



**LAW SOCIETY TRIBUNAL
HEARING DIVISION**

Raj Anand (chair)
Ryan Alford
Doug Wellman

January 20, 2021

BETWEEN:

Law Society of Ontario

Applicant

and

Stuart Cameron Murray

Respondent

ORDER – CONDUCT APPLICATION

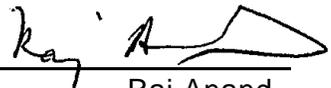
The Law Society alleged that Stuart Cameron Murray, 2011, of Simcoe County, engaged in professional misconduct.

The panel determined that the following allegations were established:

- Between February 2015 and November 2017, the respondent misappropriated funds he was holding in trust for clients.
- The respondent failed to maintain the financial records of his practice required under section 18 of By-law 9 made pursuant to the *Law Society Act*.
- The respondent signed blank cheques and allowed others to insert the dates, amounts and payees in his absence, and thereby failed to assume complete responsibility for his law practice, contrary to Rule 6.1-1 of the *Rules of Professional Conduct*.

The Panel orders:

1. The respondent's licence to practise law shall be revoked, effective immediately.
2. The respondent shall comply fully with the Law Society's *Guidelines for Former Lawyers Whose Licences Have Been Revoked or Who Have Been Permitted to Surrender Their Licences*.
3. The respondent shall pay to the Compensation Fund the amount proved to have been paid by the Fund on claims arising from conduct that is the subject of this application less \$250,578.83 already paid by the respondent to the Compensation Fund and less any sum paid by Trustee Services to the Compensation Fund by the end of its Trusteeship. The parties have leave to return to the Tribunal for directions on the calculation of any sum due from the respondent.
4. The respondent shall pay costs to the Law Society of \$30,000, by 3 years from today. Commencing immediately after that date, interest shall accrue on any unpaid part of these costs at a rate of 2% per year.


Raj Anand