



NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hearing respecting charges against **Donn Fraser**, a member of the Society, will be held on **October 20-24, 2025**, and such other dates as may be scheduled, commencing at **9:30 am** at the Society's offices, Suite 800, Cogswell Tower, 2000 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS.

The Society charges Donn Fraser, of Stellarton, Nova Scotia with professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming 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. he did not carry on the practice of law or discharge all responsibilities to the public and other members of the profession honourably and with integrity contrary to Rule 2.1-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or
2. he failed to uphold the standards and reputation of the legal profession and to assist in the advancement of its goals, organizations, and institutions contrary to Rule 2.1-2 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or
3. he failed to be courteous and civil and act in good faith to all persons with whom a lawyer has dealings contrary to Rule 5.1-5 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or
4. he did not encourage public respect for and try to improve the administration of justice contrary to Rule 5.6-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or
5. he harassed a colleague and other persons contrary to Rules 6.3-4 (pre-January 27, 2023) and 6.3-2 (post-January 27, 2023) of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or
6. he was not courteous and civil and did not act in good faith with all persons with whom the lawyer has dealings in the course of his or her practice contrary to Rule 7.2-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or
7. he sent, in the course of professional practice, correspondence, or otherwise communicated to another lawyer or any person in a manner that was abusive, offensive and otherwise inconsistent with the proper tone of a professional communication from a lawyer contrary to Rule 7.2-4 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*; and/or

8. he approached, communicated, and dealt with a person while they were represented by counsel contrary to Rule 7.2-6 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*.
9. he engaged in conduct that brought discredit upon the legal profession, contrary to Regulation 9.1.3(a) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

TAKE NOTICE that at the Hearing of this complaint, the Hearing Panel may be asked to make a finding of professional misconduct and/or conduct unbecoming against Donn Fraser 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 ccrowther@nsbs.org on or before **Monday, October 13, 2025**.