

**IN THE MATTER OF PART 3 OF THE
LEGAL PROFESSION ACT, RSA 2000, c. L-8**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF A SECTION 61 RESIGNATION APPLICATION
REGARDING BRENT CORBIN
A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA**

Resignation Committee

Stephanie Dobson – Chair (Bencher)
Glen Buick – Committee Member (Bencher)
Kelsey Meyer – Committee Member (Bencher)

Appearances

Christine Blair – Counsel for the Law Society of Alberta
Brent Corbin – Self-represented

Hearing Date

September 11, 2025

Hearing Location

Virtual Hearing

RESIGNATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Overview

1. On May 21, 2014, Brent Corbin was admitted as a member of the Law Society of Alberta (LSA). Mr. Corbin practiced law in Fort McMurray, Alberta, first at C&C from March 21, 2014 to December 4, 2015, AV from December 4, 2015 to July 15, 2016, FMM from July 15, 2016 to October 4, 2018, and then as a sole practitioner operating through Brent Corbin Professional Corporation under the firm name Corbin Law in the area of criminal and family law from October 4, 2018 to December 12, 2022. On December 12, 2022, he was the subject of an Interim Suspension and his practice was taken over by a custodian pursuant to a court order dated December 13, 2022. Mr. Corbin currently resides in Fort McMurray and does not have an office address.
2. At the time of the hearing, Mr. Corbin was the subject of six LSA complaints. Four of the complaints were made by clients regarding misconduct related to their matters, one complaint was by another lawyer and one complaint by the LSA itself concerning unfulfilled undertakings, failure to report a debt judgment and improper use of a Trust account.

3. Mr. Corbin applied for resignation from LSA, pursuant to section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.L-8 (*Act*). Because Mr. Corbin's conduct is the subject of proceedings under Division 1, Part 3 of the *Act*, this Resignation Committee (Committee) was constituted to hear this application.
4. At the time of this hearing, Mr. Corbin was a suspended member of the LSA and had no disciplinary record with the LSA.
5. After reviewing all of the evidence and exhibits, and arguments of the LSA, the Committee allowed the application pursuant to section 61 of the *Act*.
6. In addition, the Committee ordered that costs of \$2,362.50 be paid by Mr. Corbin on his application for reinstatement, should he ever apply for reinstatement.
7. The Committee rendered its decision orally at the hearing and advised that a written decision would follow. This is that written decision.

Preliminary Matters

8. There were no objections to the constitution of the Committee or its jurisdiction, and a private hearing was not requested, so a public hearing into Mr. Corbin's resignation application proceeded.
9. Mr. Corbin did not attend the hearing. The LSA submitted that section 70 of the *Act* gives a hearing committee the authority to proceed without the member being present. This section refers to a "hearing committee", which this is not; this is a resignation committee. However, there is no stipulation within the *Act* or the Rules of the LSA that the applicant must be present for the hearing. The Committee was advised that Mr. Corbin emailed Ms. B the morning of the hearing to advise that he may not have cell service at the time of the hearing. Mr. Corbin was aware that the hearing was taking place that morning and it is noted that he did not request an adjournment in his correspondence to Ms. B.
10. The Committee ordered that the hearing proceed.

Citations

11. At the time of the hearing, Mr. Corbin was not facing any citations, but his conduct was the subject of proceedings under Division 1 of Part 3 of the *Act*. Further, Ms. B advised that the complaints were at the final stages of review and that Conduct Counsel would have been making recommendations for citations on all six of the complaints.

Agreed Statement of Facts

12. Mr. Corbin submitted a Statement of Admitted Facts, attached to this decision as Schedule 1, without attachments, in support of his section 61 resignation application.

The Evidence

13. No oral evidence was received by the Committee.

Analysis

14. The issue to be determined by this Committee was whether it was in the best interests of the public to permit Mr. Corbin to resign pursuant to section 61 in the face of serious unresolved conduct matters.
15. At the time of his application for resignation, Mr. Corbin was an inactive member of the LSA and faced several serious complaints all of which were under investigation, as described in more detail in the Statement of Admitted Facts.
16. LSA counsel supported Mr. Corbin's application for resignation, agreeing that Mr. Corbin's resignation pursuant to section 61 of the *Act* served the public interest. As such, the Committee considered this application to be tantamount to a joint submission and therefore deserving of deference, unless it was found to be contrary to the public interest or brought the administration of justice into disrepute.
17. The Committee found the joint submission with respect to a section 61 resignation to be acceptable. Mr. Corbin's conduct was serious and if corresponding citations were directed to hearing, a disbarment was a possible outcome. It is in the best interests of the public to permit Mr. Corbin to resign pursuant to section 61 of the *Act*.

