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**FORMAL ORDER OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE  
OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL**

**COMPLAINT NO: 212/2017**

**IN THE MATTER OF VERONICA SMITH VS HOWARD LETTMAN**

**AND**

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

**PANEL: MR. PETER CHAMPAGNIE  
MISS KATHERINE FRANCIS  
MISS ANNALIESA LINDSAY**

**DECISION DELIVERED 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**UPON THE APPLICATION** made under section 12 (1) (a) of the Legal Profession Act and dated the 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**AND UPON** the Complainant Veronica Smith appearing by skype and having given evidence on oath

**AND UPON** the Respondent Attorney-at-law Howard Lettman not appearing

**AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION** of the sworn evidence of Veronica Smith

**AND UPON** the Committee having found the Attorney-at-law Howard Lettman guilty of professional misconduct

**AND UPON** the Attorney having been given the opportunity to make submissions in mitigation of sanction on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 to no avail

**THE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT:**

Attorney Howard Lettman is guilty of professional misconduct in that, the Attorney was retained by the Complainant to sell land situated in the parish of St. Elizabeth for the sum of \$8.2m to the purchaser Miss Nadine Dawkins.

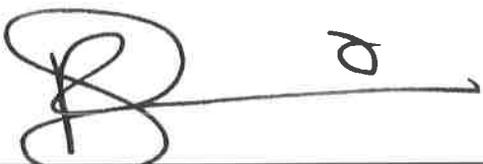
To facilitate the sale, the Complainant delivered to the Respondent the Duplicate Certificate of Title for the said land. As far as the Complainant is aware, the sale has not been completed and she has been unable to retrieve the Duplicate Certificate of Title or any information from the Respondent.

The Attorney has breached Canons 1(b), IV(r) and IV(s) of the Legal Profession (Canon 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 Act as amended:

1. That the Respondent Attorney Howard Lettman be struck off the Roll of Attorneys entitled to practice in the several courts of Jamaica.
2. That the Respondent Attorney to pay costs to the General Legal Council in the sum of \$50,000.00.
3. That the Respondent Attorney to pay costs to the Complainant in the sum of \$50,000.00.
4. Both sums to be paid on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.



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**CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL**

Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019