FORMAL ORDER

OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL EME C

IN THE MATTER OF ICY CAMPBELL VS RICHARD BONNER

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT 1971

PANEL:

Mrs. Ursula Khan

Mrs. Tana'ania Small Davis

Mr. Kevin Powell

SANCTION DECISION DELIVERED 27TH JULY 2019

UPON THE APPLICATION made under section 12 (1) (a) of the Legal Profession Act and dated the 22nd June 2018 coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the 4th May 2019, 21st May and 10th July 2019

AND UPON the Complainant Ms. Icy Campbell appearing and having given evidence on oath

AND UPON the Respondent Attorney-at-law Mr. Richard Bonner appearing on $21^{\rm st}$ May 2019 and $27^{\rm th}$ July 2019

AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of the sworn evidence of the Complainant

AND UPON the Committee having found the Attorney-at-law Mr. Richard Bonner guilty of professional misconduct on the 10th July 2019

AND UPON the Attorney having given the opportunity to make submissions in mitigation on sanction on the 27th July 2019 to no avail

THE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT:

Attorney Richard Bonner is guilty of professional misconduct in that the Attorney was retained by the Complainant's parents to administer the estate of Ida Brooks and to obtain a splinter title pursuant to a Deed of Indenture. The Complainant is a beneficiary of the estates of Phillip Brooks and Myrtle Brooks. The Attorney received documentation to conduct the business for which he was retained by the Complainant's parents in 2009 but to date he has not obtained the Grant of Administration for the estate of Ida Brooks nor the splinter title for land in Melsham District, Red Bank, St.

Elizabeth in the names of Phillip Brooks and Myrtle Brooks. The Attorney remains in possession of the original documents given to him by the Complainant's deceased parents and has failed to turn them over to the Complainant.

The Attorney isguilty of professional misconduct as per Canon VIII(d) in that he has breachedCanons IV (r) and (s)of the Legal Profession (Canons of Professional Ethics) Rules.

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

Pursuant to section 12 (5) (a) of the Legal Profession Action

- The Attorney shall deliver all the documents in his possession relating to the Complainant's deceased parents' business to the office of the General Legal Council on or before 31st August 2019.
- 2. The Attorney shall reimburse the Complainant the sum of \$130,000.00 which was paid to him as fees on or before 31st August 2019.
- 3. The Attorney shall pay a fine of \$200,000.00 of which \$100,000.00 shall be payable to the Complainant on or before 31st October 2019.
- 4. The Attorney shall pay costs of \$100,000.00, being \$50,000.00 to the General Legal Council and \$50,000.00 to the Complainant on or before 31st October 2019

CHAIRMAN OF PANEL

Dated 30th July 2019