IN THE MATTER OF THE ACCOUNTING PROFESSION ACT, S.S. 2014, c A-3.1 OF THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

AND IN THE MATTER OF APPEALS

BY RAKESH M. KAUSHIK, CPA, CA TO THE BOARD OF

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL

ACCOUNTANTS OF SASKATCHEWAN

BETWEEN:

RAKESH M. KAUSHIK

Appellant

- and -

THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE
OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANTS OF SASKATCHEWAN

Respondent

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      (Proceedings commenced at 9:31 a.m.)
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                   So we'll get started in
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             the matter of an appeal by Mr. Rakesh
             Kaushik, CPA, CA to the Board of the
             Institute of Chartered Professional
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             Accountants of Saskatchewan. I think we did
             a bit of an introduction, but maybe for the
             record we'll just have the panel introduce
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             themselves as well as the other parties, so
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             Darcy?
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Darcy Spilchen, CPA from
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             Yorkton, Saskatchewan.
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                                  Mike Pestill. I'm the
     CHAIRPERSON:
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             chair of the appeal panel from Regina.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  Carrie Carson, CPA, board
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             member from Regina.
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     MR. JACOB:
                                  Paul Jacob, CPA, board
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             member from Saskatoon.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  And Gayle?
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     MS. HOLMAN:
                                  And Gayle Holman.
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             calling in, CPA from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  Rakesh Kaushik, CPA.
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     MRS. KAUSHIK:
                                  Sherry Kaushik, spouse.
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  Sean Sinclair.
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     MS. GRANT:
                                  And Candace Grant.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  And Bob Waller, lawyer to
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             the board.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                        Well, thank you
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             very much. So just before we get started,
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             I'll just ask the parties any further
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             applications before we begin?
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                                  None for the PCC.
     MR. SINCLAIR:
     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  No. Mr. Kaushik?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I'm not sure what exactly
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             an application would be, but I'm simply
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             appealing the decision given the evidence
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             that was presented.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay. And I know we
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             already dealt with one matter of
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             jurisdiction. Any other challenges to
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             jurisdiction today?
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  None for the PCC.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  None.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay, good. Well, thank
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             you very much. So just -- are there any
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             opening comments before we get started with
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             the more formal part of the appeal? We'll be
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             starting with Mr. Kaushik, but I just wonder
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             if there is any introductory comments anybody
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             wanted to make ?
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1	MR. KAUSHIK: I can only, I think,
2	make the comment I could make is that I'm
3	not familiar with the proceedings and the
4	manner in which it should be carried out.
5	I'm here basically to present and maybe
6	discuss the issues and the evidence is all I
7	was doing, I'm not sure what the procedure
8	that it would take, whether it is in a
9	discussion format or whether it is simply
10	trying to present what I have.
11	CHAIRPERSON: Well, I know we have some
12	folks in the room that, you know, will be
13	able to probably steer you in the right
14	direction if there are any issues.
15	Mr. Sinclair, anything?
16	MR. SINCLAIR: No introductory comments.
17	CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I just want to
18	make sure okay. Well, I think that we'll
19	just get started, so the onus of the appeal
20	is with you, Mr. Kaushik, so we'll start with
21	you with your presentation to the panel.
22	MR. KAUSHIK: Yeah. I hope I'm
23	hopeful that I can present this in an orderly
24	fashion, but I would make a statement that of
25	course respected Chair, board members,

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1 review that is the subject of this matter, and I found it very intimidating on how the 2 registrars and the people involved from the 3 CPA -- and neither -- as I said, I could find 5 any other CPAs that have been through this, so I have no guidance on this, and I suspect 6 no one in this room has been through this either if -- I'm not just familiar with it, 8 9 so I'm not sure who would be familiar, who 10 could help us with how the proceedings should 11 proceed.

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I had made a comment that the buck stops with me in my office, and I think that has been misinterpreted. I had from the very onset — the day Ms. Hubick arrived in our office for the file review, it was very clear — and I made it very clear to her that I did not do these audits. However, the audits that were under review have never been subject of any corrections, no errors have been in those reports, although prepared by Mr. Dean. I did cursorily look over them to ensure there was nothing blatant in error on those reports. Neither the file reviewer nor the PCC or the Discipline Committee have

1	pointed out any issues with any of the
2	financial statements prepared. The
3	deficiencies noted in our files by Ms. Hubick
4	was that there wasn't sufficient
5	documentation on the nature of the audit or
6	the nature of the sorry, the deficiencies
7	and some of the procedures that were
8	performed.
9	I have come here at a
10	great cost to myself financially and
11	emotionally as well as my reputation. Up
12	until now I have spent over \$229,000 relating
13	to Mr. Dean and this hearing. I paid Mr.
14	Dean \$100,000 for his practice. I paid
15	\$62,000 to Mr. Stooshinoff for the Discipline
16	Committee. I paid \$9,569 to Mr. Jon
17	Agioritis who helped me prepare an amended
18	joint statement of facts. That was
19	completely rejected by Ms. Hubick and Mr.
20	Berger, chair of the PCC. That rejection put
21	me into a corner that forced me to go through
22	the formal hearing which from the onset we
23	never wanted.
24	I do not regret the
25	payment made to Mr. Dean for the \$100,000.

1	He's an honest man. He worked diligently for
2	his clients. Through his career his charges
3	were probably one-third of the market rate
4	for the services that he provided, in my
5	opinion, but I believe he did not cheat
6	anyone. He was not familiar with the new
7	technology. He did not use computers he did
8	not he did not know the one key software
9	that all of us use, that's the Microsoft
10	spreadsheet. He did everything by pencil and
11	calculators, and he prepared most of the
12	reports on behalf of the administrators and
13	treasurers of the clients that he audited.
14	Mr. Dean's practice that
15	we purchased and merged happened on a very
16	simple agreement. We thought we could
17	replace Mr. Dean with a new audit partner for
18	the Saskatoon office of the DNTW. That
19	partner would take over the audit division,
20	but that did not happen. We were not able to
21	get an auditor, and I felt in that respect I
22	failed him.
23	As I said, Dean and I
24	prepared a very simple agreement. Both of us
25	understood what he had to do and what I
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1	needed to do clearly. I was not doing audits
2	at that time, and Dean agreed to continue
3	doing all the audits that he had done for the
4	following 18 months. That was our agreement,
5	and that is what he was, in fact, doing. I
6	could not take over the audit files as I
7	already had a full practice for 28 years. I
8	did not need a new audit division for myself
9	to open up and go on with. What we needed
10	were three new partners for the DNTW office.
11	In 2010 and 2011 I had
12	prepared a 7,500-square-foot office space
13	which would accommodate these new partners.
14	In fact, I have six offices in my space that
15	can today still fill four of those offices.
16	That was the goal of the purchase of Dean's
17	practice. Although we called it an
18	acquisition, it was more for merger. I know
19	that his clients loved him, and he was very
20	loyal to them, and I trusted that he would do
21	his work as he always had.
22	I want to just go
23	backward just to one point just to explain.
24	Prior to merging our offices I had two
25	meetings with Mr. Dean, and we had clearly
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1	discussed what I could and could not do, and
2	what he needed to do is to maintain that
3	audit division for us. He was the
4	experienced auditor at that time for our
5	office. That is the primary reason I have
6	taken objection to the decision of the
7	Discipline Committee, and the person
8	especially that knows from the file review to
9	handling the matters with the PCC, I'm
10	talking about Ms. Hubick and Mr. Hill, the
11	people that were from the very onset familiar
12	with what was happening. And also before the
13	purchase of Dean's practice we had
14	discussions at the DNTW meeting national in
15	Calgary, and we discussed the proposal, and
16	we also discussed how we would proceed with
17	Dean's practice purchase. As I said, it was
18	more for merger. He came in with the
19	practice to do those audits, and we
20	proposed excuse me we discussed whether
21	we should make Dean a partner for the next 12
22	months and then retire. That was his desire,
23	was to retire. We said that we would try to
24	get an audit partner, and we could retire
25	him. He had been at this, I believe, over a

1	30-year period that he was doing all this
2	work, and this would make it easier for him
3	to retire. I believe he was trying to sell
4	his practice for over a year, but nobody was
5	buying practice, so we decided that we could
6	retire him in this sort of a format, come in,
7	we'll help take it over, we had good staff at
8	that time, over a year period we could do
9	that, if we had to develop internally or even
10	more desirable was to bring in a good, strong
11	audit partner who could run the entire
12	division. And in that discussion in our
13	Calgary meeting we noted surely he has been
14	in practice he has got 20 municipal
15	audits. He had 17 nonprofit audits. He has
16	been doing these audits year after year after
17	year after year. Certainly it would not
18	we should not necessarily make him a partner,
19	we could handle this inhouse. So in
20	retrospect, that is probably the biggest
21	error I have made, is that I did not make him
22	a partner which then he would have signed his
23	own reports.
24	Being the only Saskatoon
25	partner, I carried on with him as a partner
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1	for Saskatoon, and that's, I believe, the
2	mistake made, is that my signatures are on
3	those reports. As the only partner in the
4	Saskatoon office, that is a responsibility I
5	took up to that point, and that's the crucial
6	part I believe everybody is concerned about.
7	As I said, all the partners in Calgary
8	thought surely these have to be okay. I
9	mean, he has gone through all the practice
10	reviews over the years. He in fact indicated
11	to me he has gone through practice reviews
12	with flying colours, so all his files I
13	trusted would be up to the standards. Both
14	of us are old school. Our word is our
15	promise. That's the gold standard we both
16	stood by.
17	I have had file reviews
18	going back to 1984 when I first started my
19	practice, and all were fine. The problems
20	began in 2013 and 2014. Those file reviews
21	are primarily the reason we are in this
22	meeting today. I might add in 35 years that
23	I have been in public practice, there has not
24	been one single complaint from a client
25	against a report that I prepared. That was
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1 the commitment we made to public practice in 1984. 2 There was a file review 3 sometimes in 2012 of my office in which we had criticism related to our audits. 5 The audits that I was doing for almost 25 years 6 were small charity nonprofits, where the treasurers of most of these organizations are 8 9 volunteers, and as volunteers they were able 10 to simply make the deposits, pay their bills, 11 but could not prepare a financial statement. 12 They did not know how to reconcile a bank 1.3 account. They simply were running an operation by discussions in their board 14 15 That was the deficiency of almost levels. 16 every small charity nonprofits. For over 15 17 years that's what I was doing, is I was 18 preparing the statements for the charities. 19 That's what they expected us to do as 20 Dean did them, I did them, but auditors. after our file review in 2012 we were -- it 21 22 was pointed out to us that we cannot prepare 23 these reports and audit them. So we 24 informed, I think, five or six clients that 25 we had for charities -- I informed them I can no longer do your work. I cannot be an

auditor for you any longer because I'm not -
I am not to prepare financial statements. So

by about the middle -- probably September of

2012 I had completely stopped those types of

audits, so therefore please understand, I was

not an auditor by practice.

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My commitment was to do good work in accounting tax and audits when I started my practice in 1984. My training with Deloitte's when I articled with them was primarily in the audit field. At that time as an articling student, the focus was audits. That's how we became CAs. I was quite happy to do the work with the audit procedures to the best of our checklists and so on that we used, so we were auditors to begin with, but it is not a concentration for me to work -- my direction was not in audits, it was to help small organizations. as audits go -- as far as audits go, I should say, I helped the small nonprofits, help them prepare their statements, but the big focus was always the small business client and the personal tax clients.

1	I'm going to just stop
2	for a couple of minutes.
3	(Off the record momentarily)
4	Okay, I can start again.
5	A great many people have come through our
6	office. Again, we commit too helping each
7	one of them. Year by year they have grown as
8	we have as well. Many businesses have been
9	successful, and some have been steady. I
10	still have clients from the day that I opened
11	my own office, they're still with me, and we
12	stick with clients, and even with some that
13	can't afford to pay us. Some pay us a year
14	or two later. The whole point of this is
15	that we have served our clients diligently,
16	and that is the trust the clients have put in
17	us from the very beginning.
18	So the big question is
19	how did I get here? How did we get this far?
20	I provided the registrar with a
21	self-assessment letter in which I pointed out
22	exactly where my what I had done, what my
23	objectives were and the reasons that I just
24	outlined, that Dean's complete practice had a
25	complete audit division by itself, and that's

1 where it begins with the issues at hand. 2 As I explained, we needed 3 to make a full practice Saskatoon DNTW office just like the one in Calgary, and the 5 objective was to bring in three, four or five 6 good partners for this practice. That was the first step in 2012 when Dean indicated he wanted to retire. 8 9 Then in 2016 Mr. Lorne 10 Horning approached me because he knew I had 11 office space. He indicated to me that he did 12 not want to sign a five-year lease where he 1.3 was operating. At that time he had two 14 partners, therefore, three people were going 15 to come into my office. Lorne wanted to 16 retire in a year or two, he had two partners 17 what were preparing to take over that 18 practice, so I welcomed him. I said, that 19 would be great, Lorne. If you want to retire 20 in one or two years, that would be fantastic. 21 In three to five years I wanted to scale back 22 50 percent. Therefore, we also -- he began 23 to rent a space in our office. As I said,

our desire was to get four or five good

partners, and we would then begin to scale

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1	back and retire. That was our plan. That
2	was my plan even starting in 2015 2012.
3	Excuse me, one moment.
4	What I wanted to sort of
5	present, was what our plan was starting with
6	Dean's practice, starting with Lorne's
7	practice. My personal objective was to scale
8	back 50 percent within three to four years
9	and let the new partners come in and begin to
10	take over the practice. It was our plan
11	for basically for succession.
12	The file process the
13	file review and the process thereafter is of
14	the greatest concern to me. As I said, Ms.
15	Leigha Hubick reviewed the files. She noted
16	the deficiencies. The only problem was that
17	she thought I had done the files. She saw
18	the signature on the report because I was the
19	only audit partner. She concluded this was
20	my work, and that's the greatest error. It
21	was not my work. It was not my audit. It
22	was Dean's files, Dean's clients. I had not
23	even met the client. I didn't attend the
24	audit. There is probably 35 such files
25	because he continued with his audit practice.

