

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

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING REGARDING
THE CONDUCT OF MARY ODIASE
A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA**

DISPOSITION SUMMARY – HE20190222

Mary Odiase faced nine citations arising from three complaints, namely:

1. It is alleged that Mary Odiase failed to honour an agreement with opposing counsel to adjourn her client's application, instead proceeding with an ex parte without notice parenting application and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
2. It is alleged that Mary Odiase failed to be candid with the Court and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
3. It is alleged that Mary Odiase breached The Rules of the Law Society of Alberta, by practicing without approval of the Law Society, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
4. It is alleged that Mary Odiase failed to respond promptly and completely to communications from the Law Society and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
5. It is alleged that Mary Odiase failed to provide competent, conscientious, and diligent service to her client, K.R., and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
6. It is alleged that Mary Odiase failed to follow her client's instructions and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
7. It is alleged that Mary Odiase failed to be candid with the Court and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
8. It is alleged that contrary to the directions of the Court, the Rules of Court, and the Code of Conduct, Mary Odiase drafted a form of Order and sent it to the Court for execution without providing the Order, or prior notice of her communications with the Court, to opposing counsel and that such conduct is deserving of sanction; and
9. It is alleged that contrary to the directions of the Court, Mary Odiase drafted a Bill of Costs and submitted the Bill of Costs to the Review and Assessment Officer, without providing a copy to opposing counsel or allowing the opposing party to agree to the costs as proposed and that such conduct is deserving of sanction.

Counsel reached an agreement on a Statement of Admitted Facts and Admission of Guilt and a joint submission on sanction. The Statement of Admitted Facts and Admission of Guilt was accepted by the Conduct Committee pursuant to section 60(2) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

The Hearing Committee accepted the joint submission on sanction that Ms. Odiase be suspended for one month, commencing February 1, 2020. Costs of \$1,575.00 were also ordered.

This Disposition Summary will be replaced by the written Hearing Committee Report once the report is published.