

DISCIPLINE NOTICE

On December 2, 2004, Member "A" was found guilty of unprofessional conduct in having failed to advise all interested parties in the transaction that the principals of a brokerage firm, which earned a commission of \$50,000 on the sale of the shares in the clients company, were partners in his accounting firm or persons related to partners of the firm, or persons related to the partners of the accounting firm.

Member "A" was the engagement partner for the company and enjoyed a close professional relationship with company shareholders. The brokerage firm was engaged to conduct the sale of company shares. Member "A" never notified the company or its shareholders that the principles of the brokerage firm were partners in the accounting firm or related to partners of the firm. The Discipline Tribunal found that the engagement of the brokerage firm was not necessary, and may not have been to the seller's advantage.

Member "A" was reprimanded in writing by the Chair of the Discipline Tribunal. He was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and 50% of the costs of the investigation, hearing and enforcement of the orders.

In addition to this notice, the Tribunal further ordered publication of a summary of the findings and sanction to all provincial institutes to which Member "A" applies to in the future, and to anyone who directs an enquiry to the Institute about the discipline history of Member "A".

Jude Corrin Discipline Tribunal Secretary 2004