## FORMAL ORDER OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL MADE ON COMPLAINT NO. 9 OF 1999

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DESRENE HANSON-DOUGLAS VS DONALD BERNARD DISBARRED ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT

PANEL:

DR. ADOLPH EDWARDS- CHAIRMAN

MRS. MERLIN BASSIE MISS BERYL ENNIS

DECISION DELIVERED - 3rd MAY, 2000

**UPON THE APPLICATION** dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 made under section 12 (1)(A) of the Legal Profession Act coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the1st April, 2000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2000

AND UPON the complainant Desrene Hanson-Douglas appearing and having given evidence on oath

**AND UPON** the attorney-at-law Donald Bernard not appearing on the 1<sup>st</sup>, April, 2000 AND 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2000 and having not given evidence on oath

AND UPON the Committee being satisfied that the Notice of this hearing was properly served on the attorney

AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of the evidence of Mrs. Desrene Hanson-Douglas

THE COMMITTEE FOUND that the attorney-at-law Mr. Donald Bernard is guilty of Professional Misconduct

PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY HEREBY ORDERED THAT:-

- (1) The Respondent attorney whose name is already struck from the roll of attorneys-at-law entitled to practise in the several Courts of the Island of Jamaica, pays the sum of \$185, 759.47 to the complainant with interest at 18% from 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1996.
- (1) The respondent pays the complainant costs in the sum of \$5,000.00

This Order is made under section 12(4) of the Legal Profession Act.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of May, 2000

CHAIRMAN OF PANEL