Hearing File No.: HE20240012

Citation Issued: June 3, 2024

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL HEARING DIVISION

BETWEEN:

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND:

COLIN CAMPBELL ROBINSON

RESPONDENT

CITATION

TO: Colin C. Robinson

c/o Quadra Legal Centre #101 - 2750 Quadra Street Victoria, BC V8T 4E8

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 August 2005 and May 2021, in one or more of the instances set out at Schedule "A", you used your firm's trust account to receive and

disburse some or all of \$5,424,217.29 that you credited to your clients AA and BB, and you failed to do one or more of the following:

- (a) provide substantial legal services;
- (b) make reasonable inquiries about the circumstances, including but not limited to:
 - (i) the subject matter and objectives of your retainer;
 - (i) the source of the funds;
 - (ii) the purpose of the payment of the funds;
 - (iii) the reason for the funds to go through your firm's trust account; and
- (c) take reasonable steps to obtain appropriate instructions to pay out the funds as soon as practicable on completion of any services to which the funds related.

This conduct constitutes professional misconduct, pursuant to section 38(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

- 2. Between approximately August 2005 and April 2020, in one or more of the instances set out at Schedule "A", you received funds totaling \$8,029,662.44 into your firm's trust account that you credited to your clients AA and BB, and you failed to do one or both of the following:
 - (a) record information about the source of the funds, contrary to one or both of Rules 3-102(1)(a) and 3-60(a)(ii) of the Law Society Rules [now Rule 3-68(a)(ii)]; and

(b) monitor on a periodic basis the professional business relationship with the clients and keep a record of the measures taken and information obtained, contrary to Rule 3-110 of the Law Society Rules.

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 3rd day of June, 2024.

Tara McPhail

Director, Discipline and External Litigation

The Law Society of British Columbia