



DISCIPLINE NOTICE
NORMAN LLOYD THACKERAY

Recently a Discipline Tribunal found Norman Thackeray guilty of unprofessional conduct and ordered his registration cancelled. The Tribunal also ordered Norman Thackeray pay costs and a \$5,000 fine.

Mr. Thackeray qualified as a Chartered accountant in 1990 and practices as a sole practitioner in Red Deer. He had been suspended from membership in 1997 by a hearing committee, however continued operating a public accounting practice compilation, tax and other services. In February, 2001, the Institute was notified by a tenant in his office building that Thackeray's clients were appearing, demanding information on Thackeray's whereabouts and their accounting records. RCMP confirmed that there was a missing persons report on Thackeray. Thackeray's office was a mess. Tax reassessment notices to clients had not been attended to and staff had not been paid. Thackeray was in financial difficulty and left his practice owing significant sums to creditors including CCRA for unpaid payroll remittances and GST. A court order was obtained appointing the Institute custodian of Thackeray's practice. Thackeray was finally located in Toronto. Numerous, attempts were made to serve him with the Notice of Hearing, however all were unsuccessful. Service was effected by publication in the newspaper.

The Discipline Tribunal for Thackeray guilty of unprofessional conduct in having abandoned his practice since February 2001.

The Tribunal concluded from the evidence given, that Thackeray simple walked away from his practice. No arrangements were made to attend to his client's needs, his staff, or his office operations. Thackeray did not attend the hearing, nor was he represented by counsel.

Jude Corrin
Discipline Tribunal Secretary
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