

IN THE MATTER OF DAMIAN BARRETT VS JEROME ALEXANDER DIXON

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT 1971

PANEL: MRS. DANIELLA GENTLES-SILVERA MRS DEBRA MCDONALD MR. KEVIN POWELL

DECISION ON SANCTION DELIVERED ON THE 27TH OCTOBER, 2018

UPON THE APPLICATION dated 10TH October 2017 made under section 12(1) (a) of the Legal Profession Act and coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on July 14 and 26, 2018 and October 1, 9, 18 and 27, 2018,

AND UPON the Complainant Damian Barrett appearing and having given evidence on oath,

AND UPON the Attorney-at-Law Jerome Dixon not appearing or giving evidence on oath on either the 14th and 26th July 2018, or the 9th or 18th October 2018 but appearing on the 27th October 2018 represented by C.J. Mitchell, Attorney-at-law and having made oral submissions in mitigation of sanctions.

AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of the sworn evidence of the Complainant, Damian Barrett and submissions of the Complainant and the Attorney-at-law,

AND UPON the Committee having found the Attorney-at-law Jerome Dixon guilty of professional misconduct on the 1st day of October 2018

THE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT:

The Attorney-at-Law, Jerome Dixon is guilty of professional misconduct in that the Attorney has breached his professional undertaking given to the Complainant, in his letter dated August 31,2016.

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

Pursuant to Section 12 (4) of the Legal Profession Act

- i. The name of the Attorney-at-Law, Jerome Dixon, is struck from the Roll of Attorneys-at-law entitled to practice in the several courts of the island of Jamaica.
- ii. By way of restitution the Attorney Jerome Dixon is ordered to pay to Damian Barrett, the Complainant, the sum of \$2,500,000.00 and Damian Barrett shall apply this sum in the same manner as it would have been applied as if Jerome Dixon had fulfilled his professional undertaking; and
- iii. The Attorney Jerome Dixon is ordered to immediately pay costs in the sum of \$300,000.00 of which \$200,000.00 is to be paid to Damian Barrett and \$100,000.00 is to be paid to the General Legal Council.

CHAIRMAN OF PANEL

Dated 27th October, 2018