

Communiqué

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A special convocation was held for discipline purposes on Thursday, 22nd October 1981. The following were disbarred:

Victor Beube of Toronto. He had misapplied about \$40,000 belonging to a client and failed to discharge his professional duty to act with integrity toward a number of other clients in connection with mortgage transactions.

Robert Gene Bonham of Mississauga, who carried out a series of deliberate misappropriations of relatively small amounts, generally by overcharging on his billings for disbursements.

Bernard R. Forgang of Aurora. He had misappropriated more than \$57,000 of clients trust funds.

Robert S. Merker of Toronto who had been convicted in the criminal court of stealing over \$40,000 from clients.

Allan Henry Posner of Thornhill for misappropriating over \$35,000 of clients trust funds.

James R. Swanborough of Oakville who misappropriated over \$250,000 of clients funds.

Steven M. Leiken of Ottawa was suspended for 2 years. He had misappropriated \$5,395.00 cash entrusted to him as the solicitor for an estate, and drafted false and misleading documents concerning the assets of that estate.

At the regular convocation today, the Libraries and Reporting Committee asked that members write in their suggestions respecting the selection of cases for inclusion in the Ontario Reports and also the most helpful format of printing, such as with numbers down the margin for ease of reference to lines.

Gerald Charles Molloy of Regina, Saskatchewan, was suspended for failing to pay his annual fees and the following were suspended for failure to pay the Errors and Omissions Insurance Levy: Bernard Hampton Hawkins of St. Catharines, Robert Richard Morris of Toronto, and Ernest Joseph Tadman of Toronto.

The Legal Aid Mentor programme in which senior counsel help junior members has been extended by a Zenith telephone number so that lawyers working on criminal legal aid certificates anywhere in the province can obtain advice from experienced senior counsel without delay.

The Annual Meeting of members of the Society will take place on Saturday afternoon 30th January 1982, and be preceded by a continuing education programme on Advocacy presented by the Canadian Bar Association.

Kenneth Jarvis,
Secretary.