I treated him as partner, and at all times he was running his practice through our office. That is the main crux of the whole issue.  As I said, she was there from the very beginning, from the file review to working with the Professional Conduct Committee in which I feel that she had the lead role. She was also the only witness brought in at the hearing, the Discipline Committee, and I believe they relied entirely on her testimony at that hearing. I'm bewildered how all the people that were involved in reviewing those files and the exhibits that we gave and I think it's part of that binder that we provided to the Discipline Committee I know even before I had presented all that information to the Professional Conduct Committee before they were to make a decision on my prosecution. So the people that made those decisions were there from the very beginning and failed to see what my role in this was, and I'm just bewildered by that, how they could not see who is responsible for these files. Subsequent to our merging		
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24 who is responsible for these files.	22	see what my role in this was, and I'm just
-	23	bewildered by that, how they could not see
25 Subsequent to our merging	24	who is responsible for these files.
1	25	Subsequent to our merging

1 of the office, it's absolutely clear what Dean had done and how those files were to be 2 In fact, I gave her the files to reviewed. 3 review and indicated clearly to her these are 5 Dean's files. I am transitioning into it. Ι am not doing these audits. I'm not a -- I 6 have not done audits, and she -- it was clearly explained to her my role. That's why 8 9 I'm baffled on how this continued with the 10 Professional Conduct Committee, to hold me responsible entirely. Can't figure that one 11 12 out to this day. 1.3 In that process the 14 Professional Conduct Committee, I believe, 15 They had looked at the investigator's erred. 16 report, they prepared a statement of facts. 17 Based on those facts I was prosecuted. I was 18 directed by Mr. Hill to sign those facts, pay 19 The choice was either the fine and move on. 20 do it or go to the formal hearing method. 21 never ever wanted to come through this. simply needed the get our facts in front of 22 23 the Professional Conduct Committee. 24 believe the Professional Conduct Committee 25 did not go through the facts, or the amounted

1	statement of facts I should say, ever was
2	that it was never ever presented to the
3	Professional Conduct Committee. I have no
4	I have asked how did you come up with these
5	decisions? They could not provide me on how
6	they decided that it which Professional
7	Conduct Committee decided on these. I'll go
8	through that a little bit later.
9	It's my opinion that Ms.
10	Hubick took over the control of the entire
11	process and this prosecution. I'm not sure
12	who was supervising her work or on what basis
13	that decisions were made. I do recall one
14	telephone conversation, a conference call,
15	between myself, Mr. Agioritis, Ms. Hill
16	Mrs. Hill, sorry, Ms. Hill, and Mr. Berger
17	who is the Chair of the PCC. I got the
18	impression that Mr. Berger was not familiar
19	with the case or with the statement of facts
20	that I had presented, because they were never
21	accepted. The amended statements of facts
22	that I provided them, I don't think were ever
23	discussed by the committee, it was outright
24	rejected. In the entire process the PCC did

not contact me at all prior to the

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1	prosecution. They did not hear my side of
2	the story. They acted, I believe, without
3	full information. In that respect I believe
4	that the investigation or the decision of the
5	Professional Conduct Committee is flawed.
6	The Professional Conduct
7	Committee the channel of communication
8	with me was nil. All communication that I
9	had, had to be channeled through Mr. Hill.
10	Anything I had to say was to be provided to
11	Mr. Hill and Ms. Hubick. I never was even
12	allowed to contact the Professional Conduct
13	Committee. Mr. Hill said if you have
14	anything any information to provide, you
15	give it to me. It was his responsibility to
16	handle it. I believe they missed
17	mishandled that communication between myself
18	and the Professional Conduct Committee.
19	We I believe myself
20	and Mr. Hill and Leigha Hubick I believe
21	we all wanted to go through the informal
22	channel as long as we were able to provide
23	our statement of facts. That's all we were
24	asking for. They said, no, we're not
25	accepting anything on yours, either do this

1 I find that very difficult to or move on. That's what's cost me, all this. 2 whole issue is the refusal of Ms. Hubick to 3 reject our facts -- sorry, to accept our 5 facts. It left us stunned as a matter of When I say we, I also mean Mr. 6 fact. Agioritis, Jon Agioritis of MLT. helping me to put the amended statement of 8 9 facts in front of the Professional Conduct 10 Committee. 11 So how do two parties 12 develop an agreed statement of facts? How do 1.3 we develop these statement of facts? 14 We never got together. We have never met. 15 no communication. That is what I found the 16 most intimidating. Virtually every fact was 17 ignored, not just ignored, it was not even 18 brought to the Professional Conduct 19 Committee, I believe. There is -- there is 20 nothing that indicates anybody in the 21 committee made a decision. This is entirely 22 run maybe by one or two people. How? How do 23 you reject everything? Facts are facts. 24 that's what was happening somewhere around 25 August of 2017.

1	I asked for disclosure of
2	the documents by Mr. Hill on the basis on
3	which my prosecution was developed. The only
4	evidence I have is a meeting minutes of
5	the meetings of the Professional Conduct
6	Committee on April 6, 2016. Now, this is
7	before any statements of facts was even
8	presented either to me or to anyone else.
9	What this meeting reads excuse me, I don't
10	have copies of this for everybody, but this
11	ought to be part of our things that we
12	presented, but we do this is what I have
13	as the only piece of evidence that the
14	meeting started on April 6th at 8:35 in the
15	morning. At that meeting, the Chair was Lyle
16	Bolen, Vice-Chair was Ian Rea, members Kristi
17	Baxter, Glen Berger, Dallas Green, Tanya
18	Knight, Alison McKay, Matt Schroeder. These
19	were the people from the members. There was
20	a public representative, Doug Finne. Guests
21	were Morgan Kennedy and Korven. And this is
22	a meeting that's a conference call, which
23	begins at 8:35. It adopts the agenda from
24	previous meetings, declaration of conflict of
25	interest by one member.

1	And so the meeting begins
2	to discuss at 8:39 a.m., the case 1410-05C,
3	that's my case. That's what they had
4	discussed in a meeting which involved them
5	discussing the investigator's report, no
6	changes to motion relating to the PCC
7	decision from June 10th, namely professional
8	conduct professional misconduct as defined
9	in section 26 of the Accounting Professions
10	Act and certain bylaws, 203.1, 206.1, 202.1
11	and 201.1. Recommended from recommended
12	hearing format as part of carriage of
13	prosecution - informal if registrant agrees,
14	otherwise formal. That's the minutes of the
15	meetings. Recommended sanctions which were
16	to be then revisited on June 10th. Ratified
17	recommendation, one, letter of reprimand,
18	two, fine of 20 to \$30,000, restricted from
19	performing assurance services, and there
20	would be publication, website, newsletter,
21	newspaper. Also costs and amendment to
22	motion practice monitoring license approved.
23	That's it. That's the only thing the
24	Professional Conduct Committee did and
25	appears to have done the prosecution at that

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             time over a conference call. I'm not sure
             what was discussed. There is no other
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             information that I have. And this is prior
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             to any agreed statement of facts. I found
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             this incomprehensible. No discussions, no
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             nothing from me, I have no -- I was not
             provided with the report, the investigator's
                      This is what I found absolutely
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             report.
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             incomprehensive. How do you make decisions
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             at the Professional Conduct Committee level?
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I think a couple folks --
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             I think we need a take a bit of a break, Mr.
1.3
             Kaushik, if that's okay.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  Absolutely. I agree.
     CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  I think we need to --
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  I have to collect my
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             thoughts too.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay, so can we take ten
19
             minutes, or do people need a little longer?
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  Ten is good for me.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Ten is good? Okay.
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      (Recessed at 10:29 a.m.)
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      (Reconvened at 10:41 a.m.)
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  So I just wanted to speak
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             to this document. Mr. Sinclair, was this
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             evidence for the Discipline Committee?
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  I don't believe that was
             a document that was filed with the Discipline
3
             Committee. I don't think it forms part of
5
             the record is my recollection.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I'll have to go through
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             that -- those exhibits that I had provided
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             them.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, I'm not a hundred
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             percent sure either if I've seen that or not.
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             It looks sort of familiar, but I can't
1.3
             confirm. It might take some time to go
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             through the materials right now. So do you
15
             have any concerns with the discussion
             regarding that document right now or --
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  No, no.
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                                  Then we'll -- and if we
     CHAIRPERSON:
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             need to share it, we'll agree to do that.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  Well, I think then we
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             should market as an exhibit.
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  Well, that's fine.
23
             mean, I'm not terribly concerned about the
24
             document itself, to be frank with you.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  Yes, okay.
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  And so I'm fine with it
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                         I mean, I've given my comments
              going in.
              already by the supplemental brief that this
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              is an appeal on the record, and so --
      MR. WALLER:
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                                  Yeah.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, yeah.
      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  But given the nature of
              the document, I'm not terribly concerned.
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      MR. WALLER:
                                  Yeah, I guess I'm just
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              referring to it, I would prefer that it be
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              in --
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  Sure.
1.3
      MR. WALLER:
                                  -- so that we can look at
              it if --
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  Yeah.
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      MR. WALLER:
                                  Unless you object to it.
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  I'm fine with that,
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              that's fine, yeah.
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      MR. WALLER:
                                  Okay.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay, so we'll --
                                  So I think --
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I might add that I'm not
23
              familiar on what and how to proceed and
24
             provide evidence, but I'm going to go with
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             what I have, and if anybody needs
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1		information	
2	MR. WAI	LLER:	Well, generally I
3		think I had sent yo	ou a letter, but generally
4		new evidence is not	available in an appeal
5		hearing because it'	s an appeal on the record,
6		but, you know, sinc	ce you have referred to it
7		and counsel for the	e PCC doesn't have any
8		objection, I think	having referred to it,
9		then we probably sh	nould have it so that
10		people can look at	it rather than you
11		know, because their	notes on it might not be
12		appropriate or suff	ficient. And so if you
13		would like to make	reference to that document
14		for the purpose of	your appeal, then I think
15		we should probably	have it entered as an
16		exhibit and then I	can make a copy later or
17		something.	
18	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	The key points that
19		revolve around this	s, is that I had requested
20		from CPA all the in	aformation relating to this
21		case, and this is t	the only document that I
22		was provided. And	I was informed that all
23		the other documents	s or discussions , things
24		that happened and w	hat my file may contain
25		with CPA, was only	going to be provided when

1 we go to appeals or we go through -- to My understanding is that all the 2 information has not been given to me that's 3 on my record with CPA, so, therefore, all the 5 documentation may not be here to begin with because that is only revealed to me when we 6 go through the additional processes. should we be going to the appeal at the Court 8 9 level, my understanding is additional 10 information will be provided to me that has not been disclosed, because the only thing I 11 12 have so far is this. That's all. That's how 1.3 I was informed, is that all the information 14 cannot be revealed at this stage, or even for 15 the hearing at the Discipline Committee 16 level. 17 Now, if I have any other 18 information it's going to be new evidence, 19 new information, that CPA is going to give me 20 on the basis on which the prosecution 21 happened, and on the basis on which any 22 hearing happened, so I may not have all the 23 information that CPA has. This is the only 24 bit of information I have at this level, and 25 should we proceed to the next level, I'm

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             going to request any additional information
             on file that I'm missing. That's the key as
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             I understand it. That's why this may appear
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             to you to be new evidence, but this is the
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             only thing I have ever had.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I do have one question.
             You referred earlier to the investigator's
8
             report.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Yeah.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  You are saying you did
11
             not receive that, is that what --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I did not receive that
1.3
             prior to --
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Is that standard practice
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             that the PCC not share the investigator's
16
             report?
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  I believe it was part of
18
             the disclosure package which was provided to
19
             Mr. Stooshinoff as part of the disclosure
20
             that was provided in advance of the hearing.
21
     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, that sounded a
22
             bit -- yeah, okay.
23
     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Well, certainly that
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             sounds like it was provided subsequent for
25
             the hearing purpose only, not prior to the
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             discussion by the PCC. So PCC based it's
             decision on April 6, 2016 on the
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             investigator's report. At that time there
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             was no discussion with me, and I did not have
5
             an investigator's report at that time. That
             was only provided for the purpose of the
6
             Discipline Committee hearing, but not prior
             to any decision.
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  Just in terms of
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             answering your question about sort of
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             standard practice about that, you know,
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             obviously I'm not here with a witness,
1.3
             Ms. Hubick, to be able to answer that, and so
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             I don't mean to avoid the question --
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, no, sure.
                                  -- but I'm not sure I
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
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             could answer it beyond I know that it would
18
             have been disclosed as part of my package.
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             Whether it was disclosed in advance or that
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             or not I would have to make other inquiries.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  No, I appreciate that.
22
             Mr. Kaushik, continue.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Okay.
                                         Thank you.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  Just, excuse me, just
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             based on that I don't think we need to enter
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             it as an exhibit because if he's -- are you
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             finished referring to that document, Mr.
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             Kaushik, or --
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  I may have to refer it to
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             again.
                                  Okay.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                        Well, we'll play
             that by ear, then.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  I'm not super organized
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             in the --
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  Sure.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                   -- in the thought
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             processes, and you'll hear some things I'm
1.3
             going on as I'm thinking it.
     MR. WALLER:
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                                  Okay.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I have some notes for
16
             myself. Just perhaps I'll repeat myself
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             here. As I was questioning how do two
18
             parties develop an agreed statement of facts
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             in this type of a case, we have a committee,
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             and we have a member. How do you agree on
21
             facts?
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                                  In August -- I believe
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             August 2017 is when Mr. Hill demanded that I
24
             sign the statement of facts prepared by CPA
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             or the Professional Conduct Committee and
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1	simply come and pay the fine. After that,
2	all communication seems to have taken a
3	different turn. Professional Conduct
4	Committee was not really interested in
5	hearing what I had to present. Before you
6	proceed and this is why I was referring to
7	that meeting on April 6th. How do they
8	proceed without look at all the facts?
9	That's why am I referring to this meeting.
10	Who was involved? Because when we take on a
11	client, we have to understand the nature of
12	the client and the nature of the business,
13	and document and record and help the client,
14	but in this case, it doesn't seem to me they
15	understood all the exhibits, all the facts of
16	the case. The PCC, based on what I have seen
17	here, could not have gone through that. As I
18	said, the meeting started at 8:39, and the
19	case was dealt with by 9:25. Mr. Kennedy had
20	left the meeting, and he was one of the
21	investigators, so this would have taken less
22	than an hour on a conference call. So how
23	how do they go through all the material that
24	would have been presented both in the
25	auditor's report and also my statement of
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1	amended facts? Because I sent in a whole
2	slough of exhibits with that.
3	MRS. KAUSHIK: But that was after this?
4	MR. KAUSHIK: Well, I sent the
5	correct. My information wasn't even in here
6	because there was no joined statement of
7	facts that the that the Professional
8	Conduct Committee could use to make a
9	decision. No statement of facts and only a
10	report by the investigator was the basis of
11	this entire decision as I understand it.
12	I'm trying to understand
13	what the process was. I really gave it my
14	best effort to how do you do these how do
15	you prosecute. The prosecution was done. It
16	was over with as far as I think the PCC was
17	concerned.
18	As a matter of fact, that
19	is what I found most intimidating. That was
20	the indication, that you must accept and
21	finish with it. And the more I looked into
22	it, the more puzzling it became. It appears
23	that my guilt was a forgone conclusion for
24	Mr. Hill and for Ms. Hubick. Those two are
25	the ones that contacted me on a continuous

1	basis, and this is the only contact I had. I
2	draw that conclusion because no other
3	information has been provided to me other
4	than this meeting. If they did do any
5	changes or they how they discussed it in
6	the PCC meetings, how my evidence or my
7	statement of facts were handled by the
8	Professional Conduct Committee, I have no
9	idea what they did with it. There's no
10	evidence the PCC even considered my
11	information. There is no minutes that I'm
12	provided, no other notes, no other
13	communication with the Professional Conduct
14	Committee prior to issuing those
15	recommendations to the to the Discipline
16	Committee. That's what I found most
17	puzzling. Who's making the decisions? And
18	if there was mistakes made and PCC pointed
19	out those mistakes, there was no indication
20	how I might correct those mistakes.
21	The biggest mistake
22	appears to be the signing of the audit
23	report. Now, the question is how do you
24	correct that? For which I would apologize
25	for any mistakes made by me. I'm prepared to

