FORMAL ORDER OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL MADE ON NO. 54 2001

IN THE MATTER OF OSMOND BROWN **VS NOEL WILLIAMS**

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT

MR. ALLAN WOOD-CHAIRMAN **PANEL: MRS. MARGARETTE MACAULAY MR. DAVID JOHNSON**

DECISION DELIVERED 3RD DECEMBER, 2005

UPON THE APPLICATION dated 1st January, 2001 made under section 12(1)(a) of the Legal Profession Act and coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the 3rd December, 2005

AND UPON THE COMPLAINANT Osmond Brown appearing and having given evidence on oath

AND UPON the Attorney-at-law Mr. Noel Williams not appearing

AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of the evidence of Mr. Osmond Brown

THE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT the Attorney-at-law Noel Williams is guilty of professional misconduct in that on hearing the evidence of the Complainant the Panel finds that the Attorney-at-law Noel Williams received the sum of \$13,000.00 for and on behalf of the Complainant and failed to pay over the sum to him despite repeated promises to do so. The attorney Noel Williams has acted in a manner which is discreditable to the Legal Profession in breach of Canon 1(b) and has failed to account for the said sum of \$13,000.00 in breach of Canon VII (b) of the Legal Profession Canons of Professional Ethics)Rules. The Attorney Noel Williams was previously struck off in an unrelated complaint. The failure to account in this case merits similar sanction, however because the attorney has already been struck off the Panel regards it as unnecessary to make such an order.

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

- The Attorney Noel Williams to pay to the complainant the sum of \$13,000.00 with 1. interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the 1st June, 2001 to date of payment.
- 2. The Attorney Noel Williams is also ordered to pay costs to the Complainant in the sum of \$15,000.00

Dated 16 day January, 2006

CHAIRMAN OF PANEL

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