

**LAW SOCIETY TRIBUNAL  
HEARING DIVISION**

Barbara Murchie

December 11, 2020

**BETWEEN:**

Law Society of Ontario

Applicant

and

Tara Florence Lyons

Respondent

**ORDER – CONDUCT APPLICATION**

The Law Society alleged that Tara Florence Lyons, 2007, of Barrie, engaged in professional misconduct.

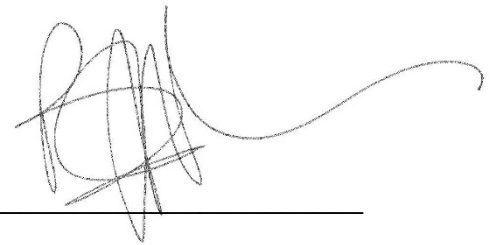
The panel determined that the following allegation was established:

1. The respondent failed to co-operate with a Law Society investigation by failing to provide a prompt and complete response to communications from the Law Society's investigator between February 10, 2020, and August 20, 2020, contrary to s. 49(2) of the Law Society Act and Rule 7.1-1 of the *Rules of Professional Conduct*.

The panel orders:

1. The respondent's licence to practise law is suspended immediately and continuing indefinitely until to the satisfaction of the Law Society's Executive Director of Professional Regulation or their designate has provided a complete response to the requests of the Law Society's Investigator set out in her letter dated February 10, 2020.
2. The respondent's licence to practise law shall be suspended for one month starting immediately upon:
  - a. the end of the suspension ordered at paragraph 1 above; and

- b. the end of any administrative suspension imposed prior to and during the period of suspension ordered at paragraph 1 above.
3. The respondent shall comply fully with the terms of the Law Society's *Guidelines for Lawyers Who Are Suspended or Who Have Given an Undertaking Not to Practise* while suspended.
4. The respondent shall pay costs to the Law Society in the amount of \$5,000 by December 13, 2021. Starting the day following the deadline for the payment of costs, interest shall accrue on any unpaid part of those costs, at a rate of 2% per year.

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Barbara Murchie