1	apologize to the membership, to the board, to
2	the client, to my colleagues, to my friends,
3	to the community at large. I have made a
4	huge mistake signing that report. I want to
5	go back to those clients and explain to them
6	this report is not mine. They would
7	understand who did this report because Dean
8	was doing this year after year after year
9	after year, and even when he was with me he
10	is the one that did them, and they would
11	understand that, I'm sure. I'm prepared to
12	go back to them and apologize for signing the
13	report which may have caused any confusion in
14	their minds as to who the who the actual
15	auditor was on that report, but there was no
16	indication of how I might correct my mistake
17	of signing the report. At least I was to be
18	given a chance to fix what's broken, and I'm
19	prepared to do that today, because if it's
20	still a problem for anybody that my signature
21	is on that report, I have to find a way to
22	correct it. That's a blunder. That's why
23	I'm asking how could PCC not discuss it with
24	me and help me correct the mistake? It's a
25	huge problem for me. If I made a mistake, I

1	have to fix it. It is expected that I would
2	fix it. But it was not even a question.
3	So how do you proceed so
4	that Mr. Dean and myself, we can go back to
5	the clients? I'm prepared to get an
6	affidavit from them, indicate who did they
7	think who did they think did this audit.
8	The only people as far as I'm concerned that
9	are confused are the file reviewers, the PCC,
10	Discipline Committee, and I'm here to explain
11	we have a problem. I want to fix it. The
12	question is how do you think because I
13	feel we are all in this together. CPAs are
14	my colleagues. I asked for help. They have
15	helped me throughout my career for taxation,
16	planning with clients. I don't know
17	everything about everything, so I do go to
18	Deloitte's, I go to KPMG, I go to various
19	professionals that are, I believe,
20	knowledgeable. We will go to the end if we
21	have to, to find out what the problem is and
22	how to fix it. Who knows who has the
23	solution to this problem that's on my table?
24	I can't find anybody. And I ask for help of
25	this board how can I fix what's broken,

1	because that's what I have to do, and that's
2	why I'm here. I want to appeal those things
3	which are clearly, clearly indicating the
4	person responsible for those audits. That
5	has not happened.
6	Knowing all this, not the
7	investigators, not the PCC they did not
8	call Dean. There is no indication the
9	investigators worked with Dean. Nobody
10	called Dean. Nobody appears to have called
11	the clients. No contact with any parties
12	that could support by position. Why? What
13	kind of investigation, what kind of
14	committee, what is formed in trying to
15	understand the full picture? This is what I
16	found most baffling.
17	The PCC, I believe, needs
18	to understand, look through the signature,
19	look through the report. There is enough
20	support for my position. Mr. Dean was just
21	not a hired subcontractor here as the
22	investigator's report seems to have
23	indicated, that he was a bystander in all
24	this. I found that troubling, confusing,
25	ignoring all the facts in front of them. How
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1	could they ignore 100 percent of the audit
2	file prepared by Dean? As I said, I never
3	even met the client. It's not a very good
4	investigation by the PCC. Their focus was
5	only in one direction, which I understand is
6	the classic tunnel vision. They focussed
7	only on one thing, and that's on the
8	prosecution. That is what I am appealing by
9	the PCC and the Discipline Committee, both of
10	them, both committees are working with tunnel
11	vision and only for one purpose. That is
12	prosecution. They have ignored everything
13	else.
14	Mr. Hill and Ms. Hubick,
15	I believe, are the key people responsible for
16	this. They ruined my reputation, and all the
17	files have been covered up, which they know
18	or ought to have known the person
19	responsible. That is why I want to
20	understand who rejected my joint statement of
21	facts, and pushed us into the Discipline
22	Committee or Discipline Committee hearing,
23	I should say, the formal committee hearing.
24	That has puzzled me. I believe that is the
25	foundation of their case. Fundamentally the
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1	facts are wrong and incomplete. All the
2	conclusions they are after, that they came
3	to, are questionable. I find that
4	unjustifiable and unconscionable. It leaves
5	me bewildered on how prosecutions happen at
6	the CPA level.
7	I did not prepare the
8	audit reports that are the examination of
9	this case. RVLB and MUC are audits done by
10	Dean. I looked at them for reasonableness,
11	and where the statements did not appear
12	reasonable to me I questioned Dean. I did
13	not just blindly sign anything. I did look
14	at the information to ensure at least the
15	reports read properly. Nothing blatantly
16	stands out, and where it did, I pointed that
17	out. I was helping him complete the files
18	with minimal input as to its planning, the
19	audit planning, or its execution. I was not
20	involved at those levels at all. I did not
21	sign any report in my career that I knew was
22	not correct. My focus is the numbers, the
23	balance sheet, the income statements or the
24	statement of revenue and expenses were okay.
25	I was absolutely

1	astonished at one report that Dean prepared
2	in which the balance sheet showed investments
3	of \$200,000 on the books for which there was
4	no support in the file, in the audit file. I
5	questioned him, how is this reported? Where
6	is it coming from? There was no explanation.
7	I was put under a lot of pressure to sign the
8	report by the town and by Dean. It was due
9	to be presented at the town council meeting.
10	I would not sign that report because it was
11	blatantly wrong. No support for investment.
12	I asked him he can sign this himself
13	because I refused to sign the report, which
14	is absolutely blatantly wrong. I went to the
15	town, I saw the administrator, and I asked
16	him, what is the support for this investment
17	on the balance sheet? He had no support for
18	it. There was no GICs, no term deposits, no
19	bonds, not anything. So how does this appear
20	on the town's statements?
21	We went back to the
22	previous year, to the previous year to that,
23	the previous year to that. We went back six
24	years and looked at the audit report prepared
25	by another accountant auditor, I should

1	say. It was not on that sixth year prior.
2	It did not exist. Again, what do you do with
3	a situation where there's investments,
4	\$200,000 of investments sitting on your
5	balance sheet for that length of time and
6	nobody looked at it? And that's when I had
7	said to Dean, I can't sign this. And I got a
8	response that left me totally numb. He said,
9	nobody reads these reports. The
10	administrator didn't read it, the town
11	council didn't read it. I believe these are
12	published reports. I don't think the
13	taxpayers read it. He was absolutely
14	correct, for six years nobody read the
15	report. The point I want to make is I did
16	not sign anything blindly. I had made I
17	made the prior period adjustment on those
18	financial statements, explained it to them,
19	that this did not exist, and I'm not sure
20	what anybody did about it.
21	I pointed out so many
22	times to Ms. Hubick, to Mr. Hill, and anybody
23	who would listen, the agreement with Dean was
24	a simple agreement, it was an old school
25	thought, you made an agreement, you will do
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1	this, I will do this, this is how we'll
2	proceed. That's the simplicity of the
3	agreement. I believed and trusted that he
4	was going to do his audits properly.
5	Therefore, the problem appears to me is the
6	inability of the CPA Saskatchewan, the
7	Discipline Committee, the Professional
8	Conduct Committee, Mr. Hill, Ms. Hubick, all
9	of them were blind to this fact of where I
10	stand on this.
11	I'm very sorry that this
12	has created such a confusion for the PCC, and
13	the Discipline Committee, and now for the
14	board here. How do you ignore facts that are
15	before you? I felt in my gut that something
16	is wrong here when I was asked to simply sign
17	a statement of facts. Something is wrong
18	here. This is something absolutely is
19	completely out. That's the problem I was
20	facing with this type of prosecution. I was
21	forced into a corner not knowing what it
22	would cost me to go through the formal
23	channels. Initially, I thought it might be a
24	quick hearing, and I would be sent my
25	information, and the Discipline Committee

1	members could clearly see it. I thought
2	maybe \$10,000, maybe \$15,000 it would cost
3	me, but it cost me almost \$10,000 to simply
4	amend the statement of facts. That's how
5	expensive this process has become.
6	Now my objective has
7	changed. It is to make sure that the board
8	and the CPA and others and ourselves, that is
9	my members, that we see ourselves and how we
10	treat each other. The ethics that we have
11	preached to our students, to the people of
12	our honouring our profession, that is what
13	this is all about. We are an honourable
14	organization, but I'm confused today on how
15	we treat each other.
16	I've lost a lot of
17	confidence in Mr. Hill and Ms. Hubick. These
18	types of decisions of the PCC must be put
19	under a microscope and looked at it. That's
20	why I think it's important to bring it to the
21	attention of the board and of the membership.
22	We all are in this together. I have said
23	that from the beginning. I've considered
24	everyone as my colleague. We have no
25	competition. We deal with all CPAs with
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1	honour, with respect. They have helped me.
2	That's the issue here. I don't think that
3	help is available any longer.
4	I also question the
5	investigator's report, because there was many
6	things discussed in our meeting. After I got
7	the investigator's report I looked at it, and
8	what I discussed in the meeting at the
9	investigator's when they investigated at
10	my office, most of our discussion is missing.
11	It wasn't even presented. How come?
12	The same people that are
13	accusing me of being a threat to the public
14	are the same people that passed all of Dean's
15	files with flying colours, but when he
16	prepared those files in my office, suddenly
17	it's completely deficient at so many levels.
18	I am left to explain my position to the
19	members and to the public, because my name is
20	on the website of the CPA of the horrible
21	things I have done, but there is no
22	explanation on the CPA website of all this
23	that I am presenting today as to who did
24	what, not there is no explanation at all
25	on the website of what the factors were, what

1	the issues were. It reads terribly to my
2	reputation.
3	As I said, how do I
4	how do I explain what has happened here to
5	everyone? Do I take a full-page ad out in
6	The Star Phoenix and give this complete
7	explanation to everyone? Because I have to
8	clear my name one way or the other.
9	As I said, how can I
10	apologize properly for the errors and
11	mistakes I have made? Should I say the
12	administrators didn't do their work,
13	administrators being the administrators of
14	the town council, the RMs, they did not do
15	their work? Should I say Dean didn't do his
16	work? I chose not to do any of this because
17	I believe the reports are okay. The reports
18	I signed are okay. Nobody has come to me in
19	35 years to say this report, Rakesh, is not
20	okay. The reports are okay. There's no
21	complaints. No money is missing. I only
22	talk of the reports, I'm not talking about
23	the audits themselves, the audits I did not
24	do. There may well be deficiencies in the
25	audits, which I did not do.

1	I've got my signature
2	over here on the report. Here is all the
3	evidence of the report and how it's prepared.
4	All the evidence that is there apparently is
5	not heavy enough. The strongest and the
6	heaviest issue is my signature, that's it.
7	That's how I view this. If this was a case,
8	court case, as the way I understand law
9	works, you have evidence in your favour,
10	evidence against you. I have looked at that
11	evidence, there is a signature here, and
12	there is all this information on this side,
13	and I believe that is how Discipline
14	Committee looked at it. Then I argue, if the
15	on the thing you're going to look at is the
16	signature, why are we having any meetings?
17	What is the hearing for? What was the three
18	days spent wasting our time with the
19	Discipline Committee hearing the formal
20	channel? What was the point of it? They
21	should have rejected everything and said,
22	we're not going to look at anything because
23	what we have is a signature that trumps
24	everything else. Why bother hearing here if
25	it's not going to be properly weighed? They

1	should have rejected any hearing in my view
2	if that was the case, but I understand that
3	we have a hearing, a formal hearing, to
4	weight the evidence and the things. Is this
5	how we operate? Is this the process? My
6	challenge is no, I don't think the law is
7	that blind, or at least I hope it's not like
8	that. A hearing is a hearing. It requires
9	analysis.
10	That's why I question
11	everything that has been done in these cases.
12	Where is the collective intelligence that
13	looks at this? After all, it's a board and a
14	committee meeting. The collective
15	consciousness of the Professional Conduct
16	Committee, collective consciousness of the
17	Discipline Committee, collectively, how did
18	they come to these conclusions of charges,
19	the fines, the penalties? I have looked at
20	it from every angle. I even looked at an
21	angle if I was Mr. Berger, if I was Leigha
22	Hubick, if I was Mr. Hill. I've looked I
23	have tried to understand it from that
24	position. Unfathomable.
25	I say to the members of

1	this board you have a problem. I have a
2	problem. What is the truth of the matter?
3	The truth speaks for itself. Issues, facts,
4	they speak for themselves. This side you
5	have the PCC and the DC, on this side a
6	member. Such divergence of views on the
7	roles of the members, Dean and Kaushik. How
8	do you view us? I found it repulsive,
9	because I think this decision is beyond
10	common sense. I want to be absolutely clear
11	of that. It's clear, and I've finally begun
12	to get loud about it. It has to be brought
13	up, it has to be published, it has to be
14	known, because my name is on that website,
15	and I need to protect my reputation. The
16	good and the bad has to be seen for what it
17	is.
18	I could have challenged
19	Dean on the quality of his files for which I
20	paid him \$100,000. It was not worth much
21	that practice, and now I understand why
22	nobody purchased that practice for a year
23	before we merged our offices. He came in and
24	did his very best to retain the clients, and
25	he did. The clients were retained by him,

1	but I was not in a position to take over his
2	practice of audits. We were not successful
3	in getting an auditor for our office who
4	could take over these files. I hired one CMA
5	who was one class away from getting his CMA,
6	I should say, who worked with me and followed
7	Dean to all excuse me, not all, but
8	several audit engagements. He my employee
9	had no idea what Dean was doing. My
10	understanding is that Dean took the
11	information at the audit, he took and
12	prepared an audit report without asking a
13	single question of the administrator or
14	anyone in that organization. I found that
15	troubling. How do you prepare audits without
16	any discussion with management? But he stuck
17	with it, I mean, Dean stuck with his clients.
18	But the conclusion was I had failed him in
19	obtaining a partner and taking over his
20	practice in a meaningful way. Because I had
21	failed him in taking over his practice or
22	finding a partner to take over his practice,
23	I was quite satisfied. I gave I paid him
24	the \$100,000 and had him retire. He worked
25	so hard for his clients at one third the fees
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of going rates. I saw the fees he was

charging, he wasn't charging very much, he

was old school, he still had 1995 fees. One

audit that he took over six years earlier,

the town was paying \$6,000 for that audit to

another firm. He took that audit over for

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Now, this is the kind of practice he built and the kind of practice I don't think any was -- anyone was buying. So it was very painful, but I do like that gentlemen because he's honest, he's hard working. I said, okay, Dean, I'll pay you, you should retire, and he did. That's the honourable thing to do. We both tried our best, but the audit division did not happen in my office. When he left, we stopped audits all together. I didn't do audits before he came, I wasn't really working on audits while he was there. I did not work on audits after he left. It was the right thing to do. It was time for him to retire. intentions were all good, but my limitations were huge. In stark contrast, what the CPA

