

*Failing to Respond to Law Society Correspondence*

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- (a) The Law Society wrote to the member on February 18 and May 31, 1985 requesting his response to a particular matter. A follow-up letter was sent to the member on September 10.

The member telephoned the Society on September 23 and gave assurances that he would respond no later than September 27 but no such response was provided.

- (b) On February 5, 1985 the Law Society wrote to the member on a matter requiring his explanation. The member stated in a letter dated February 11 that he would provide a letter of response shortly.

Reminder letters were sent to the member on March 1, April 2 and April 10. On April 17 the member wrote to the Society stating that he would be unable to send a letter of response until May 16. No such response was in fact provided and the Law Society sent reminder letters to the member on July 18, August 19 and September 5. On September 26 and 27 the Society placed follow-up telephone calls to the member's office.

The member admitted that his conduct in failing unreasonably to reply promptly to Law Society correspondence constituted professional misconduct.