

Failing to respond to another lawyer

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In 1991, while representing Ms. S in matrimonial litigation, Ms. MacLennan registered a judgment against property owned by Mr. S respecting maintenance arrears he owed to Ms. S.

Mr. S paid the maintenance arrears in 1994. On January, 21 1997 he requested a title search on his property, which revealed that the judgment was still registered. Mr. S's lawyer wrote to Ms. MacLennan confirming that Mr. S had paid the arrears and asking that Ms. MacLennan arrange to have the judgment discharged.

Ms. MacLennan did not respond. On March 5 and April 15, 1997 Mr. S's lawyer wrote two more letters to Ms. MacLennan asking for a response to his letter of January 21. She did not respond, and Mr. S's lawyer complained to the Law Society.

On June 13 Mr. S's lawyer wrote to the Society to advise that he had by then received the appropriate documents from Ms. MacLennan.

Ms. MacLennan admitted to professional misconduct in failing to respond to the January 21, March 5 and April 15 letters from opposing counsel. She had undergone a conduct review in 1995 on a similar matter.

The Discipline Committee accepted Ms. MacLennan's admission pursuant to Rule 468 (now Rule 4-21) and her proposal to pay \$500 as the Law Society's costs in this matter.

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