

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Hearing respecting charges against **Ian Gray**, a member of the Society, will be held on **June 17, 18 and 19, 2024**, commencing at **9:30 am** at the Society's offices, Suite 800, Cogswell Tower, 2000 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS.

The Society charges Ian Gray, of Halifax, Nova Scotia with professional misconduct and professional incompetence in that he breached provisions of the *Code of Professional Conduct* (the "*Code*"), and the *Legal Profession Act* (the "*Act*") and the Regulations made thereunder.

Specifically, it is alleged that:

- 1. Ian Gray failed to discharge with integrity the duties and responsibilities he owed to clients, the court, the public and other members of the profession, and conducted himself in a way that reflected adversely on the integrity of the profession and the administration of justice, contrary to Rule 2.1-1 of the *Code*.
- 2. Ian Gray failed to perform legal services to the standard of a competent lawyer, contrary to Rule 3.1-2 of the *Code.* and did not provide service that was competent, timely, conscientious, diligent, efficient, and civil, contrary to rule 3.2-1 of the *Code*.
- 3. Ian Gray failed to be honest and candid with his clients, failed to inform his clients of all information known to him that may affect the interests of his clients, and failed to disclose to his clients what he honestly thought regarding the merits and probable results, contrary to Rule 3.2-2 of the *Code*.
- 4. Ian Gray engaged in a conflict of interest by permitting his personal interests to conflict with those of his client, contrary to his duty of loyalty and Rule 3.4-1 of the *Code*.
- 5. Ian Gray advanced monies to his client contrary to the requirements of Rule 3.4-33 of the *Code*.
- 6. Ian Gray charged and/or accepted a fee inappropriately and without authorization, contrary to Rules 3.6-1 and 3.6-2 of the *Code*.
- 7. Ian Gray failed to represent his clients resolutely and honourably, abandoned and/or waived his clients' legal rights without the clients' informed consent, and failed to treat the court with candour, fairness, courtesy and respect, contrary to Rule 5.1-1 of the *Code*.

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the Hearing of this complaint, the Hearing Panel may be asked to make a finding of professional misconduct and/or professional incompetence against Ian Gray on the basis of any evidence brought before the Hearing Panel.

The Hearing will be open to the public in accordance with Section 44(1) of the *Legal Profession Act.* Note that, at any Hearing, preliminary motions, regarding publicity ban or otherwise, may be heard and/or a settlement agreement may be proposed.

Members of the public or the media wishing to attend the Hearing should contact Colleen Crowther of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society at <u>ccrowther@nsbs.org</u> on or before **Monday**, **June 10, 2024**.