



## DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- a. Joseph Hilton Webber (DOB 1944/03/16)

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- b. Professional misconduct.
- c. The hearing was held on May 15, 2000 in the offices of the College. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on August 24, 2000.
- d. The citation alleged that Joseph Hilton Webber, between 1975 and 1978, while employed as a teacher was guilty of professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a member in that he pled guilty to and was convicted on three counts of indecent assault and one count of gross indecency. Each charge involved a different female student who was known to Mr Webber because of his position as a teacher.
- e. The hearing panel determined that Joseph Hilton Webber was guilty of professional misconduct. Mr Webber had pled guilty to and was convicted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia on three separate charges of indecent assault and one of gross indecency. This is sufficient cause for the findings of Mr Webber's guilt by the panel. The panel concluded the actions of the member warranted the highest penalty the College can assess because of: the four separate convictions which occurred over a period of time spanning three years; the ages of the four victims (eleven to fourteen) on whom the assaults were made; and the clear abuse of the role and power of the teacher.
- f. The panel recommended that Joseph Hilton Webber's certificate of qualification be cancelled. The Council of the British Columbia of College of Teachers concurred with this recommendation.