1	has done, what Ms. Hubick has done, what PCC
2	and the Professional Conduct Committee
3	leaves me stunned. The pain they have caused
4	me far exceeds any pain Glen Dean did.
5	That's the intimidating factor. Forcing us
6	into formal channels was extremely
7	intimidating.
8	Two years prior, that
9	would be around in 2016, I had already
10	informed CPA and Mrs is it Ms. Korven? I
11	indicated to her, because she wanted to
12	know and I sent in sent to her in
13	writing, that I'm not doing audits, I'm not
14	taking on any audits, so I was already out of
15	it. But then I think as part of the
16	Discipline Committee hearing they have posted
17	on the website I'm not permitted to do
18	audits, but I already told them I'm not doing
19	audits. What is this posting on the website,
20	I'm not permitted to do audits? It's part of
21	this intimidation factor. What good does it
22	do to put it up there that I'm not allowed to
23	do audits? I already informed you I'm not
24	doing an audit. That's what I find
25	troubling. I voluntarily stopped, but they
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saw fit that required the public to

understand. I've been asked, what's going on

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If you could just lift the cover of that report that I signed, you will clearly see all the files that were prepared by Mr. Dean. I had a discussion, a telephone call, with Ms. Thiel (ph) of the CPA, and I was reminded that prior to November 2014 almost anyone could have done an audit and it was not an issue. That's November 2014. That's when the merger of the three bodies happened. Anyone could have done the audits prior to that, and mine are all prior to that, so where is the problem? I was bewildered too thinking, what is she talking about? Is that why Dean went through flying colours with all his audits by the CPA, because anybody could have done those audits? They were not challenged, there was no issues with them? And I have heard from others that retired from either practice or

1	from doing audits, their files were never
2	even reviewed by the CPA. I asked CPA to
3	provide me the report on the examination of
4	Dean's files. They would not release any
5	report saying that it's a matter of privacy.
6	On the matter of privacy, I cannot even show
7	you anything that was on his examination or
8	file review. So if he passed all his file
9	reviews, how is he failing here or I'm
10	failing here? On his files I have failed my
11	practice examination. How? This is prior to
12	November 2014. This when I heard this, I
13	totally went into a tail spin. I said, what
14	is going on, you guys? Files prepared by
15	Dean in my office failed. Files prepared in
16	his office went with flying colours. The
17	contrast is mind boggling.
18	Judging the book by the
19	cover is the classic point of view here.
20	This is the question I've asked, did everyone
21	take Leigha's word for whatever was here?
22	Because she was involved from day one to the
23	last day, as a file reviewer, PCC lead, as a
24	witness. She knows the whole file, every
25	paper, I'm sure she has looked at, because

1	she prepared herself for the hearing of the
2	Discipline Committee. How could she ignore
3	all that was there? And how did she conclude
4	this against me? I know and I believe the
5	membership and the board has highest respect
6	for her. She was a file reviewer when she
7	first came to my office. I have been
8	provided her résumé. I think it's part of
9	the exhibits. She got her CPA with
10	Deloitte's. She immediately left within a
11	month or two after that, so she wasn't
12	carrying on audits. I don't know if she has
13	an audit background by the time she was doing
14	the file reviews in my office, but, anyways,
15	she has been there from day one. She has
16	progressed very nicely and has been
17	commended, and now I understand she is the
18	treasurer or, sorry, the registrar. She
19	obviously has done terrific work within the
20	organization. She is brilliant in all
21	respect in administration and so on, but how
22	could she miss this? Therefore, we have to
23	look at ourselves in totality, the process,
24	the organization.
25	I believe I have dealt

1	with professionals all my life sorry, at
2	least to 1980 when I started articles. These
3	are intelligent people, Mr. Berger, Mr. Hill,
4	the Chair, the Discipline Committee. I
5	believe these are all highly qualified
6	people. But it's my painful duty because I
7	know how am I affected, and I want to help
8	the board make and informed and intelligent
9	decision on this matter. If I have fooled
10	the public by signing these reports, as I
11	said, I want to set that record straight.
12	It's the morale thing to do.
13	We are not going to be
14	the organization that we claim to be if we
15	cannot work with the ethics that we preach.
16	Mr. Hill and Ms. Hubick I no longer have
17	the secret trust in them that I had at one
18	time. The entire truth has to be brought up
19	and followed up with what concerns I have.
20	It's below the dignity of this profession to
21	ignore facts. There are obligations of
22	contract law, of what little I understand,
23	surrounding the sale of a business and
24	retention of clients, and the
25	responsibilities of each party, duties of the

1	seller. The objectives that this board has
2	for ourselves has created the need for this
3	appeal. The decision of the Discipline
4	Committee is wrong given the facts that were
5	on the table. The investigation is
6	negligent, improper conclusions, major facts
7	ignored. Rules applied without reason
8	deteriorates our profession, distrust in our
9	members, and ultimately creates fear in the
10	members of the file review and this entire
11	process, which I believe now everybody feels
12	is intimidating to go through. I find that
13	practitioners are feared of file review. I
14	never practiced in fear. I welcomed the file
15	reviews, over the last 35 years I learned
16	from each one, because that's what the file
17	review in my opinion always was, that I learn
18	from the review. I have learned a lot from
19	file reviews and colleagues. I'm not afraid
20	of a file review, and I shouldn't be.
21	For the lack of better
22	phrases and words, I think the Discipline
23	Committee became a rubber stamp for the
24	Professional Conduct Committee's
25	recommendations. The decision I find
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1	abusive, lacks common sense, it's over reach
2	and I think it's unjust. That's why we
3	cannot be the profession that we claim to be.
4	Deeper cynicism has developed, not just
5	myself, with members that I have discussed
6	this case with. It has left all of us
7	bewildered. The theme of the profession and
8	the CPA shows they are here protect the
9	public. That's what that is all about, is to
10	protect the public from people like me.
11	That's what the main purpose of our
12	organization is, at least at the CPA level.
13	MS. CARSON: Sorry, no, I'm just going
14	to stand for a second.
15	MR. KAUSHIK: It's okay. We can take a
16	break. This is what I have experienced now.
17	Maybe I'm the only one, but I do want to
18	present this at this level to begin with. So
19	if we are here to protect the public, what do
20	we do with our members? My career is built
21	on protecting the public. I have asked to
22	protect the public. I work for the public.
23	They are the ones that are putting trust in
24	me. I'm not sure they put the trust in CPA
25	Saskatchewan, but they definitely put the
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1	trust in me. I have to protect the public.
2	That's my job.
3	In this case I'm not sure
4	who is protecting the public. Is this the
5	role of CPA is to execute or prosecute people
6	like me? Because that's what I'm seeing on
7	the website, is you are protecting the public
8	from people like me. That's what I see
9	there. That's what the public sees there.
10	You can well understand, I have to provide my
11	explanation why I'm set up on the website.
12	How do I do that? Appeal, appeal again if
13	need be, but I have to appeal because I have
14	no other choice. That's the conclusion I
15	have come to, and that has been the direction
16	over the last five years, from the file
17	review to the decisions and to this hearing,
18	that what I have been doing for five years.
19	I have to protect the public. The public
20	should not be afraid of me. That's why I
21	have spent this much money.
22	As I have said earlier,
23	this has cost me \$240,000 to come into this
24	including the payments to Dean, but I was
25	prepared to pay that. This is the cost of
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1	me, for professional trust the public placed
2	in me for the last 35 years. Not one thing
3	was out of line in my reports, and it may
4	well cost me more to go through the rest of
5	these appeals, but that's the cost we incur
6	in protecting our reputation. This is what
7	the public needs to see and know, that we are
8	protecting the public. They need to know
9	where I stand on this so that I protect the
10	public, not the CPA. I'm not relying on CPA
11	Saskatchewan to reply to the public. If
12	there is a complaint against me, I'm sure you
13	need to investigate that, but the public
14	needs to see my side of the story on what has
15	happened, and that has not been brought to
16	the attention of the public from the CPA.
17	CPA has not done that. Why? Why all this is
18	not on there to explain the reasons behind
19	what's on the website? Bizarre, but let 's
20	go on.
21	A simple note on the
22	explanation would have said Kaushik did not
23	do the audits that are in question here.
24	That's what the website should have shown.
25	It should have reported that. It didn't. We
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1	don't have to disclose everything if it does
2	not need to be disclosed. It did not need to
3	be disclosed. We were prepared on the basis
4	of joint facts. This would have never come
5	in this channel. We wanted to settle this
6	case right at the beginning, but Mr. Hill and
7	Ms. Hubick would not accept the facts. They
8	caused all this to come to what it is today.
9	That is important that the public know that.
10	Why are we here? The public needs to know
11	why am I appealing this. I am denied the
12	results of the file review of Glen Dean. I'm
13	denied the results of it. That's the basics
14	of the whole argument here, who did the
15	audits and how clean were those audits?
16	Because based on his word, which I accepted
17	with trust, is that he went with flying
18	colours.
19	I'm sorry, but I cannot
20	be polite about this any longer. I need to
21	develop language skills to be able to clearly
22	put my case forth to the board, to the
23	public, to my clients, to my friends, to my
24	colleagues, to my partners. They all need to
25	know this. It isn't brought to public. I

1	haven't posted this on my website yet, but
2	this is the explanation I need to give to the
3	public. I need to know from the CPA's point
4	of view if I'm clear to post all this that
5	I'm talking about on my website, the
6	deficiencies in our organization, the process
7	on which these decisions are based. Do I do
8	that? To date I have held off on it. I
9	wanted the appeal to go through to make sure
10	that I do not want to air the dirty laundry
11	so to speak. I need advice on that from the
12	board and the memberships, whether this view
13	and my defence can be posted right beside
14	CPA's posting of my guilt? This should be
15	with that. This should sit right beside the
16	guilt and why and how they found me guilty.
17	It's not. It's missing. When does this
18	become public knowledge? After this hearing?
19	Does this become public knowledge with the
20	minutes that are here? Do I post the
21	discussion of this on the web page? Because
22	how do I protect the public from ourselves?
23	It's a deep question of where we sit.
24	My son, a year ago,
25	passed his examination with CPA. He is

1	currently articling with Price Waterhouse
2	Coopers, PWC, because he cannot get his audit
3	hours in our firm, but I'll tell you, he has
4	lost a lot of faith on how we operate. But I
5	have to constantly remind him, we are an
6	honourable profession, we have processes.
7	Six months ago he was ready to quit articles.
8	He says, what is this all about? Yeah, he
9	I encouraged him to finish his articles with
10	PWC. We went out for a meal. I digress. We
11	went out for a meal, and I told him this is
12	just an odd situation. He can't believe this
13	is happening, how this thing was running this
14	way. I'm hopeful he will finish his articles
15	and stick with it, but definitely it leaves
16	you shaken. So I said I can't be polite
17	about this. I have to somehow get this out
18	in a language that people can understand.
19	Let's go back to my
20	comment that I gave to the investigators when
21	they were investigating. I said to them,
22	Morgan Kennedy and Ms. Korven I explained
23	to her, the buck stops here, the buck stops
24	with me. They took that literally. That
25	meant I'm responsible for everything that

1	happened. Okay. Going to retrospect, had I
2	made Dean a partner, he would have signed
3	these reports. I was with him to help him
4	retire. That is why I looked at the audits
5	that he had prepared from a point of view of
6	looking at the report. The report I needed
7	to ensure was not wrong. That's why I looked
8	at the file on an overall basis. The report
9	was okay, but I didn't plan the audit, I
10	didn't execute the audit, I didn't go to the
11	audit. All I was doing was helping him
12	retire, trusting that his files were going
13	with flying colours. That buck stops with
14	me. I would not knowingly sign something
15	that I did not believe was not right. The
16	report was okay from my judgment and from my
17	looking. It would be wrong to hold me
18	responsible for the entire report sorry,
19	for the entire audit. I must be able to
20	explain any details in the report if somebody
21	wanted to ask me. I would explain if
22	something was absolutely like that \$200,000
23	investments. If somebody was to ask me,
24	where did you get this from, Rakesh, I
25	wouldn't have been able to answer it unless I

1	looked at it. That's why I say I did not
2	sign anything wrong. Nothing has come back
3	to tell me there's something wrong. Nothing
4	has ever been wrong on the report. That's
5	why I say I would have been ready to explain
6	why.
7	I think Mr. Dean knew
8	what he had to do, and he did that. I
9	provided support with staff using Excel
10	spreadsheets, writing letters, and doing the
11	administrative part of it to assist Mr. Dean
12	carry on his practice.
13	Did you want to stop for
14	a few minutes?
15	CHAIRPERSON: Well, I just want to
16	because there's getting to be a fair bit of
17	duplication in your comments that we already
18	have on record.
19	MR. KAUSHIK: Sure there is, yeah.
20	CHAIRPERSON: And I just are you
21	able to wrap up in the next couple of
22	minutes?
23	MR. KAUSHIK: I'm going to try.
24	CHAIRPERSON: I don't want to be
25	disrespectful, I want to give you every

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             opportunity, but --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  No, no. Well, I've got
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             evidence and folders to go through for -- for
             the board to look. I've got quite a bit
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             more.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay.
                                         Just so we
             understand, this is not a rehearing of the
             Discipline Committee, and, you know, if there
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             are specific examples that you are appealing
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             in terms of the decision, I think we need to
             focus on that.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah,
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             yeah. I haven't begun that yet. This is
14
             sort of just a statement I wanted to air out
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             first, but the --
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, no, I appreciate
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             that.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  But the decision that I
19
             provided a copy -- the decision itself I wish
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             to go through page by page and each of the
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             points that were made out here I wanted to go
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             through that because I -- I think that's all
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             I could provide you is my argument, but this
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             is just the background.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Go ahead, Mr. Sinclair.
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1	MR. SINCLAIR: Well, it's not really my
2	time to speak per se, but in terms of in
3	terms of what was provided by email to me in
4	sort of the there was a paragraph of
5	discipline decision and then a comment
6	underneath I have no concern of that, I think
7	that's quite proper. If it's going through
8	new evidence that wasn't otherwise before the
9	hearing panel, I would have some concerns.
10	CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. No, absolutely.
11	MR. KAUSHIK: There is no new evidence
12	that I've brought. Those are the binders
13	that we had when we went to the hearing of
14	the Discipline Committee. There is nothing
15	new there. I haven't added anything new to
16	the binder like the one you have there. I
17	just want to make sure that you have
18	MR. WALLER: So the evidence that you
19	have in your boxes, is that the evidence
20	MR. KAUSHIK: Yeah, that was presented,
21	yeah. I wanted to point out a few things
22	through there, because I'm not sure how the
23	board is going to go through all that I've
24	presented. I see they have a binder, but I
25	don't know how they go through that unless I

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             highlight those points.
                                  Well, yeah, I think if
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      MR. WALLER:
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              you're dealing with the evidence that was
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             presented --
      MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  Yeah.
      MR. WALLER:
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                                   -- and you have a
              different interpretation of --
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      MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I have quite a bit more,
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              then, to go through.
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      MR. WALLER:
                                   -- that, then you're
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              entitled to comment on the evidence.
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      MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Yes.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay. Well, I'm going to
14
              suggest, then, we break for lunch right now.
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      MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Okay.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  And how is the -- half an
17
             hour? So half an hour for everybody?
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      MS. GRANT:
                                  That's fine.
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  We can go downstairs, so,
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             yeah, okay.
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      MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Is there a buffet
              downstairs, do you know?
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      MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  I don't know if there is
24
             a buffet.
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                                  I don't think it's a
      MS. GRANT:
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             buffet.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Maybe I'll just grab a
3
              couple of things and --
     MR. SINCLAIR:
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                                  But then --
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  Why don't we break until
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             a quarter to 1.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, I was going to say
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             45 minutes.
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  Yeah, sure.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay.
                                         Thank you.
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      (Recessed at 12:06 p.m.)
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      (Reconvened at 12:50 p.m.)
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I quess we'll get
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             started. Just in terms of your introduction,
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             Mr. Kaushik, I think you were close to the
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             end just based on your paper --
                                  Yeah, correct.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                   -- but is there any
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             other final comments you want to make to wrap
20
             up, because then after you're done that I
21
             think we're going to take some time for the
22
             panel to ask some questions based on your
23
             introduction there, and then we'll move on to
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             the next part if that works for everybody.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I'll try to finish as
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1	quickly as I can. I'm not familiar on how to
2	even present my case, so I'm going I went
3	through the process of what I think are the
4	key issues to begin with, but I'm not sure
5	what all I need to still present. Whether
6	you need to see more of the evidence that was
7	already at the Discipline Committee hearing,
8	because those binders, I'm not sure if you've
9	got access to them, or I need to provide you
10	any further details, because I'm moving
11	through this, I understand, very slowly, but
12	the key is the decision that was handed down
13	which I'm challenging. Now I think I'm not
14	sure whether you need to see all of this or
15	you've already got it in your written
16	CHAIRPERSON: And we will speak to that
17	maybe once you have wrapped up your
18	MR. KAUSHIK: Right.
19	CHAIRPERSON: your evidence there,
20	yeah.
21	MR. KAUSHIK: I didn't know whether I
22	needed to go through this, or this is
23	sufficient for you to go through when you
24	are when you want to look at it at another
25	time.

