



DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

a. A Respondent 01-B

b. Professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a member.

c. The hearing was held June 26, 27, November 29, 2000 and January 29, 2001. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on May 10, 2001.

The College was made aware of the issue by way of a report by a school board under 16(2) of the *School Act* and a report from the Ministry of Attorney General.

d. The citation alleged that the Respondent did engage in an improper relationship with a former student.

e. The hearing panel found that the Respondent began a sexual relationship with a fourteen-year-old male former student. The Respondent's sexual activity included holding hands, hugging, kissing, back massages, oral sex and intercourse on a regular basis, which continued over the course of a year. She kept her sexual relationship a secret.

The panel found that this relationship constituted a serious breach of the trust placed on members of the profession. The Respondent admitted that her behaviour constituted conduct unbecoming. The panel found the Respondent guilty of professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a member.

f. The panel recommended that the Respondent's certificate of qualification be cancelled and her membership terminated. Council, while considering the Respondent's submissions that a suspension was appropriate, determined to accept the panel's recommendation.

g. The Respondent appealed the decision of the College to the British Columbia Supreme Court. On further appeal by the College to the British Columbia Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court decision was upheld and a two-year suspension and anonymous publication were confirmed.