Decision

18. The Committee finds that the Statement of Admitted Facts to be in an acceptable form.
19. The Committee allowed the application of Mr. Corbin to resign pursuant to section 61 of the *Act*, effective as of the hearing, September 11, 2025.
20. The Committee accepted the undertakings and agreements made by Mr. Corbin.
21. The Committee reviewed the costs of hearing this application, as prepared by the LSA, and determined them to be very reasonable. The Committee has directed that Mr. Corbin pay these costs prior to any application for reinstatement.

22. A resignation under section 61 of the *Act* carries the force of a disbarment under section 1(c) of the *Act*. Pursuant to section 61(4) of the *Act*, the Committee directs that the following information to be entered into the roll:
- a. The roll shall reflect that Mr. Corbin’s application under section 61 of the *Act* was allowed on September 11, 2025;
 - b. Details of this decision shall be noted in the roll, including the Statement of Admitted Facts put before this Committee.

Concluding Matters

23. The exhibits, other hearing materials, and this report will be available for public inspection, including the provision of copies of exhibits for a reasonable copy fee, except that identifying information in relation to persons other than Mr. Corbin will be redacted and further redactions will be made to preserve client confidentiality and solicitor-client privilege (Rule 98(3)).
24. A Notice to the Profession was ordered and issued on September 11, 2025.
25. A Notice to the Attorney General is not required.

Dated October 31, 2025.

Stephanie Dobson

Glen Buick

Kelsey Meyer

IN THE MATTER OF THE *LEGAL PROFESSION ACT*
- AND -
IN THE MATTER OF A RESIGNATION APPLICATION BY
BRENT R. CORBIN
A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

STATEMENT OF ADMITTED FACTS

A. BACKGROUND

1. I was admitted as a member of the Law Society of Alberta (the “LSA”) on March 21, 2014.
2. Between March 21, 2014 and October 4, 2018, I practiced as an associate at three firms in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Thereafter, from October 4, 2018 to December 12, 2022, I practiced criminal and family law in Fort McMurray as a sole practitioner operating through Brent Corbin Professional Corporation under the firm name Corbin Law.
3. On December 12, 2022, an Interim Suspension was ordered, and I ceased practicing law.
4. On December 13, 2022, a Custodianship Order was granted and upon the appointment of the custodian, all my outstanding files and client property were resolved or transferred to other lawyers, and I no longer had signing authority on the firm’s trust account.
5. I remain suspended to the date of this application.
6. I admit the following facts for the purposes of my application to resign as a member of the Law Society pursuant to s. 61 of the *Legal Profession Act* (the “Act”):

B. COMPLAINT BY K. H. [COMPLAINT NUMBER]

7. I was retained by Legal Aid in September 2019 to file an appeal on behalf of K.H. for his conviction on several criminal charges.
8. K.H. requested I seek a bail hearing. I did not schedule or attend a bail hearing but misled K.H. when I told him a bail hearing had taken place.
9. I started the appeal process and following the Court’s consent to my request for an extension to file the appeal Factum, I failed to file a Factum by the extended deadline of December 17, 2019. I did not inform K.H. that I had requested and obtained an extension to file the Factum nor that the Factum was unfiled.

10. I misled K.H. when I told him his appeal had been argued before the Alberta Court of Appeal and that the Court's decision was pending. I had not argued an appeal and it had been struck on March 17, 2020, being deemed abandoned because I did not file a Factum by the deadline, nor did I take any of the necessary steps to appeal. I did not tell K.H. the appeal had been struck.
11. The LSA sent me correspondence on February 24, 2022 asking for my response to the allegations in the complaint submitted by K.H. I did not provide a response therefore an LSA investigator was tasked with contacting me to obtain a response and a copy of the client's file. He first contacted me on April 28, 2022, an interview took place on July 12, 2022, during which I acknowledged I failed to follow the instructions of my client K.H.; I failed to inform him of significant events in the litigation; and I lied to about the status of the matter.
12. On July 12, 2022, I advised the investigator I would provide a copy of the client file but did not do so.

