



CANADA )  
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN )  
TO WIT )

IN THE MATTER OF *THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT, 1990*  
AND IN THE MATTER OF MICHEL RIOU,  
A LAWYER OF UNITY, SASKATCHEWAN

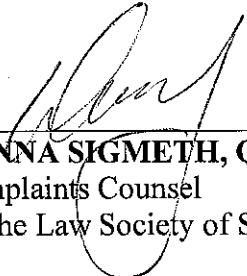
## Formal Complaint

I, DONNA R. SIGMETH, Q.C., of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Complaints Counsel for the Law Society of Saskatchewan, do hereby certify that Brenda Hildebrandt, Q.C., Chair of the Discipline Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, has appointed a Hearing Committee pursuant to Section 47(1) of *The Legal Profession Act, 1990*, comprised of David Rusnak, as Chair, Murray Walter, Q.C. and Evan Sorestad to hear and determine a Formal Complaint set out by the Conduct Investigation Committee consisting of Jay Watson and Ronald Parchomchuk, pursuant to Section 46(1) of *The Legal Profession Act, 1990*, against Michel Riou, a lawyer and a Member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, carrying on the practice of law at all of the relevant times in the Town of Unity, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as follows:

THAT MICHEL RIOU, of the Town of Unity, in the Province of Saskatchewan is guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer in that he:

1. did personally, or on behalf of his firm, enter into or continue a debtor-creditor relationship with his client J.B.;
2. did enter into a business transaction with his client J.B. wherein he acquired a security interest in all present and after-acquired property of J.B., without first ensuring J.B. obtained independent legal advice regarding the transaction.

DATED at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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**DONNA SIGMETH, Q.C.**  
Complaints Counsel  
for the Law Society of Saskatchewan