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**IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT, 1990  
AND IN THE MATTER OF STERLING MCLEAN,  
A LAWYER OF REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN**

**ORDER**

The Discipline Committee of The Law Society of Saskatchewan (hereinafter called the "Discipline Committee"), having convened a meeting on June 12, 2009 to assess penalty in relation to the decision of the Hearing Committee in this matter comprised of George Patterson as Chair, that Sterling McLean (hereinafter called the "Member"):

1. Is guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer in that he did fail to comply with a trust condition imposed by letter dated June 19, 2007, which he accepted, upon the use of documents in connection with a transfer of land from DDC to his client BN;
2. Is guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer in that, during the course of his representation of a vendor in a real estate transaction, he did breach an undertaking provided to W.J., a fellow member, wherein he undertook that he would not release purchase funds provided to him in trust without first having secured a discharge in relation to a Federal Writ on the title to the property being sold;
3. Is guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer in that he failed to serve his client, L.P., in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner, by failing to complete the tasks

necessary to ensure that L.P.'s administration of the estate of D.D. was initiated within a reasonable time;

4. Is guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer, in that he did attempt to mislead a member of the public K.D., by misrepresenting the status of an estate matter;
5. Is guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer in that he failed to serve his client, J.L., in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner in the course of a real estate transaction.

and after having heard submissions of the Member, his counsel and counsel on behalf of the Law Society of Saskatchewan Investigation Committee and after due deliberation to determine the action to be taken as a result of the Hearing Committee's decision, the Discipline Committee orders the following:

1. That effective June 15, 2009, the Member is suspended for a period of 4 months;
2. That the Member shall pay costs in the amount of \$3,396.25 to the Law Society of Saskatchewan by June 12, 2010; and
3. That after the conclusion of the Member's suspension, the Member may only resume practise on the condition that he practices under the supervision of a practise advisor chosen by the Chair of the Discipline Executive, on such terms and for such duration as the Chair may determine.

DATED at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.



**Thomas Schonhoffer Q.C., Executive Director  
Law Society of Saskatchewan**