C. COMPLAINT BY M.G. [COMPLAINT NUMBER]

13. I represented L.O. in a criminal matter. On June 25, 2021, L.O. was found guilty of sexual assault and on September 3, 2021 he was sentenced to a term of incarceration exceeding two years.
14. L.O. retained me on September 28, 2021 to file an appeal of his conviction. There was a delay between sentencing and being retained for the appeal. I started working on an application and affidavit and sent L.O. some documents that he completed and returned to me. I spoke with his family members but did not take any further action on an appeal.
15. L.O. retained M.G. as counsel for an immigration matter where his permanent residency status and authorization to remain in Canada would be impacted by his conviction of an indictable sentence. L.O. and his family advised M.G. that I had filed an appeal for the criminal matter. Commencing on April 21, 2022, M.G. contacted me on several occasions about the appeal so he could provide an update at the immigration hearing.
16. For over 6 weeks I failed to be honest with M.G. Some of my communications were misleading, such as my email on May 2, 2022, in which I wrote, "Understood. I am preparing a summary of the trial, etc and also documents today." This email and several others to M.G., did not disabuse him of an understanding I had filed an appeal, rather I advised I would respond soon, rather than being honest by stating no appeal was filed.
17. I did not provide a substantive response to M.G., who contacted the Court in June 2022 and learned I had not filed an appeal.
18. L.O. retained A.S., as new counsel to act for him in the criminal matter. A.S. attempted to contact me in July 2022 about the appeal, but I did not inform her that no appeal had been filed. When the custodian assumed management of my practice there were no documents or materials related to L.O. found in my office.

D. COMPLAINT BY LSA [COMPLAINT NUMBER]

19. This complaint encompasses my failures to cooperate with the LSA in its efforts to ensure the viability of my practice and the safety of funds held in my firm's trust account. Included is my failure to fulfill undertakings to the Practice Management and Trust Safety departments of the LSA; my failure to report a debt judgment as required by Rule 119.42 of the Rules of the Law Society ("Rules"); and my misuse of trust funds.

Practice Management

20. In March 2021, I was referred to the Practice Management program for a second time due to difficulties in my practice and the number of complaints submitted against me to the LSA. Several issues with my practice, the accounting, and my service to clients were identified and on September 27, 2021, I signed 6 undertakings related to the management of client files and my trust account. Prior to my suspension on December 12, 2022, I had not fulfilled the undertakings.

Trust Safety

21. In October 2018 I was approved to operate a trust account and designated as a Responsible Lawyer. Commencing in July 2021, I failed to send the required documents to Trust Safety pursuant to rule 119.38 of the Rules to demonstrate trust funds at my firm were well managed and secure and I failed to fulfill undertakings given to Trust Safety.
22. Due to the efforts spent by Trust Safety to obtain the monthly reconciliations from me, in order to maintain my approval as a Responsible Lawyer and authority to operate a trust account, I was required to provide month end reconciliations going forward and on September 15, 2021 I signed a conditions letter committing to meet this obligation and to cease using the trust account until the submission of reconciliations was current. I did not meet this condition.
23. I submitted the October and November 2021 reconciliations late. On April 25, 2022, I signed undertakings to cease using the trust account until the delinquent reconciliations were submitted; to complete the trust reconciliations for December, 2021 to March 2022 and provide copies to the LSA; and to continue providing monthly trust reconciliations as required by the end of each following month.
24. On July 28, 2022, I was advised by Trust Safety that all delinquent reconciliations had to be submitted by August 5, 2022, or my approval to operate a trust account would be revoked. I did not send the reconciliations. Therefore, on August 11, 2022 I signed undertakings to close the trust account, disburse all funds to the rightful owners, provide proof of closure of the account by August 31, 2022, and provide all reconciliations by September 30, 2022.
25. I did not submit the requested documents, thereby failing to meet the conditions and undertakings I had agreed to. This put me in breach of rule 119.38 of the Rules which requires the annual submission of the trust account data to the LSA. Therefore, my approval to operate a trust account was revoked as of August 31, 2022 as this had created a situation in which the LSA was not certain the client funds in trust had been properly managed or disbursed, I breached my undertaking when I continued to use the trust

account until a Custodian was appointed and took over my practice on December 13, 2022.

Debt Judgment

26. I failed to fulfill my responsibilities as a member of the LSA when I failed to report a debt judgment filed against me as required by rule 119.42 of the Rules. On August 18, 2017, the Bank of Nova Scotia had filed a Statement of Claim and obtained a judgment of \$34,010.00 due to my failure to make payments on a loan. A Writ of Enforcement was granted on February 5, 2019.
27. Commencing on April 29, 2020 I was the subject of four garnishments. A second Writ of Enforcement was granted on May 18, 2022 for \$31,103.00. The outstanding debt on March 2, 2023 was \$27,307.50.

