



DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

a. A Respondent (J-03)

b. Professional Misconduct

- c.** The hearing was held on October 24, 2003, at the Colleges offices in Vancouver, B.C. The report and recommendations of the Hearing Sub-Committee were presented to Council on January 22, 2004.
- d.** The respondent was found to have engaged in a romantic relationship with a female student she had once taught and counselled. The relationship involved sexual relations and they cohabited for a period of approximately three years following the student's graduation from high school.

The respondent provided the student with financial assistance after the relationship had terminated, so that she could continue with counselling. With mediation, the respondent agreed to pay for the student's counselling costs and apologized to the student.

The respondent resigned from employment with a school district in February, 2002.

- e.** The respondent admitted that her actions constituted professional misconduct and consented to the cancellation of her certificate and termination of her College membership. The Hearing Sub-Committee found that in engaging in an intimate, sexual relationship with a student, she had violated the trust and authority she held as a professional educator.
- f.** The Hearing Sub-Committee accepted medical evidence and the joint submissions made from both parties that publication of the respondent's name would place her in grave risk of harming herself seriously or fatally. They recommended that her name be withheld from publication.

The Hearing Sub-Committee also recommended, based on a joint submission from the parties, that no costs be assessed against the respondent.

Council considered and accepted the reasons and recommendations of the Hearing Sub-Committee on penalty, publication and costs.