

THE LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE *LEGAL PROFESSION ACT*, SBC 1998, C. 9

AND

GEORGE ROLAND HOLLAND

(a member of the Law Society of British Columbia)

RULE 3-7.1 CONSENT AGREEMENT

1. On September 15, 2021, the Chair of the Discipline Committee accepted a proposal submitted by George Roland Holland, also known as Geord Holland (the “Lawyer”), pursuant to Rule 3-7.1 of the Law Society Rules (“Rules”).
2. Under the proposal, the Lawyer admitted that he committed the following misconduct:
 1. Between approximately April 3, 2019 and June 11, 2019, he practised law while suspended for a period of approximately one month, contrary to section 15 of the *Legal Profession Act* and rule 7.1-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*. The Lawyer further admits that this conduct constitutes professional misconduct.
3. The subject suspension was for failure to complete the 2018 Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”), as required under Rule 3-29 of the Law Society Rules.
4. Under the proposal, the Lawyer agreed to be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one month, commencing on October 1, 2021.
5. In making its decision, the Chair of the Discipline Committee considered an Agreed Statement of Facts dated August 18, 2021, and a letter to the Chair of the Discipline Committee. The Chair also considered the Lawyer’s prior Professional Conduct Record,

consisting of one prior administrative suspension from April 3, 2017 to April 5, 2017, for failure to complete his 2016 CPD.

6. This consent agreement will now form part of the Lawyer's Professional Conduct Record.
7. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(5) of the Rules, and subject to Rule 3-7.2 of the Rules, the Law Society is bound by an effective consent agreement, and no further action may be taken on the complaint that gave rise to the agreement.
8. The admitted facts were set out in the Agreed Statement of Facts. They have been anonymized and summarized below.

I. Summary of Facts

9. On September 10, 1980, the Lawyer was called to the bar and admitted as a member of the Law Society of British Columbia.
10. The Lawyer has practised at Geord Holland Law Corporation since August 1993, primarily in the areas of real estate, business law and land development.
11. Effective April 3, 2019, the Lawyer was suspended pursuant to Rule 3-32 of the Law Society Rules, for his failure to complete his 2018 Continuing Professional Development ("CPD"), as required under Law Society Rule 3-29.
12. Between approximately April 3, 2019 and June 11, 2019, the Lawyer practised law while suspended for a period of approximately one month, contrary to section 15 of the *Legal Profession Act* and rule 7.1-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*.
13. The Lawyer acknowledged that he failed to apprehend the serious nature of the suspension, and that this was poor judgment on his part.