Improper Use of Trust Account

28. The LSA retained an accountant to review the accounting at Corbin Law, which included reconciliations of the bank and general accounts from October 2019 to the present. It was learned I had not maintained the required accounting, reconciliations, and record keeping at my firm since November 2021, in breach of rules 119.34, 119.35, 119.36, and 119.37.
29. Between April 20, 2020 and December 12, 2022, I withdrew approximately \$54,565.45 from trust on 34 occasions, for reasons unrelated to client matters. Instances include, on May 19 and May 20, 2022, I withdrew \$2,300.00 and \$845.00 from the trust account to pay for lot fees on my mobile home and \$4,300.00 from trust on June 17, 2022 for a payment on my personal vehicle. I paid my July 2022 insurance levy and LSA fees from trust.
30. A total of \$14,388.03 from trust was given to my spouse by way of 16 payments. The payments were for my own benefit, such as personal rent and personal loan repayments. Further, I disbursed \$19,958.75 on a client matter in which I had not issued invoices to the client, E.M.
31. Between January 5, 2022 and March 11, 2022, on 6 occasions, I transferred a total of 12,463.75 from the trust bank account to the general bank account with no details to identify a client or the purpose of the transfers.
32. On several occasions I accepted retainers but deposited the funds into my general account and not the trust account as required by rule 119.22 of the Rules. On August 30, 2021 a retainer agreement with J.B. was signed and I deposited his \$2,000.00 retainer into my general account. I did no substantial work on his matter. On February 25, 2022 a retainer agreement with A.W. was signed and I deposited his \$2,000.00 retainer into my general account.
33. Between November 28, 2022 to December 12, 2022 I made payments to a client, S.F. from the trust account with money I borrowed from another client, F.H. These transactions were related to personal loans; however, I processed the payments through my trust account. This was done without any agreement or written notes between the parties.

34. I also gave funds to my former client, A.W. on May 5 and June 2, 2022, to compensate him for an increase in his insurance payments because of legal work I failed to do on his behalf.
35. This was in breach of rules 119.19, 119.20, 119.27, and 119.28 of the Rules as I used the trust account and trust funds for purposes other than the provision of legal services and for which I personally benefitted.
36. The above transactions with the trust account resulted in a total of \$68,852.91 misappropriated from trust. This includes \$54,565.45 of improper trust withdrawals; \$12,463.75 of transfers from trust to the general account without any supporting explanation or documentation; \$2,000.00 of trust funds deposited to the general account; and \$176.29 in bank fees that should have been paid from the general account and not the trust account.
37. The LSA sent numerous communications to me with requests for an interview to respond to the above issues and my actions, but I did not cooperate in setting up an interview following the last interview on January 11, 2023.

E. COMPLAINT BY P.O. [COMPLAINT NUMBER]

38. P.O. retained me in May 2022, and he instructed me to file an appeal of his conviction and sentence for a municipal offence and to file a Statement of Claim on his behalf. The appeal period expired, and I did not file an appeal of the conviction.
39. I submitted a Statement of Claim to the Court but it was rejected for being improperly drafted. Thereafter I did not file an amended Claim, I did not respond to P.O. in a timely manner, and I did not move any of his matters forward.
40. I did not reply to the LSA when this complaint was sent to me for a response.

F. COMPLAINT BY J.S. [COMPLAINT NUMBER]

41. In 2019 J.S. hired me to act on two civil matters. I indicated to him that I was working on his matters by sending him a copy of a letter I signed that was to be sent to the opposing party. I sent him a copy of a draft Statement of Claim. Finally, I sent him a draft copy of an Affidavit that I had him sign in June 2019. However, I did not file documents or commence a claim on behalf of J.S.
42. I did not reply to the LSA when this complaint was sent to me for a response.

G. COMPLAINT BY A.W. [COMPLAINT NUMBER]

43. I was retained by A.W. in February 2022 to represent him in an insurance claim. I misled him when I informed him I had sent correspondence to the insurance company and had filed a Claim at court to commence litigation when I had not done so.

- 44. On February 25, 2022 I deposited trust funds received from A.W. into my firm's general bank account instead of my firm's trust bank account. I withdrew the funds but did not document what the funds were used for, nor did I send the client an invoice.
- 45. I did not reply to the LSA when this complaint was sent to me for a response.
- 46. There are no other outstanding complaints against me.

H. APPLICATION FOR RESIGNATION

- 47. I am applying to resign as a member of the LSA pursuant to s. 61 of the *Act*. I understand the nature and consequences of the Admission.
- 48. I admit that the conduct described in paragraphs 7 to 46 constitutes conduct deserving of sanction pursuant to s. 49 of *Act*.
- 49. I acknowledge that if I admitted or was found guilty of the conduct described in paragraphs 7 to 46, the likely sanction would be disbarment.
- 50. I acknowledge that I have read s. 61 of the *Act* and have considered that my resignation application, if accepted, is a deemed disbarment pursuant to the definition of "disbar" in section 1(c) of the *Act*.
- 51. I tender this Statement of Admitted Facts in support of my resignation application pursuant to s. 61 of the *Act*.
- 52. I admit the facts contained in this Statement of Admitted Facts and have signed it voluntarily, without any compulsion or duress, and with the benefit of legal advice.

ALL OF THESE FACTS ARE ADMITTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

Witness

BRENT R. CORBIN