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                                  I need some assistance on
                           Should I go through my -- the
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             that, Sean.
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             appeal, and the red letters, and my notes,
             that I provided the grounds for my appeal?
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             Do I need to go through this?
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     MR. SINCLAIR:
                                  I mean, I can't give you
              a lot of advice of the PCC --
     MR. WALLER:
                                  So, Mr. Kaushik --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Yeah.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                   -- I think what the
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             Chair is indicating, if you have anymore sort
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             of preliminary comments, kind of finish, wrap
             that up, the panel has a few questions, and
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             then they will let you sort of address your
15
             specific points --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Ah, okay, okay.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                   -- in terms of their --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Okay.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  You know, such that, you
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             know, I mean, I can tell you the panel has
21
             read everything, right?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Oh, thank you.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  Yeah.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Thank you.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  They know --
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1	MS.	CARSON:	Yeah, we have seen that.
2	MR.	KAUSHIK:	Very good.
3	MS.	CARSON:	Yeah.
4	MR.	KAUSHIK:	That's what I was
5		wonders, who	ether I should go through this
6		point by po	int form. I'm happy to I'm
7		happy that	you've already gone through it and
8		you underst	and the concerns.
9	MS.	CARSON:	Yeah, yeah.
10	MR.	KAUSHIK:	Thank you. You are
11		right, a lo	t of this is repetitive, and I
12		think I can	wrap this up, yeah, right, very
13		quickly, by	pointing out that I found that
14		the practic	e examination was very
15		discriminat	ive given they were Glen Dean's
16		files for o	ver 30 years. He prepared these
17		files, and	that's the that's the gist of
18		the entire	crux of what's happened here.
19			I'm not sure exactly at
20		which point	I would need to point out on how
21		I would see	k damages from those decisions
22		that were m	ade, because I have a lot of
23		expense inc	urred which I think I should not
24		have had to	incur, had we been able to deal
25		with the Pr	ofessional Conduct Committee from

1	the beginning. The	choices that were given
2	to me, how and when	should I put in for my
3	damages, and whethe	r or not this committee,
4	the board, is in a	position to assess that.
5	That's I don't k	now at what point to ask
6	for that. When you	make your decision do we
7	get another hearing	? Do we get cleared?
8	Once you go through	it, I seek damages.
9	CHAIRPERSON:	Just to clarify, our role
10	here today as the a	ppeal panel is to hear
11	your appeal of the	Discipline Committee
12	decision only.	
13	MR. KAUSHIK:	Okay.
14	CHAIRPERSON:	So that's our role here
15	today.	
16	MR. KAUSHIK:	Okay.
17	CHAIRPERSON:	So I think we need to
18	limit it to that fo	r today.
19	MR. KAUSHIK:	Okay. Thank you very
20	much. I simply wan	ted to get some
21	clarification that	do I have to sue the CPA
22	for damages outside	the court, once hopefully
23	you'll make that ri	ght decision from our
24	point of view? So	that is something I just
25	don't know where to	turn to, what the

1	authority of this board is or this hearing
2	is. As you said, you have limited thank
3	you very much. I don't know how to continue
4	from that point of view.
5	So I won't go through
6	this, the appeal of my decision, which I
7	think you said you are familiar with.
8	CHAIRPERSON: Sure, yeah. Before we
9	get to that, can you just allow us maybe an
10	opportunity to ask a few questions based on
11	what you've said so far in your introduction?
12	MR. KAUSHIK: Can I just maybe make
13	another point of matter? If you're okay with
14	this, the binders I have brought with me are
15	the ones that we presented to the Discipline
16	Committee. If you need to see any further, I
17	guess, documents to support what I've been
18	talking about, do you need for instance,
19	as an example, I have a binder which we
20	called binder number 1, which was at the
21	committee meeting. Whether you have gone
22	through any of that information that was
23	given at the Discipline Committee because
24	these this is where the copies of those
25	files are, copies of the files that Dean

1	prepared, so this is essentially Dean's work
2	of files that he prepared. This was all part
3	of what was presented. Do I need to go
4	through this to give you any or have you
5	also got access to everything else that the
6	Discipline Committee had?
7	MS. CARSON: We have read through the
8	transcript of everything that happened at the
9	Discipline Committee hearing.
10	CHAIRPERSON: And the exhibits that
11	were included.
12	MS. CARSON: And the exhibits that
13	were included.
14	MR. KAUSHIK: Well, this would be this.
15	CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, yeah.
16	MS. CARSON: Yes, yeah, whatever you
17	see.
18	MR. KAUSHIK: Okay.
19	MS. CARSON: Yeah.
20	MR. KAUSHIK: So you had a chance.
21	CHAIRPERSON: Yeah.
22	MR. KAUSHIK: Thank you.
23	MS. CARSON: Yeah.
24	MR. KAUSHIK: Because then I just
25	brought these in support of what I was

1		discussing, the cop	pies of all the audit filed
2		are here. Whether	you need them again or not
3		is not a or whet	her I should provide you
4		with a binder or no	ot
5	CHAIRPI	ERSON:	No.
6	MS. CAI	RSON:	We have seen that
7		already.	
8	MR. KA	USHIK:	That's okay?
9	MS. CAI	RSON:	Yeah.
10	MR. KA	USHIK:	Okay. Thank you.
11	MR. WA	LLER:	The panel has all of that
12		evidence, Mr. Kaush	nik.
13	MS. CAI	RSON:	Yeah.
14	MR. KA	USHIK:	Thank you very much.
15	MR. WA	LLER:	Yeah.
16	MR. KA	USHIK:	Thank you. That's the
17		only thing I was go	ing to go through. I
18		think we can do thi	s fairly quick then, you
19		know, yeah.	
20	CHAIRP	ERSON:	Okay. Well, I know that
21		the panel does have	e a few questions, so
22		maybe, Carrie, do y	ou want to go first?
23	MS. CAI	RSON:	Sure, yeah. I have one
24		question specifical	ly. So what did you think
25		your responsibility	was signing the audit
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1		report?
2	MR.	KAUSHIK: The purpose of signing
3		the report was that I was the only partner,
4		therefore, I signed the report because we
5		didn't make Dean a partner.
6	MS.	CARSON: Yeah.
7	MR.	KAUSHIK: That was the only issue
8		for me is to have him carry on I wish I
9		had made him a partner, that's the only issue
10		I have, so I more or less assisted him to
11		ensure, you know, the file fits together.
12		That's what I did, and that's the biggest
13		blunder I have, and that's why I have said in
14		my, you know, statements, is my position was
15		clear to Dean, was made clear to the clients.
16		I was in transition with hope that either one
17		of our own employees would take over practice
18		or we'd want to bring in an audit partner.
19		That's been my desire for
20		more than maybe ten years is I always
21		wanted if I can go back, in 2005 for 20
22		years I had already been in practice,
23		realizing that there's more to a practice
24		going forward and learning from other
25		accountants. I found the group of DNTW

1	chartered accountants who were forming a
2	national partnership in Calgary, Adrian Nagy.
3	I contacted him, I said what is you guys
4	are a new firm, what are you doing? He said,
5	well, we've been together for more than 15,
6	20 years. We've been talking about getting
7	together and forming a group so we can learn
8	from each other. I said why not a Saskatoon
9	office? I've been in practice for 20 years.
10	They invited me to a meeting in Winnipeg, all
11	the partners were there, we introduced each
12	other, they explained what they are doing and
13	said, we'd love to have you join us. We
14	created a group that primarily learned from
15	each other. I said, we can grow together.
16	We had resources we shared, libraries we did.
17	If I had an issue I would send out an email
18	and three or four partners would respond to
19	my concerns or what we needed to learn, so we
20	learned from each other.
21	The Calgary office was a
22	full-service office. The Toronto office was
23	a full-service office. They did audits, they
24	did public company audits, huge sort of
25	resources was available, and I said the
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1	Calgary office was the ideal office.	They
2	had, as I said, audit division, they	had tax.
3	I think they had 32 on staff, and we	e felt we
4	had the resources should we need the	em, so we
5	could support a Saskatoon office as	a full
6	service office. Then that's when I	took
7	that as I was saying, I developed	l the
8	7,500-square-foot office in the buil	ding we
9	bought with the view to bringing in	three or
10	four more partners, and we wanted to	) have an
11	office in Saskatoon like the one we	have in
12	Calgary and in Toronto. This was pa	art of the
13	strategy to make Saskatoon office ar	nd for me
14	a nice place to work with other	
15	professionals. That's what the whol	e idea
16	was. So we only began that process	to merge
17	a few offices with us.	
18	MS. CARSON: Yeah.	
19	MR. KAUSHIK: And when Dean ca	me in I
20	said, this is the agreement we made.	You
21	come in, we'll help you retire, but	I don't
22	do audits, you continue doing audits	s. The
23	only thing is that when we went to t	he
24	Calgary meeting they said, well, the	ere's no
25	sense making him a partner for just	12

1		months, maybe 16 mc	onths, so let him carry on
2		his audits, and you	should have no problem
3		signing these as a	partner. That's why I
4		signed them off and	d I looked at them in that
5		respect. There was	s nothing blatantly wrong
6		with any file I	mean, report. The files
7		had deficiencies, k	out the report did not.
8		The report stood ok	cay.
9	MS. CA	RSON:	Can I clarify something
10		with that?	
11	MR. KA	USHIK:	Sure.
12	MS. CA	RSON:	So when you mean the
13		report, did you jus	st mean when you were
14		signing you thought	you were only responsible
15		for the wording in	the audit report and not
16		the audit file?	
17	MR. KA	USHIK:	Not the entire let me
18		go back. I was not	involved in planning the
19		audit. I was not i	involved in execution of
20		the audit. I didn'	t attend the offices that
21		Glen did the audits	s with. He went out to all
22		his client s like h	ne always had, but when he
23		came in and said it	t's done, I looked at the
24		audit file from a g	general point of view,
25		which is the report	t, there are sections for

1	the balance sheet, so the cash investments,
2	capital assets, accounts payables, so the
3	general look and feel of the report that it's
4	backed up. As an example, you have for
5	cash you would have a back up, you would have
6	the standard bank confirmation, bank
7	statements, bank reconciliations, so the
8	general things I did look at because that's
9	the assistance I would provide. At least
10	somebody gets to look at it before it goes
11	out, and anything I was going to sign before
12	it went out, I looked at that, but I didn't
13	do the audit.
14	MS. CARSON: So do you think it is the
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             care -- take over the audit. This is why I'm
             saying, the confusion sits to this day as to
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             what my involvement truly was.
     MS. CARSON:
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                                  But just to clarify, I
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             think you said before Dean was not a partner?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  We did not make him a
             partner.
     MS. CARSON:
                                  So --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  That's right, and that's
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             why I keep harping on the same thing, the
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             signature is mine, the audit is not mine.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  I quess -- so that is
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             your opinion, that the signing partner is not
14
             responsible for audit?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  It's a fact.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  A fact of --
                                  A fact of my involvement
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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             in the file.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  But against the
             professional standards, someone would say
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             that if you're the signing partner, you would
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             be responsible for the review, the execution,
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             and the planning of the audit?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I believe that's the view
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             that CPA has held. It's not my view.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  Or the view of the
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             standards, Canadian Auditing Standards,
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             right?
     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I believe that's the
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             position they have taken.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  Those were my only two
             questions.
     MR. SPILCHEN:
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                                  Just to follow up, was it
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             considered to have one of the offices who is
10
             regularly with involved with audits, you
11
             know, be the signer of those audit reports?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  How do you mean sign
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             them?
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Well, ultimately to take
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             the responsibility for the quality of the
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             file.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  It would be the same
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             thing that I have done. If I had asked, for
19
             example, my Montreal office to sign off on
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             this report, they would have -- they have
21
             been doing exactly what I did.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Right, but if they're
23
             proficient in auditing that would be -- yeah,
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             just a question there if that was considered.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  If I may interject --
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1	MR.	SPILCHEN: Yeah.
2	MR.	KAUSHIK: no, it wasn't
3		considered because Dean was essentially the
4		only one that was knowledgeable of the
5		clients, and he carried on his practice in
6		our office. That's the whole issue here. He
7		carried on his practice just as he had all
8		the time. The only issue is that we didn't
9		make him a partner. That's why I'm saying
10		all the evidence will show and it supports
11		that he carried on. That's the issue here.
12	MR.	SPILCHEN: Well, from my experience
13		there is a different set of reward and risk
14		that goes with being a partner as opposed to
15		an employee.
16	MS.	CARSON: Mmhmm.
17	MR.	SPILCHEN: So ultimately, you know,
18		in my view, like, I'm a partner, and, yeah,
19		I'm responsible for deficiencies of other
20		other practitioners in our firm that and,
21		yeah, it's not like we've gone through things
22		without any issues along the way, and, yeah,
23		I've been responsible to stroke cheques out
24		to clients where our subordinates didn't
25		didn't do their job, and it's painful, but

