



Law Society  
of Saskatchewan

**OLADIPUPO OSHUNRINADE**  
**HEARING DATE: November 26 and 29, 2024**  
**DECISION DATE: January 31, 2025**  
***Law Society of Saskatchewan v Oshunrinade, 2025 SKLSS 1***

**IN THE MATTER OF *THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT, 1990***  
**AND IN THE MATTER OF OLADIPUPO OSHUNRINADE,**  
**OF TORONTO, ONTARIO**

**DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE FOR THE**  
**LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN**

Counsel: Timothy Huber for the Law Society of Saskatchewan  
Oladipupo Oshunrinade, self-represented

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This is the matter of the application of Oladipupo Oshunrinade for admission as a Student-at-Law. The Hearing Committee was struck as a result of the Executive Director of the Law Society's referral of Oladipupo Oshunrinade's application to the Competency Committee of the Law Society, pursuant to Rule 729(5)(d) of *The Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan*.

2. The considerations for a Hearing Committee are set out in Rule 729 of *The Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan*, as follows:

**729(2) In any application pursuant to this Part, applications have the onus of proving that:**

- (a) They are suitable to practice;**
- (b) They are competent to perform the required duties, as applicable; and**
- (c) Granting the application would not be inimical to the public interest of the members and would not harm the standing of the legal profession generally.**

3. The matter was heard over the course of two days: November 26 and 29, 2024.

**WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION**

4. On November 26, 2024, it was agreed by the parties that, despite the onus being on the applicant, Oladipupo Oshunrinade, the Law Society would present their case first. The Law Society called their first witness, Naomi Harrox, Director and employee of The Law Society of Ontario. Direct and cross examination of this witness were completed.

5. After Ms. Harrox completed her testimony, Oladipupo Oshunrinade brought an application to withdraw his application for admission. The Law Society of Saskatchewan initially opposed the application. The Hearing Committee caucused and offered both parties an opportunity to provide any precedent on this issue, as well as make oral and/or written submissions. It was agreed the hearing would be adjourned to November 29, 2024. The Hearing Committee specifically requested that both parties be prepared to address the issue of costs on that day as well.

6. Prior to November 29, 2024, the Law Society provided further written submissions, primarily directed towards the issue of costs.

7. Upon returning on November 29, 2024, the Hearing Committee determined that the withdrawal of application by Oladipupo Oshunrinade would be accepted. The applicant, Oladipupo Oshunrinade, then requested that the withdrawal of his application be on a without prejudice basis. The Hearing Committee determined that the withdrawal would be on a without prejudice such that it does not prevent the applicant from re-applying as a student at law to The Law Society of Saskatchewan in the future. The Hearing Committee observes there was one witness called and sworn evidence was provided, complete with examination and cross examination. If there is further application to The Law Society of Saskatchewan by Oladipupo Oshunrinade, to be admitted as a student at law, it may be open for future hearing committees to allow an application to re-introduce said evidence without having to call the witness.

8. The Panel then proceeded to a hearing on costs.

### **COSTS**

9. The Law Society requested the amount of \$19,8622.12 for costs and Oladipupo Oshunrinade requested no costs be ordered.

10. The Hearing Committee determines this is a case where an order for costs is appropriate. Oladipupo Oshunrinade, on his own admission, advised he did not properly review *The Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan* about the process and did not make efforts to understand his own ability to re-apply in Ontario. Oladipupo Oshunrinade indicated his reasons for withdrawing his application in Saskatchewan was he was now going to reapply in Ontario.

11. The Law Society argued that Oladipupo Oshunrinade ought to have known of the option to reapply in Ontario, as he was advised of same in correspondence from The Law Society of Ontario dated April 4, 2023, which was filed as evidence in this matter EXHIBIT #L2 which was the Application Materials from Oshunrinade. The Law Society further argued that, through a meeting in advance of the hearing with the applicant, Oladipupo Oshunrinade was fully aware of The Law Society of Saskatchewan's evidence it would present at the hearing. Oladipupo Oshunrinade did not dispute this meeting occurred or that he was not provided the information.

12. The Hearing Committee determines there was not any new information presented to the applicant at the hearing, including the option of reapplying to The Law Society of Ontario, which was relied on by Oladipupo Oshunrinade to withdraw his application.

13. The Hearing Committee, accepts that, if this hearing were to proceed, the question of whether Oladipupo's application should be accepted has not been determined either way. However, The Law Society went to significant effort, and cost, to prepare for the hearing. The fact that The Law Society made advance efforts to advise the applicant of their evidence does not go unnoticed by the Panel. Nor does Oladipupo Oshunrinade's admission that he did not review the

rules about the process in Saskatchewan or make efforts to understand his ability to re-apply in Ontario.

14. The determination of costs is a discretionary decision by the Hearing Committee. The Hearing Committee considered the evidence outlined above, the Amended Costs Statement (\$19,8622.12) submitted by the Law Society and the enumerated items under Rule 1135, particularly:

**In calculating the costs payable pursuant to subrule 1131(2)(a)(iv) and subrule 1133(1)(b), a Hearing Committee may include all or part of one or more of the following costs actually incurred by the Society:**

**(a) the cost of any enquiries or investigations ordered pursuant to this Part;**

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**(d) the court reporter's fee for attendance at a hearing or meeting pursuant to this Part;**

...

**(g) a Hearing Committee attendance fee of \$225 per half day of hearing for the first three days of hearings multiplied by the number of Hearing Committee members in attendance;**

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**(h) reasonable fees or costs of Discipline Counsel as follows:**

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**(i) a nominal fee of \$200 per hour for Discipline Counsel employed by the Society;**

15. The Hearing Committee determines the costs payable by Oladipupo Oshunrinade to the Law Society of Saskatchewan in the amount of \$8500, payable within 60 (sixty) days of this ruling.

Dated at the City of North Battleford, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

"Jonathan D. Bodvarson", Chair

Dated at the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

"Tiffany M. Paulsen, K.C."

Dated at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

"Laura M.G. Klemmer"