

SUMMARY OF SANCTION AGREEMENT REGISTRANT N

On March 1st, 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 Registrant N admitted to the allegations of unprofessional conduct in that he:

1. Conducted aspects of a professional accounting practice while not properly registered as a professional accounting firm with CPA Alberta, in that he:
 - a. Prepared Notice to Reader Financial Statements and a corporate tax return for E.M. for her fiscal year ended 2015 through MNB A&T
 - b. Prepared Notice to Reader Financial Statements for A.... and related corporate tax returns for the 2014 fiscal year end through MNB A&T;
 - c. Prepared and filed corporate tax returns for A.M..... and 1....;
 - d. Prepared and filed personal income tax returns for T.B.N. for 2012 in 2015 through Firm N;
2. Made false or misleading representations in the advertising of professional services by:
 - a. Advertising that he provided restricted services, namely the provision of audit and review engagements, through MNB A&T, while not properly registered as a professional accounting firm with CPA Alberta; and
 - b. Advertising that he provided services that were only to be provided through a professional accounting firm, namely, Corporate Taxes, through Firm N, while not properly registered as a professional accounting firm with CPA Alberta;
3. Made false or misleading representations on his LinkedIn profile in stating that he operated Firm N with an effective date of January 2013 although he did not have a Professional Corporation registered through CPA Alberta until June 3, 2016;
4. Inappropriately used the descriptive style "Chartered Accountant" in conjunction with MNB A&T and/or Firm N;
5. Failed to conduct himself with integrity and due care and maintain the good reputation of the profession in that he:
 - a. Provided tax advice, which he represented to be a professional tax opinion of R.... LLP Chartered Accountants ("R...."), to M.H. through his employment at R...., when no tax review was conducted by senior tax professionals of R....;
 - b. Provided professional services to M.H. and E.M. while representing himself to be
 - i. an employee of R....; and
 - ii. providing professional services through R....;although he did not advise R.... that he was providing the professional services;
 - c. Provided inaccurate answers to his employers, R...., when asked:
 - i. to explain professional services he provided to M.H. and E.M.; and
 - ii. whether he had provided professional services to others outside of his employment with

R.... while employed at R....;

6. Failed to cooperate with the conduct process of CPA Alberta when he was not forthcoming and forthright with the investigator appointed to investigate the complaint of R...., in that he:

- a. Provided inaccurate answers to the investigator appointed to investigate the complaint of R....; and
- b. Did not identify the other clients that he had provided professional services to through MNB A&T when first questioned by the investigator on December 15, 2016.

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

1. a written reprimand;
2. payment of a total fine of \$20,000 in respect of allegations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, within 10 months of the issuance of the statement of costs;
3. payment of costs of the investigation, hearing and compliance with the orders, in accordance with bylaw 1601, within 10 months 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 Registrant N fails to comply with the Tribunal's orders within the time specified, the registration of Registrant N will be cancelled.

Discipline Tribunal Secretary
March 2018