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             it's our responsibility as partners to accept
             the risk and the liability that goes with
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             that reward.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                 Well, the risk and
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             liabilities -- he was not an employee of DNTW
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             chartered accounts.
                                   That is an error in
             the -- is it in the investigator's reports?
             Where do you get an impression that he was an
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9
             employee?
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                 I believe I saw it in
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             your read comments there somewhere.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                 He was actually never an
1.3
             employee. He was a subcontract. We paid him
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             as a contractor. He gave us an invoice, and
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             we paid his invoice.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                 Yeah, I think the same
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             thing Darcy said, though, would stand true
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             with that. I'm also a partner in a firm, and
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             we contract out some services, but ultimately
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             it would be the signing partner's
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             responsibility for what the contractor had
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             performed for you.
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                                 This is -- this is the
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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             most difficult part of this, is that he was
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             not a typical subcontractor. I didn't buy a
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1	pr	actice and then s	ubcontract it out. This
2	wa	s a merger of the	practices where he would
3	CC	ntinue to carry o	n the audit division.
4	Th	is is this is	probably the most baffling
5	pa	rt for anybody wh	o is looking at it, is to
6	un	derstand what his	role was fully in this
7	m∈	rger. This argum	ent I have heard that you
8	si	gned, you signed,	you signed, but you
9	di	dn't look at the	whole context. That's why
10	I	amended the state	ment of facts, the facts
11	on	which the Profes	sional Conduct Committee
12	ma	de a decision on	April 6, 2016 was not made
13	on	all the facts.	That's why I sent in the
14	st	atement of adjust	ments of the facts, which
15	W∈	re rejected by Hu	bick and Berger. I'm not
16	su	re if the Profess	ional Conduct Committee
17	gc	t a chance to loo	k at it. Why would those
18	fa	cts not be consid	lered?
19	MS. CARSO	N:	I think they were.
20	MR. KAUSH	IK:	They were not. There's
21	nc	evidence for tha	t. They weren't.
22	CHAIRPERS	ON:	Any other questions?
23	MR. SPILC	HEN:	Yes, yes, sorry.
24	CHAIRPERS	ON:	I didn't jump in because
25	th	ere's good segue	here if you want me to

1	give you a minute.
2	MR. SPILCHEN: Okay, go ahead, yeah,
3	yeah.
4	CHAIRPERSON: So, sir, to come back to
5	your notion of the merger
6	MR. KAUSHIK: Yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON: And I guess I just have a
8	question in terms of when you decided to
9	enter into this merger arrangement with Mr.
10	Dean. In terms of your due diligence ahead
11	of that merger, or that partnership, or
12	whatever you want to call it, I guess I would
13	consider it the same process you would go
14	through to hire any employee in terms of
15	assessing the competency of the individual.
16	What front end work did you do in the case of
17	Mr. Dean?
18	MR. KAUSHIK: I didn't do any. I was
19	simply the old school as we said, we agreed
20	to come together, we'll help you retire, you
21	will do this because I don't do audits,
22	that's the whole division neither was I
23	looking for an audit division to run. The
24	blunder in the whole issue was I didn't make
25	him a partner, and that is the only issue in
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1	front of you, is why, because we agreed in
2	Calgary there's no there was no point in
3	making him a partner for such a for such a
4	short period. That's the whole issue. And
5	as you are looking at this and saying, well,
6	you're the partner, you're the partner,
7	you're the partner, that's I'll I've heard, I
8	said I'm not the partner on audit. I do not
9	work on these audits. I didn't work on those
10	audits. And if that has created a confusion
11	either with the client or the board, I want
12	to fix that problem. That's why I'm saying,
13	how am I going to fix that problem of signing
14	it? Because I want to disengage from that if
15	that has created a huge problem.
16	MS. CARSON: What do you think the
17	consequences should be for you signing the
18	report?
19	MR. KAUSHIK: None. I'm not the audit.
20	I'm just helping a client or a partner
21	retire. That's the issue. You can
22	complicate it with all the legal stuff that
23	might follow it, but in essence that's what
24	the that's the whole argument, he's a
25	partner. I treated him like a partner.

1		That's the issue. How do you move forward		
2		from that thinking? How can I convince you		
3		that's all my involvement was? But I didn't		
4		want to sign reports which I didn't believe		
5		were right. To that I was I was aware		
6	there might be deficiencies in his files from			
7	that point of view, so I wanted to make sure			
8		my report if I sign, should at least be		
9		correct as much as possible.		
10	MS.	CARSON: I guess that's still		
11		where I have a bit of confusion.		
12	MR.	KAUSHIK: Sure, yeah.		
13	MS.	CARSON: So your report was		
14		correct, but the file had deficiencies.		
15	MR.	KAUSHIK: Yeah.		
16	MS.	CARSON: So as an audit partner		
17		myself I look at that as one, so can you		
18		explain why you look at that as two different		
19		things?		
20	MR.	KAUSHIK: Well, because my view		
21		was, you know, I've got a I've got Glen		
22		whose wish is to retire, and I want to help		
23		him retire. I want to at least make sure		
24		that he retires. And the retirement was to		
25		happen with a new partner who would take over		

1		the audits. That was our plan. And I said	
2		Glen was having difficulty selling his	
3		practice, so I said, let's try this. In	
4		retrospect I wish I had never signed the	
5		report and he would have signed all his	
6		reports as he always did, but the merger did	
7	not make him a partner.		
8	MS.	CARSON: Right.	
9	MR.	KAUSHIK: That's it.	
10	MS.	CARSON: But aside from that, I	
11		guess, still my question is how did you think	
12		you could sign the report if there were	
13		deficiencies in the audit?	
14	MR.	KAUSHIK: Because I didn't consider	
15		them my audits.	
16	MS.	CARSON: But the report was	
17		attached to the audits.	
18	MR.	KAUSHIK: That's right. So I	
19		assisted him in some deficiencies that I had	
20		figured were there, like I pointed out the	
21		term deposit, they had to have a back up and	
22		they didn't. I said, Glen, I'm not signing	
23		this. You can sign them if you like, until	
24		this is fixed I'm not signing it. I asked	
25		him to go back and find that, but they were	

1	under such time restraint to have that report
2	for the meeting, I drove out and talked to
3	the administrator, so I was just assisting
4	him to make sure the files were okay or,
5	sorry, the report was okay. That's my
6	involvement. I did want to help him to make
7	sure his work is okay. That's my
8	assistant I would help anybody who needed
9	by help, but I do want to get him to retire,
10	so you know.
11	Well, this is the
12	point excuse me. The main point is, I
13	didn't know they were all deficient the way
14	normally I would as a partner as a partner
15	of the audit. I was not partner of the
16	audit, never was. That's why you will see
17	all these all the information that's there
18	in front of you. I wouldn't know about the
19	deficiency of the audits in the current year
20	or the previous years, because we were under
21	the impression he has gone through file
22	reviews with flying colour. He was the
23	auditor. I'm not the auditor. I'm not
24	running an audit practice. I wasn't running
25	an audit practice before. He was the audit

1	specialist, the only partner in the audit.
2	It was his division to run and he ran it.
3	MS. CARSON: Do you think the public
4	would see you as the audit partner because
5	your signature was on the report?
6	MR. KAUSHIK: Well, there is there
7	is where the issue is, what does the public
8	think, and if the public is being fooled,
9	then it is now my responsibility to fix that,
10	and if you point me point out to me that
11	that is a problem for CPA, or for the public,
12	or any impression that I have given, I
13	believe the board I believe the people who
14	he audited understood that he is going to
15	continue with his audits, he did the audits
16	all the time. Those clients wouldn't even
17	recognize me. I never even met with them.
18	That's how much of his involvement was
19	continuing as a partner. This is the
20	argument I would put to anybody, what does
21	the public think? Well, Glen Dean is in the
22	office, he is treated as a partner, so what
23	does the public think? DNTW, he was part of
24	it, so DNTW signed off the report and he is
25	part of it, and he is treated as a partner,

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             so where is the problem? What does the
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             public need to think? Rakesh signed them, is
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             that what they think?
     MS. CARSON:
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                                 I'm not sure. I can't
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             speak to what --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                 Well, he's with us. He's
             working in the office. He is's doing all the
             audits. Which public is thinking what?
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             Where is the confusion? Nobody has come to
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             us and said, Rakesh, we have a confusion who
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             did this report. Nobody came to see any
             confusion. Where is the confusion?
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     MS. CARSON:
                                 I think that usually the
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             public thinks partners sign the report, and
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             we have heard that Dean was not a partner
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             with the firm.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                 But I treated him as a
18
             partner.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                 But he wasn't the signing
20
             partner.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                 But he was the partner in
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             charge of the audit as far as I'm concerned,
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             so if that's an argument I want to defend it
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             completely to make sure it's clear as who is
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             doing the audit. If any party has come to
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             the CPA and said, jeez, I thought Rakesh did
             this audit, not Dean -- nobody has come with
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             that complaint because everybody understood
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             who did the audit. That's the clear --
             that's 100 percent clear who did the audit.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Darcy, did you have
             anything else?
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Yeah, so on point 31
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             of -- how can we identify this document that
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             I've --
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  This is the decision of
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             the Discipline Committee that you have
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             inserted your notes in red.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Oh, point 37?
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, so what you have in
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             front of you.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  No, 31.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Oh, sorry. That's not
19
              it. That's here.
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     MR. WALLER:
                                  On page 15.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Okay.
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     MS. HOLMAN:
                                  Mike, that's the one we
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             did November 26th?
     MS. CARSON:
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                                  Yes.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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1	MS. HOL	MAN:	Okay. Thank you.
2	CHAIRPERSON:		And let us know if you
3		have any questions	in a minute, Gayle.
4	MS. HOL	MAN:	Okay.
5	MR. SPI	LCHEN:	In the red there, like,
6		what I'm seeing is	that it is July 27, 2014
7		to Ms. Hubick, Mr.	Kaushik recounted that
8		DNTW had engaged Gl	en Dean an experienced
9		auditor as an emplo	yee of the firm in
10		September 2012. Th	nat's why I thought that he
11		was an employee.	
12	MR. KAU	SHIK:	Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah,
13		I know that that ha	as been the difficulty for
14		most people who have	re looked at this, the way
15		it was presented.	It appears as if I have an
16		audit, I'm asking h	nim to please come and help
17		me do the audit. T	This is an experienced
18		auditor. The key h	nere he is the experienced
19		partner, that I tre	eated him as a partner. He
20		was carrying on	this was not some new
21		employee that came	along that I'm going to
22		train. This is his	s complete audit division.
23		It appears as if I	engaged him, but that's
24		the appearance you	will get, but the actual
25		fact of the matter	is that he ran all the
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1 audit division of his as he had prior to meeting me. And that's why I'm saying how 2 could you miss that in all of evidence I've 3 provided on would did the audit? This is not 5 Rakesh running an audit division. This is Dean still running his division as he always 6 The clients loved him. He did their work for them, because the administrators did 8 9 not even know how to prepare the report. 10 This man took it with a calculator and a pencil and drafted a 22 page report, because 11 12 no one in that office could do that. 1.3 was doing all their work. He was preparing 14 the reports for them. 15 And if I can go one 16 further, on the audit of RVLB, the 17 administrator prior to issuing the report, 18 Glen gave him the report, and he looked at 19 the report and came to our office to see 20 Dean was not available. So I talked Dean. 21 to him. He said there is adjustments to make 22 to this to report, and he was so thorough 23 with it. He said, these 20 dollars don't 24 belong in this category, it belongs in this 25 expense category. We, means me and the

1	administrator, we made fine tune changes to
2	the report. Him and I sat down and did that.
3	And he was he was not happy with Dean's
4	work to the extent that he wanted to prepare
5	the report himself on an excel spreadsheet.
6	That's what we were working on, on an excel
7	spreadsheet, and he said that he asked Glen
8	to teach him how to prepare that report on
9	spreadsheet. Well Glen did not know how to
10	operate or work with a spreadsheet. He
11	worked with pencil and paper. And so I said
12	so him, that I'll be happy to teach it to
13	you, because he should be preparing it. He
14	knows how to do the work, he knew every penny
15	where it went in that report. So Glen
16	prepared the report, we fine tuned it with
17	one our two items. The point I want to make
18	is that I didn't do the audit, I didn't
19	prepare the report. The administrator was
20	just okay with everything except a couple
21	things that should be adjusted. I think Glen
22	took six hours to prepare that report. On a
23	spreadsheet it could probably be done in an
24	hour or two, and the administration wanted to
25	do that.

1	So the point I want to
2	make is even there I did not do the audit,
3	the one under question here that's I said,
4	so if you look at the whole thing, I made my
5	notes. I said, this is a very, very good
6	treasurer, he wants to do the whole thing,
7	but Glen never let him because he did the
8	audit, he did the reports, he prepared it
9	like he had year after year after probably
10	for 15 years. Some files, the second one
11	that we see here, the MUC file, well, I have
12	files going back to 2002. All the files that
13	he has prepared are sitting in archives at my
14	office, and every file you will see is done
15	exactly the same way, including the one
16	that's under question here. These are his
17	files, these are his division. This isn't
18	somebody I went and hired to do this. This
19	is a merger. He is doing all the work that
20	he always did. That's the point I've made
21	here. That's the point that I've made in my
22	adjusted statement of facts which with you
23	rejected. How can that be rejected? These
24	are facts.
25	So the question is, are

