

Misstatement of Credentials

HAIG OGHIGIAN

Vancouver, B.C.

Called to the Bar: July 10, 1980

In 1993 incorrect information appeared in a biography published by Mr. Oghigian's former firm. Mr. Oghigian had misstated that he had received an LL.B. and B.C.L. from McGill University. While he had obtained substantial credits towards a B.C.L., he had only been granted an LL.B. degree from that institution. He also had misstated in the biography that he had received an LL.M. from Harvard University. While he had enrolled in master level courses at the Harvard law school, he had not been granted an LL.M.

Mr. Oghigian had correctly represented his qualification in a number of other contexts, including biographical summaries for publications he had written.

Mr. Oghigian had been under consideration for partnership, but terminated his employment with the firm and resumed practice with another firm in 1994. His former firm contacted clients and concluded that no client had been misled or prejudiced by the misstatement; the firm immediately corrected the brochure.

In June, 1995, Mr. Oghigian reported his conduct to the Law Society.

On December 7, 1995, Mr. Oghigian admitted to the Committee that he had been guilty of professional misconduct for misstating his qualifications. The Committee had for consideration favourable character letter from senior partners in Mr. Oghigian's former firm.

The Discipline Committee accepted Mr. Oghigian's admission and ordered that it be endorsed on his professional conduct record.

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