

## **Raymond William Barton**

Quesnel, BC

Called to the Bar: September 13, 1983

Non-practising member: September 27, 2001

**Discipline hearing:** January 21, 2003

**Panel:** Robert W. Gourlay, QC, as a one-Bencher panel by consent

**Report issued:** January 27, 2003; indexed as [2003] LSBC 04

**Counsel:** Todd R. Follett, for the Law Society; Terrence L. Robertson, QC, for Mr. Barton

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### Summary

Mr. Barton breached his undertaking by failing to provide a medical report to the Law Society. Under Rule 4-22, the Discipline Committee and a hearing panel accepted Mr. Barton's admission of professional misconduct and his proposed penalty. The panel accordingly ordered that he pay a \$1,000 fine and \$500 as costs.

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### Facts

In 1998 Mr. Barton was referred to the Law Society Practice Standards Committee. In correspondence with a Law Society staff lawyer, Mr. Barton undertook to provide a medical report regarding his use of alcohol by March 31, 2001. He failed to provide that report, in breach of his undertaking.

Mr. Barton elected to become a non-practising member in September, 2001.

### Admission and penalty

Pursuant to Rule 4-22, Mr. Barton admitted that his breach of undertaking constituted professional misconduct. The Discipline Committee and the hearing panel accepted Mr. Barton's admission and his proposed penalty. The panel accordingly ordered that he:

1. pay a \$1,000 fine on or before July 31, 2003; and
2. pay \$500 as costs of the hearing on or before July 31, 2003.