

SUMMARY OF SANCTION AGREEMENT GALA PALMER

On March 13th, 2018, the Complaints Inquiry Committee approved and accepted a sanction agreement pursuant to the provisions of s. 74 of the *Chartered Professional Accountants Act*.

Under that agreement Gala Palmer admitted to the allegations of unprofessional conduct as set out in the October 17, 2017 motion referring the matter to hearing, in that he:

1. Engaged in the practice of professional accounting or public accounting while not properly registered with CPA Alberta, and formerly the Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta (CGAA), in that he issued three Notice to Reader financial statements to clients and prepared financial statements and corporate tax returns for clients.
2. Engaged in the practice of public accounting while not properly insured as required by Rule 517 of the CGAA Code of Ethical Principles and Rules of Conduct.
3. Engaged in conduct which reflects negatively on his honesty, integrity or trustworthiness and suitability as a registrant in the profession in that he:
 - a. Did not comply with my agreement with Radzichowsky, Au & Palmer Professional Accountants by continuing to provide professional services outside of the partnership after December 31, 2011 contrary to his letter of January 1, 2011;
 - b. Did not comply with Article 15 of the January 7, 2011 R... & P... Professional Accountants partnership agreement;
 - c. Did not comply with his employment agreement with D... Professional Corporation, specifically:
 - i. The "Outside Activities" provision of the Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Confidential Information document he signed on October 1, 2013; and
 - ii. The "Covenant Not to Compete" in the Offer and Agreement of Purchase of Sale of Shares he signed on August 14, 2014 with D... Professional Corporation;
 - d. Used the staff and resources of D... Professional Corporation to conduct the business of A...N...Inc.

AND, Gala Palmer and the Complaints Inquiry Committee agreed that the sanctions to be imposed in consequence thereof will be:

1. written reprimand;
2. payment of fines of \$5,000 for each of allegations 1, 2 and 3, for a total of \$15,000 in fines, within 120 days of the statement of costs being served;
3. in accordance with bylaw 1601, payment of costs of the investigation, hearing and compliance with the orders, up to a maximum of \$10,000, within 120 days of the issuance of the statement of costs;
4. mandatory publication pursuant to section 98 of the *CPA Act* and bylaws 1550-1557;
5. if Gala Palmer fails to comply with the agreement within the time specified, the registration of Gala Palmer will be cancelled and she will be required to return her membership certificate(s) to CPA Alberta.

Discipline Tribunal Secretary
March 2018