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             you as an audit partner responsible? Well,
             the audit partner is him.
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                                          That's the key
                      That's why we are banging our heads
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             against the wall trying to convince anybody
             would will listen, I'm not the auditor here.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  I have some more
             follow-up questions if that's okay.
                                                    So with
             Dean's fee being a third of the market rate,
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             did that raise any concerns?
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  It did.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Mmhmm.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  It did to me.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Yeah, it would to me as
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             well.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  To bring in a partner and
             to satisfy the needs of these types of
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             clients at that low rate, I don't think he
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             was able to sell his practice, nor would
19
             anybody want to come and take a -- take a
20
             division like this over.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Mmhmm.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  It was a huge concern.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Like, when did the
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             deficiencies of his work surface? I'm just
25
             going through my notes, and there was the one
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1	point that you made that you had discovered
2	deficiencies with Dean's work, and he said,
3	no one reads the reports anyway, and then
4	when there was, like a subordinate, who
5	advised you that Dean just took the
6	information without asking a single question,
7	but at the same time you'd consider him to be
8	honest and hardworking and that you thought
9	that he needed he knew what he needed to
10	do and he did it so there's I'm a little
11	bit torn on what you're opinion of him as a
12	professional is.
13	MR. KAUSHIK: Well, yeah, this was
13 14	MR. KAUSHIK: Well, yeah, this was towards the end when he was there, and when I
14	towards the end when he was there, and when I
14 15	towards the end when he was there, and when I discovered that term the investments were
14 15 16	towards the end when he was there, and when I discovered that term the investments were not real, I went I drove out to the town
14 15 16 17	towards the end when he was there, and when I discovered that term the investments were not real, I went I drove out to the town and talked with the administrator and that's
14 15 16 17 18	towards the end when he was there, and when I discovered that term the investments were not real, I went I drove out to the town and talked with the administrator and that's when he, the administrator, informed me on
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             prepared an auditor report, he did the whole
             work without asking a single question.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Yeah, that's clearly --
     MRS. KAUSHIK:
                                  But he's saying when that
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             happened it didn't happen until he was
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             virtually out of the office.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Until he was virtually
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             gone, yeah, yeah.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Well, that's clearly not
             within audit standards.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Well, yeah, absolutely.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Yeah, yeah.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Absolutely.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  And just my last
15
             question, sorry for hogging all the questions
16
             here, is the firm still in practice in
17
             Saskatoon here?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  I am.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Okay.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Without audits.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Okay.
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     MRS. KAUSHIK:
                                  They haven't done an
23
             audit since he left.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  We hadn't done an audit
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             since he left, absolutely. Not only that,
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             we -- we are not involved in audits. That's
             the key to the whole thing, I was never
2
             involved in audits.
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      CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  I just have one more
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             quick question before I turn it he over to
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             Paul and Gayle, just because it's an
             extension of what Darcy was asking. So in
             terms of Mr. Dean, I don't want to focus too
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             much on him, but you mentioned a couple of
             times that the file reviews for Mr. Dean
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11
             previously -- I think the term used, passed
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             with flying colours. What verification do
1.3
             you have of that?
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  It was his word.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Okay.
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     MRS. KAUSHIK:
                                  They wouldn't give it to
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             us now, so they wouldn't give it to you then,
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             would they?
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  No, I just --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Well, the point is I -- I
             did not look at his file reviews.
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     MRS. KAUSHIK:
                                  Well, you wouldn't have
23
             access to them.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Exactly.
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                                  That's all I had.
     CHAIRPERSON:
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1	MR. KAUSHIK: Yeah, just to expand with
2	a couple more sentences, and I think I was
3	trying explain that throughout the theme of
4	the whole day, is I did not go through a due
5	diligence so to speak, because I wasn't take
6	over an audit division. Understand that,
7	because the due diligence was not required
8	from my point of view, because I'm not taking
9	an audit division to run. This was to
10	continue for him to run. That's the crux of
11	the whole thing. That's why the due
12	diligence isn't there. The due diligence
13	isn't there because he was continuing to run
14	the audit division. I had no desire to take
15	over an audit division. This is why all the
16	support is in front of you, who did the
17	audit, how was it done, who controlled it,
18	who planned it, would executed? It was him.
19	I did not run an audit division. This is
20	what 's called created the confusion with
21	the file reviewer for the Professional
22	Conduct Committee, for the Discipline
23	Committee. No one took the time to
24	understand my real involvement. That's why
25	we are here at the appeal level. I'm hoping

1		that somebody wou	ald be able to understand my
2		position.	
3	CHAIRPI	ERSON:	No, I appreciate that.
4	MR. KA	USHIK:	Yeah.
5	CHAIRPI	ERSON:	Gayle, do you have any
6		questions for Mr.	. Kaushik?
7	MS. HO	LMAN:	Yeah, I just have one.
8		Mr. Kaushik, wher	n you worked with Mr. Dean's
9		clients, you woul	ld assume did you assume
10		that it would be	your full responsibility to
11		ensure that any o	or all of the work that's
12		being done was of	f the standards that needed
13		to be done? So	you've got his files and your
14		files, and so I $v$	would assume that you would
15		want to take resp	consibility to make sure that
16		those files are o	completed to what the
17		standards should	be.
18	MR. KAU	USHIK:	Well, this is what I've
19		tried to explain	my position on all the audit
20		files, is that I'	m not responsible for the
21		entire file. Thi	is is what I've been trying
22		explain. I've ne	ever felt that I'm in a
23		position to take	over this audit file and
24		assume all the re	esponsibilities for it,
25		because I was nev	ver working as an audit

1	partner. That's the confusion I think
2	everybody is sitting with and ask me so many
3	times, what is your role? Well, my role was
4	to help him retire, and if I saw
5	deficiencies, I'm the only I'm the only
6	partner in the Saskatoon office, and that's
7	the crux of the whole thing, I did not assume
8	responsibility for the audits.
9	MS. HOLMAN: But during that
10	transition though there would be work in
11	progress that you would have to take
12	responsibility because it was it was still
13	ultimately your responsibility to make sure
14	that that work is all completed.
15	MR. KAUSHIK: No, that's not my view of
16	this at all because I'm not the audit
17	partner. I am only a partner in Saskatoon.
18	I treated Mr. Dean as a partner, and you can
19	see that on every audit that was done. He
20	did it exactly the same way that he had done
21	it for the previous 10 to 20 years. He was
22	the audit partner in my view.
23	CHAIRPERSON: Paul, did you have
24	MS. HOLMAN: That's I'll I have, Mike.
25	CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, thanks. Sorry,

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1	Gayle. Yeah.
2	So, Paul, did you have
3	any questions?
4	MR. JACOB: No, I think all of the
5	questions I wanted to ask has been asked.
6	Thank you.
7	CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Darcy, you're good
8	now?
9	MR. SPILCHEN: Yeah, yeah.
10	CHAIRPERSON: You're good?
11	MR. SPILCHEN: Mmhmm.
12	CHAIRPERSON: Okay. So I just wanted
13	to, again, come back to the decision of the
14	Discipline Committee and the document you
15	have in front of you there, the one that you
16	have red lined or put your responses in red,
17	just to give you a final opportunity, if
18	there was anything in there that you wanted
19	to speak specifically to, that you have a
20	you know, again, we have read everything,
21	we're familiar with what's there, but if
22	there is any specific point that's part of
23	your appeal that you want to make on any of
24	those decisions or any items within the
25	decision, just we will give you that brief

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             opportunity before we move on.
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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                                  Can we just take a
             five-minute break, then?
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                                       I'll just take a
             look through this file.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yeah, certainly.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Because I was just going
             to discuss it point by point, by I don't have
             anything that I have on my finger at this
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             moment. Let's take a little break.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Sure.
      (Recessed at 1:36 p.m.)
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      (Reconvened at 1:43 p.m.)
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  So, Mr. Kaushik, you had
             a chance to review the document? Is there
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             anything you have --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Yeah, I've looked at all
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             these several times, and I hope I can present
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             my view on each point. The one that I think
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             also has been a point of confusion, is in
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             case 14-04 and the page 2 of the decision.
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             just wanted to highlight a couple of items,
             and they might not be as clear as I want it
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                    When we had a file review in 2012
             to be.
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             there was criticisms that were pointed out
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             that we were doing too much work on the file.
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2	had changed such that we could not audit our
3	own work, therefore, we stopped doing those
4	charity and nonprofit audits and we informed
5	the clients we can no longer do that type of
6	work, so we had stopped because we were we
7	were required to stop. And they had
8	requested that I have a corrective action
9	plan to the deficiencies. Well, I eliminated
10	those deficiencies by stopping doing the
!1	audits, so we simply stopped doing them, and
1.2	I did not provide anything to reply to, that
1.3	is until later when Dean joined us and they
14	had a second review. When the review of
1.5	those files came in, then I said, maybe I may
16	have to do some of this work, so I developed
17	a corrective action plan based on the second
18	review, so I provided the corrective action
19	plan with the assistance of Joe MacDonald,
20	our partner in Toronto. I called him, and I
?1	said, I know we need to do a plan to address
?2	these deficiencies. We prepared a corrective
?3	action plan, I sent it to CPA, I never heard
24	from them. There was no response to the plan
?5	that I had sent in. But when the

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             investigators came to look at this case
             14-04, Korven asked me why I didn't submit a
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                     I was baffled.
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                    I got no response to it.
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                                  So I went back to my
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             other office, and I got the copy of the plan
             I had submitted to which to this day I have
             not had a response. There was a corrective
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             action plan. Then they said -- well, first I
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             was informed I don't -- I didn't give them
                   Then I was informed it was late.
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             that's the basis of case number 14-04, it was
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             late. How late, or who got it, or when the
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             issues with that arose, I believe that they
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             were of the opinion there wasn't one.
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             is a huge confusion of who looked at my
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             submission of that corrective action plan.
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             think to this day there is no answer on it.
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     MS. CARSON:
                                  Did you email the
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             collective action plan.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
                                  Yes, I did.
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     MS. CARSON:
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             of what date you sent that on?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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             my office.
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1	MS. CAF	RSON:	Okay.
2	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	I hope I have it. It was
3		quite a long time a	ago, but I submitted that
4		plan.	
5	MS. CAF	RSON:	Okay.
6	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	Because as soon as Joe
7		and I developed it,	I sent it in. I emailed
8		it in.	
9	CHAIRPE	ERSON:	So would this not have
10		been part of the Di	scipline Committee
11		deliberations confi	rming whether or not that
12		was submitted? Lik	ce, did you provide a copy
13		of the email?	
14	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	Oh, yeah.
15	CHAIRPE	ERSON:	Yeah.
16	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	In the investigation I
17		also provided a cop	y of the plan, because in
18		my office I had a c	copy of the plan. Then I
19		think the investiga	ator, Ms. Korven, looked at
20		it, and she looked	quite surprised that there
21		was even one on han	nd. It's been a point of
22		confusion for me is	s that I never you are
23		right, I never hear	rd from them as to the
24		nature of what that	plan whether it was
25		acceptable or not a	acceptable , and that's

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1	happened twice.
2	CHAIRPERSON: Maybe a question for
3	Mr. Sinclair, the Discipline Committee's
4	decision clearly states that that he did not
5	receive the first corrective action plan?
6	MR. SINCLAIR: I would have to go back
7	to the transcript, but I believe that my
8	recollection is, that it was uncertain
9	whether it was received initially, but there
10	was another one, like, in very short order.
11	And so both were in July of 2014. The
12	request was made in December of 2013 to
13	get in December 2013 the response was
14	requested within 60 days, a late fee was
15	assessed there after, and then there was a
16	request for it again, and then there was
17	another 60 days that elapsed with an
18	indication that it would be sent to the PCC
19	given that there had at that stage still not
20	been a receipt.
21	CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I just wanted to
22	make sure. Okay.
23	MR. KAUSHIK: Can I I was trying
24	clarify that point.
25	CHAIRPERSON: Mmhmm.

1	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	What had happened was,
2		there was a file re	eview that was done in 2012
3		to which they reque	ested a corrective action
4		plan on my audit fi	les. I had stopped doing
5		audits, so therefor	re I didn't provide them
6		with a plan because	e I had stopped audits. It
7		was the second revi	lew, when she did the
8		review of the dean	files, and that review
9		when that happened,	that was also requiring a
10		corrective action p	olan.
11			So I looked at the first
12		review, and I looke	ed at the second review,
13		and based on those	two reviews I got Joe
14		MacDonald to prepar	re a corrective action
15		plan	
16	CHAIRPE	ERSON:	Yeah, okay, yeah.
17	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	because now I thought
18		I need one to provi	de because we have audits.
19	MS. CAF	RSON:	Mmhmm.
20	MR. KAU	JSHIK:	And so this was the plan
21		that was done secon	nd review, so they would be
22		correct. On the fi	rst one I did not provide
23		a review a corre	ective action plan, because
24		I wasn't doing audi	ts. I had stopped doing
25		audits, so there is	s nothing for me to try and

1	correct. This is where the confusion was,
2	why didn't you submit one? I didn't submit
3	one on the first one is because I stopped
4	doing them.
5	CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, no, I understand.
6	MR. KAUSHIK: Yeah.
7	CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
8	MR. KAUSHIK: Yeah. It's a little
9	confusing.
10	CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. Now, I just want
11	to know, do we need any clarification on the
12	investigator's report? I guess just we heard
13	a bit in your earlier comments about you had
14	received it or you hadn't received it, and
15	then you referenced it a couple of times, so
16	I just want to be clear when you received the
17	investigator's report.
18	MR. KAUSHIK: I received the
19	investigator's report as a part of the
20	information for the hearing of the Discipline
21	Committee.
22	CHAIRPERSON: You had not seen it
23	previous to that?
24	MR. KAUSHIK: I had never seen that one
25	previous to that.

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     MR. SPILCHEN:
                                  Just to clarify, is there
             maybe a terminology gap, like, between the
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             practice inspector report versus the
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             investigator?
     MR. KAUSHIK:
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             different items.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             okay. I just wanted to be clear on that one,
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             then.
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     MR. SPILCHEN:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             question, you had also appealed a penalty?
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             some sense of what your specific concerns are
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             about the penalty in terms of the amount
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             or --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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              shouldn't apply because I'm innocent of the
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             charges.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             questions for --
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     MR. JACOB:
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             the -- you consulted a senior partner in
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1		Toronto, right, with a question to something
2		to correct your action plan, right?
3	MR. KAU	JSHIK: That is correct, because
4		in my entire life I had never been requested.
5		This was the first time any request for a
6		corrective action plan was made. I asked the
7		Institute I phoned, and I said, how does
8		one prepare a corrective action plan, and
9		there was no direction from the CPA
10		Saskatchewan. I never heard of one to be
11		provided, to be prepared in 25, 28 years, I
12		had never been requested for one. This was
13		the first new changes that were happening,
14		and they said prepare corrective action I
15		wouldn't even know where to begin to prepare
16		a corrective action plan. Then we that's
17		when I know Joe MacDonald the Toronto
18		partner one of the things that he was very
19		good at was helping small accounting firms
20		become more efficient. He provided guidance,
21		and I looked to him , and I asked him, have
22		you heard of what a corrective action plan
23		and how would we prepare one. Then he went
24		through a list of things, he made notes, he
25		prepared the bulk of the plan for me, for

1 which I paid him, and when that plan came he says, this is more or less what we need to do Great, I submitted it. That's how the action plan came to be. And to be honest with you I had never heard of one. I didn't know what it was, where to begin to create We are a small firm. We don't have all the facilities, and this is where we as DNTW 8 9 partners helped each other.

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You know, say as an example, our Montreal partner was working on a farm tax return for the first time in his He phoned me or emailed me. discussed the issues on farm returns. That's what we were there for, primarily to help each other in way we could, and that's why Joe MacDonald was very helpful in me moving forward, but the -- the second part to this, is that after Glen left I didn't do audits We never really needed that plan to execute for our office, but I was prepared to do it, but we dropped the whole division all together, so there wasn't a whole need for me to do an action plan related to the audit division. We developed a plan, but there was

1	no need for it.
2	MR. JACOB: Thank you.
3	CHAIRPERSON: Gayle, anything else
4	before we turn it over to Mr. Sinclair?
5	MS. HOLMAN: No, I think I'm good,
6	yeah.
7	CHAIRPERSON: Thanks, Gayle. Any final
8	comments?
9	MR. KAUSHIK: I think it's a repeat,
10	but I think it's an important comment, is
11	that we don't see Mr. Dean's name anywhere on
12	the website, not before he was on my team,
13	nothing before, nothing during and nothing
14	after. I think he has not been contacted by
15	the investigators or the CPA at any level. I
16	think the entire thing was dropped on my lap.
17	The investigators did not contact the
18	clients, try to understand the full picture.
19	I think they could have developed a better
20	picture had they talked to Glen Dean, had
21	they talked to the clients. I think they
22	would have had a better understanding. I
23	think that in that respect the investigators
24	have failed to directly carry out a full
25	investigation.

