

## DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- **a.** Thomas John Sinclair (DOB: 1939.09.18)
- **b.** In accordance with Section 29 of the Teaching Profession Act, Thomas John Sinclair was issued with a citation for professional misconduct on May 10, 1995.
- **c.** On December 10, 1995, a hearing was conducted in the offices of the College. The report and recommendations of this hearing were presented to Council on January 19, 1996.
- **d.** The citation arose from allegations of seven counts of sexual misconduct. The member pled guilty to two of these counts. Each count included sexual intercourse with a female student who was under the age of sixteen and over the age of fourteen contrary to Section 146(2) of the Criminal Code.
- **e.** The hearing panel noted that Mr. Sinclair had pled guilty to these charges and was convicted of these offences to be punished with two nine (9) month jail terms to be served consecutively and two years of probation. The panel also noted that Mr. Sinclair had agreed to the termination of his membership in the British Columbia College of Teachers and the cancellation of his certificate of qualifications.
  - The panel agreed that these offences constituted a serious breach of the trust placed on members of the profession and found Thomas John Sinclair guilty of professional misconduct.
- **f.** The panel cancelled the certificate of qualifications and terminated the membership of Thomas John Sinclair.