



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

**NOTICE OF REFERRAL TO HEARING**

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The Hearing Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society will hold a hearing, at a date and time to be determined, respecting charges against T.J. McKeough, of Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society charges T.J. McKeough, of Sydney, 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:

1. T.J. McKeough 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 Chapter 2.1-1 of the *Code*.
2. T.J. McKeough failed to perform legal services to the standard of a competent lawyer contrary to section 3.1-2 of the *Code* and did not provide service that was competent, timely, conscientious, diligent, efficient, and civil, contrary to section 3.2-1 of the *Code*.
3. Contrary to Section 3.2-2 of the *Code*, T.J. McKeough failed to be honest and candid with his clients.
4. Contrary to section 3.3-1 of the *Code*, T.J. McKeough failed to hold in strict confidence all information concerning clients' affairs.
5. Contrary to section 3.4-1 of the *Code*, T.J. McKeough acted or potentially acted for a client where there is a conflict of interest that was not permitted under the *Code*.
6. Contrary to Section 5.1-1 of the *Code*, T.J. McKeough failed to represent his clients resolutely and honourably and failed to treat the court with candour, fairness, courtesy, and respect.
7. Contrary to sections 5.1-6 and 7.2-11 of the *Code*, T.J. McKeough failed to strictly and scrupulously fulfill undertakings given and failed to honour trust conditions accepted in the course of litigation and gave undertakings that he knew he would not or could not fulfill and/or failed to fulfill undertakings given and failed to honour trust conditions once accepted.
8. Contrary to section 7.2-1 of the *Code*, T.J. McKeough failed to be courteous and civil and act in good faith with opposing counsel.

A further public Notice of Hearing will be published once the dates and times for the hearing are confirmed.

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