

Filing Incomplete Statement of Property

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Mr. Brown filed a Statement of Property in the Supreme Court of British Columbia in November, 1984. The Statement of Property had been sworn before him by his client. To Mr. Brown's knowledge the client had assets that were not disclosed on the Statement of Property. Mr. Brown erroneously held the view when the Statement of Property was prepared and filed that it was not wrong to refrain from disclosing assets acquired before the marriage of his client. At that time he erroneously believed it was an acceptable practice to file such a Statement of Property to cause confusion to the opposing counsel. Upon reflection Mr. Brown agreed that his conduct in preparing and filing the Statement of Property constituted professional misconduct.

Mr. Brown further agreed that he breached Law Society accounting rules by billing his client for services still to be rendered.

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