Law Society File No.: DD20240045

THE LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN THE MATTER OF THE *LEGAL PROFESSION ACT*, SBC 1998, c. 9

AND

HOUTAN SANANDAJI

(a member of the Law Society of British Columbia)

RULE 3-7.1 CONSENT AGREEMENT SUMMARY

- 1. Houtan Sanandaji (the "Lawyer") was called and admitted as a member of the Law Society of British Columbia (the "Law Society") on May 10, 2018.
- 2. The Lawyer was an articled student between June 16, 2017 to May 10, 2018.
- 3. The Lawyer practices in the following areas of law: motor vehicle defendant, commercial lending transactions-borrower, corporate, intellectual property, and wills and estates.
- 4. Since August 11, 2023, the Lawyer has practiced at Integrity Law Corporation.
- 5. On August 28, 2025, the Chair of the Discipline Committee approved a consent agreement proposal submitted by the Lawyer under Rule 3-7.1 of the Law Society Rules ("Rules").
- 6. Under the proposal, the Lawyer agreed to be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months commencing on the later of September 1, 2025 or seven days after approval of the consent agreement.
- 7. In making her decision, the Chair of the Discipline Committee considered an Agreed Statement of Facts and a letter to the Chair of the Discipline Committee.
- 8. The Lawyer has a prior professional conduct record.

Factual Background

- 9. The Lawyer admitted that during the material time, in the course of his personal life, he engaged in conduct unbecoming when he did the following:
 - (a) verbally abused X by communicating with them in an offensive and degrading manner;
 - (b) attempted to control or intimidate X, and
 - (c) attempted to use his status as a lawyer to discourage X from contacting the police about his conduct.

Aggravating Factors

- 10. The Lawyer has a prior professional conduct record. Between September 1, 2020 and December 16, 2020, he failed to complete payment of costs relating to a Credentials hearing. He was also subject to interim condition/limitation on practice during the investigation of this matter.
- 11. The serious nature of the misconduct is aggravating.

Mitigating Factors

- 12. The Lawyer has attended counselling sessions and there is no indication the Lawyer has engaged in further similar conduct.
- 13. The Lawyer fully cooperated with the Law Society in efforts to resolve the matter, admitted his misconduct, and consented to a three-month suspension.