



**FORMAL ORDER
OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL
COMPLAINT NO: 62/2017**

**IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE ROBERT SMITH VS
LESLIE ROY CAMPBELL**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
1971**

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

HEARING DATES: 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 26TH MARCH 2019

UPON THE APPLICATION made under section 12 (1) (a) of the Legal Profession Act and dated the 9th February 2017 coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the 29th September 2018.

AND UPON the Complainant Mr. George Smith appearing and having given evidence on oath

AND UPON the Respondent Attorney-at-law Mr. Leslie Campbell appearing and having given evidence on oath

AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of the sworn evidence of the Complainant and the Respondent

THE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT:

Attorney Leslie Campbell is guilty of professional misconduct as per Canon IV(r), in that, the Complainant retained the Attorney to represent him to recover damages for personal injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. An interim Order was made in favour of the Complainant against Otis Graham for \$3,000,000.00. Dyoll Insurance Company Ltd. issued a release and discharge for the \$3,000,000.00 which was signed by the Complainant.

In compliance with the Release and Discharge, Dyoll Insurance Company Ltd. paid the sum of \$2,336,563.02 to the Attorney who in turn paid \$1,680,024.12 to the Complainant. Dyoll Insurance Company Ltd. was placed in liquidation and no further sums were recovered. The Attorney did not explain to the Complainant orally or in writing the status of his case and the implications thereof in light of the insolvency of Dyoll Insurance

Company Ltd. and therefore he failed to provide the Complainant with all information as to the progress of his business with due expedition although reasonably required to do so.

In the circumstances the Attorney has breached Canons IV (r) of the Legal Profession (Canons of Professional Ethics) Rules 1978.

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

Pursuant to section 12 (5) (a) of the Legal Profession Act as amended:

The Attorney is reprimanded and order to pay:

1. A fine to the Complainant of \$100,000.00.
2. Costs to the Complainant in the sum of \$20,000.00 and to the General Legal Council in the sum of \$15,000.00
3. These amounts are to be paid on or before 21 days of the date hereof.



CHAIRMAN OF PANEL

Dated 26th March 2019