.

Kevin Arthur Jones of Toronto was found guilty of conduct unbecoming a Barrister and Solicitor and reprimanded in Convocation, having been found guilty in Provincial Court (Criminal Division) of offences under the Tax Rebate Discounting Act.

Michael Laverne Telfer of Toronto was found guilty of conduct unbecoming a Barrister and Solicitor having been convicted of possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking. He was found in possession of a quantity of marijuana in circumstances which seemed to indicate that it was not he who intended to profit by the sale of the drug, but an acquaintance who had asked him to transport it. His rights and privileges as a member of the Society have been suspended for one year.

Kenneth Jarvis,

Secretary.