1	And that is my last point
2	even in my dispute in this matter. I think
3	this practice, examination, investigation, is
4	extremely discriminatory. They picked on
5	files and held me responsible for things that
6	Glen Dean had been doing for 30 years. The
7	involvement of Dean as an equivalent partner
8	is missing in this assessment up to this
9	level. I don't know how they missed it but
10	they missed it. For 30 years he carried on
11	his practice, and he continued to do that
12	exact same thing in my office. He passes all
13	the exam, all the file reviews, except when
14	he did them in my office. That I think is
15	extremely discriminatory. How could you miss
16	it?
17	CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. Are
18	you guys ready to proceed? Do you want a
19	couple of minutes or
20	MR. SINCLAIR: I'm ready to proceed if
21	the panel is okay.
22	MS. CARSON: Mmhmm.
23	CHAIRPERSON: All right. Gayle, are
24	you okay? Gayle? Maybe we'll just give her
25	a minute.

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1	MS. HOLMAN:	I'm ready.
2	CHAIRPERSON:	Okay.
3	MS. HOLMAN:	No, I'm good.
4	CHAIRPERSON:	We have to check on you
5	because we have to	make sure that you can
6	hear Mr. Sinclair g	iven where we've got the
7	mic over there, so	just let us know if you're
8	having trouble hear	ing.
9	MS. HOLMAN:	Okay.
10	CHAIRPERSON:	Okay. Thank you.
11	MR. SINCLAIR:	Thank you, Mr. Chair, and
12	panel members. So	this is obviously
13	Mr. Kaushik's appea	l of the misconduct
14	determinations and	the sanction decision
15	here. We have file	d a very extensive brief
16	of law and a short	supplemental, so because
17	of that I'm going t	o be very brief in my
18	comments.	
19		I'll start off by
20	pointing out that t	his is not a rehearing of
21	the case, rather, t	his is an appeal on the
22	record, meaning tha	t the evidence to be
23	considered is what	was said and filed at the
24	time of the initial	hearing, not what is said
25	today. You know ,	this is to supplement, to
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1	assist the panel in making the proper
2	determination, but we are not presenting
3	evidence today.
4	Another thing to consider
5	on an appeal, and that we address in our
6	brief of law, is that there is a certain
7	level of deference that is to be afforded to
8	the original decision makers. They were the
9	ones who saw the live testimony, they were
10	the ones who were able to question the
11	witnesses, they were the ones who saw the
12	witnesses. That issue of deference is
13	canvassed in our brief, and it's also
14	mentioned in some of the other appeal
15	decisions of this body, and when you look at
16	that deference issue, really what it boils
17	down to is a fairly simple question, I would
18	say, which is, could a hearing panel acting
19	reasonably have come to the same decisions?
20	This is different than whether you would
21	necessarily have made the same decision. It
22	is a question of whether it is reasonable.
23	Now, there are two sets
24	of charges here, and I'm going to deal first
25	with 14-04, and this is whether Mr. Kaushik
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1 failed to cooperate with the regulatory 2 processes of the Institute. The facts are 3 set out in the decision, and I should clarify that this pertains to the second request for 5 the corrective action plan in December of 2013, not the initial request. 6 So Mr. Kaushik was told in December 2013 that he had to submit a corrective action plan within 60 8 9 He failed to do so. A late fee was 10 assessed. When another 60 day deadline had 11 expired, the matter was referred to the PCC. 12 The corrective action plan was then provided 1.3 in July around seven to eight months after 14 the initial request, and after it had already 15 been sent to the PCC. 16 In cross-examination at 17 the hearing, Mr. Kaushik, and this is at page 18 422 of the transcript, said that submitting a 19 corrective action plan was not high on his 20 Those were his words. priority list. 21 page 425, Mr. Kaushik acknowledged that he 22 did not seek any extensions to the deadlines 23 provided by CPA Saskatchewan. On that same 24 page he acknowledges that it took him -- in 25 that case the answer was around eight months

1	and five to six letters from the Institute as
2	well as a referral to the PCC for him to
3	actually submit his plan. And there is no
4	question, I don't think, that the institute
5	has the ability under bylaw 156.1 to demand
6	provision of a CAP. It's part of the
7	regulatory processes of the Institute.
8	So with that as a factual
9	background, along with all of the file
10	documentation that was filed at the hearing,
11	I would suggest that the decision of the
12	hearing panel that Mr. Kaushik did not
13	cooperate with the regulatory processes of
14	the institute is a reasonable conclusion.
15	Taking it one step
16	further, I would suggest that Mr. Kaushik
17	committed professional misconduct by failing
18	to cooperate with his regulator. It required
19	the PCC's involvement for it to actually
20	occur. There is also discussion in the
21	cross-examination that you can review that
22	there was throughout the ability for
23	Mr. Kaushik to obtain assistance in trying to
24	get a corrective action plan together. He
25	admitted he didn't seek out that assistance
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1	from his partners until seven to eight months
2	later when he actually did submit it. So
3	those were the comments that I was going to
4	make about 14-04.
5	The next set of charges
6	are in 1410-05C. These charges stem from a
7	practice inspection, and, importantly, this
8	was the third practice inspection that had
9	occurred. The first practice inspection
10	found serious deficiencies which required a
11	reinspection of Mr. Kaushik's practice. The
12	reinspection, again, found various
13	deficiencies which is what led to the third
14	inspection and then the charges.
15	The deficiencies on the
16	practice inspections, and they are all part
17	of the record, were on audits and review
18	engagements principally. It appeared after
19	the second inspection that Mr. Kaushik may be
20	moving out of audits; however, on the third
21	inspection Mr. Kaushik's audit file load
22	increased quite significantly, largely
23	because of taking on Mr. Dean to his firm.
24	Now, at all material
25	times Mr. Kaushik was the only partner of
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1 DNTW Saskatoon. He was the partner signing 2 off on all audits. Using the language of Canadian auditing standards number 220, 3 Mr. Kaushik was the engagement partner on all 5 of the files. He is responsible under that standard for the planning, execution, and 6 quality of those audits. As a result, Mr. Kaushik is ultimately responsible to 8 9 ensure controls and the quality of the audit 10 work and the file generated through those audits. 11 12

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The first complaint under 1410-05C is that Mr. Kaushik failed to maintain professional competence in the areas in which he practiced, specifically in the audit area. At page 417 of the transcript, Mr. Kaushik acknowledges that he did not keep abreast with standards in the auditing field. The evidence of Ms. Hubick on this point on the practice inspection and in testimony was that Mr. Kaushik had failed to properly document as required by current auditing standards. That was true not only on the third inspection, but on the prior two as I think it's notable in terms of the well.

1 comments that have been made today, there doesn't seem to be a dispute of over what the 2 3 standards are or that they were not met. question is simply one of was Mr. Kaushik 5 actually ultimately responsible for that or not? 6 I would say in terms of 8 that first complaint, given that Mr. Kaushik 9 admitted that he had failed to sustain his 10 knowledge in the area of auditing, combined 11 with the three failed inspections, I think 12 that the charge that he had failed to 1.3 maintain professional competence in that area 14 was made out and the decision of the panel 15 was reasonable. 16 The second count related 17 to the audit of ICDC. It was acknowledged by 18 Mr. Kaushik at the hearing that the documents 19 required on an audit file were not, in fact, 20 on file. I should also note that the work 21 for ICDC, I believe, was largely done by 22 Mr. Kaushik, not by Mr. Dean, and I would say 23 that the count, based on the evidence that 24 was presented, was made out, and the decision 25 of the panel was reasonable.

1	The third count was for
2	the audit of RVLB. Most of the work here was
3	done by Mr. Dean with Mr. Kaushik being the
4	engagement partner. Again, there is no
5	question, I don't think, based on the
6	evidence, that the documents that were
7	required to be on file were not on file as
8	you would expect under the Canadian auditing
9	standards. Ms. Hubick testified to those
10	deficiencies. Likewise, I would suggest that
11	there is really no question that Mr. Kaushik
12	failed to properly supervise the audit. At
13	page 436 of the transcript, Mr. Kaushik
14	admits he did not make adequate efforts to
15	ensure that Mr. Dean was meeting professional
16	standards. The comment now made today that
17	Mr. Kaushik checked the balance sheets, he
18	checked the income statements, I'm not an
19	auditor obviously, but it seemed to me that
20	this is not really what's meant by a proper
21	audit. That seems to be something that I
22	would expect to be not at the highest level
23	of assurance that you would expect with
24	auditing standards.
25	At page 440 of the

1	transcript Mr. Kaushik admits that the audit
2	work did not meet standards and acknowledged
3	his duty that he has as an engagement partner
4	under the auditing standards. Thus, again, I
5	would suggest that the charge was made out
6	and the decision of the panel was reasonable.
7	On count four, this is
8	the audit of MUC, the issue, again, is the
9	same, there was a lack of documents on the
10	file as required by Canadian auditing
11	standards and a failure to properly supervise
12	the audit. Again, there was no evidence
13	presented to suggest that the documents on
14	file met the standard, nor is there really
15	any evidence that Mr. Dean was properly
16	supervised. Again, looking at Canadian
17	auditing standard 220, it was ultimately the
18	responsibility of Mr. Kaushik to ensure that
19	planning and execution of the audit. There
20	was a failure to do so.
21	Count number five relates
22	to a review engagement. Most of the charges
23	were, frankly, not found to have been made
24	out, and quite a number of them were
25	dismissed by the panel with the exception of

1	failing to establish a proper framework for
2	the review engagement, which was largely
3	acknowledged. So, again, I think that the
4	evidence makes out that there was a proper
5	that Mr. Kaushik had failed to establish a
6	proper framework for the review engagement,
7	and thus I think the charge was made out
8	quite properly and the decision was
9	reasonable.
10	In terms of count six,
11	this is whether Mr. Kaushik provided
12	professional services with integrity and due
13	care, it was found that Mr. Kaushik's work as
14	engagement partner was substandard, and that
15	he did not perform the services with
16	integrity and due care, and I think that the
17	evidence makes out that count as well and
18	that the decision was reasonable.
19	In terms of whether the
20	culmination of these different deficiencies
21	amounted to professional misconduct, the
22	issue in this case is how pervasive these
23	deficiencies were on all of the files that
24	were reviewed. There were only four files
25	reviewed in this latest practice inspection,

1 and all of them had so many problems associated with them. Added to that was the 2 fact that there was -- this is the third 3 failed inspection. At a certain stage, in order to maintain the standards of the 5 profession, there has to be enforcement of 6 those standards, and that's what occurred As the panel stated, this was a 8 9 blatant departure from the standards expected 10 in the profession, and I think that was a 11 fair statement, thus a finding of 12 professional misconduct, I would suggest, is 1.3 reasonable. In terms of sanction or 14

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penalty, all of the penalty falls within the jurisdiction of the panel, and we set that out in our brief and the support for that.

Further, I don't see any suggestion that the sanction is inconsistent with prior decisions such as Bernard or Vaneyck. The fine amounts are similar in those cases. Publication is a routine matter, and it is found in virtually every discipline decision, and certainly not an unreasonable outcome. The restriction on doing audits was, frankly, not really much of

1	an issue at the sanction hearing. It was
2	volunteered by Mr. Kaushik. The practice
3	inspection, the fact that he has to go
4	through another inspection, I think, was
5	the necessity of that was made out by the
6	evidence at the hearing.
7	And the costs are well
8	within the jurisdiction of the hearing
9	committee as well. I note that the hearing
10	committee ordered only 50 percent of those
11	costs, not the whole 100 percent, which would
12	have also fell within their jurisdiction. As
13	a result, I would suggests that the sanction
14	was reasonable and should be upheld.
15	I wasn't going to make a
16	lot of comments about the submissions that
17	were made today. I should comment, though,
18	on the fact that this is not an appeal of the
19	decisions of the PCC. This is not an appeal
20	of what Ms. Hubick or what Mr. Hill did.
21	Assigning blame is not really the point of
22	this exercise. This is narrowly, did the
23	discipline panel come to a reasonable
24	decision or not? The other individuals are
25	not here to we don't have witnesses, we

1	don't have their ability to comment on the
2	various issues that have been raised by
3	Mr. Kaushik.
4	There has been quite a
5	number of comments about an agreed statement
6	of facts and whether the PCC acted
7	appropriately there. There was an
8	application brought forward to the discipline
9	panel to deal with that issue which was
10	ultimately withdrawn by Mr. Kaushik. The
11	suggestion was that the duty of fairness was
12	somehow violated by the PCC not agreeing to
13	the facts that Mr. Kaushik wished to have. I
14	don't think that's a live issue before this
15	panel. In any event, certainly the PCC's
16	view is that there is no positive obligation
17	on the PCC to admit the facts as Mr. Kaushik
18	wishes them to be in. I don't believe that
19	that is found anywhere at law to be part of
20	the duty of fairness.
21	The PCC here is not on
22	trial. Frankly, even the issues raised about
23	the PCC, I don't think they are even really
24	raised by the Notice of Appeal in this case.
25	They seem to be raised for the first time at
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1	the hearing proper. If there were concerns
2	regarding disclosure, there was opportunity
3	to raise those at the hearing committee
4	level. They weren't. Frankly, the practice
5	inspections were disclosed in advance as was
6	the investigator's report as part of the
7	disclosure process routinely undertaken in
8	these cases. Thus, I suggest that the
9	decision of the hearing committee was
10	reasonable and that costs should be awarded
11	on this appeal, and the quantum of those are
12	certainly well within the jurisdiction of
13	this panel.
14	Subject to any questions
15	that you might have, those are really my
16	comments.
17	CHAIRPERSON: I know I did have a
18	couple, but you spoke to both of them. Thank
19	you. Anybody else?
20	MS. CARSON: Nothing for me.
21	CHAIRPERSON: No.
22	MS. HOLMAN: Nothing for me. Thanks.
23	MR. WALLER: Are you seeking any
24	specific costs?
25	MR. SINCLAIR: The question from counsel
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1	for the panel was whether I'm seeking any
2	specific amount. I would be suggesting that
3	it be a percentage component of this hearing
4	because not all the costs are yet determined,
5	you know, especially in terms of the
6	attendance here today and the cost of the
7	reporter and so on. Depending on where you
8	go with your decision, I don't think it would
9	be inappropriate for it to be full indemnity
10	costs, but at the very least I would be
11	suggesting 50 percent like the discipline
12	panel made.
13	CHAIRPERSON: Okay, it looks like we're
14	ready to oh, Mr. Kaushik.
15	MR. KAUSHIK: I just wanted to make a
16	couple of comments. Not being a lawyer, I'm
17	not going to be able to comment on what the
18	legality of the as you saw it. I looked
19	at the purpose of this hearing to be able to
20	express all the information that's in front
21	of us. If you are missing some information
22	in making the right decisions, then I am
23	prepared to provide you additional
24	information to make the decision. This is
25	not designed from my point of views to hide

1	behind certain legalities because that's not
2	my field. What may have been withdrawn at
3	the application Mr. Stooshinoff made was
4	something I believed that the legalities were
5	being followed. My issue is on how they came
6	to the conclusions they did and the people
7	who were witness to that and what, if
8	anything, was missing, and I could provide
9	further to help the board understand all the
10	factors that are involved here because I sat
11	through those hearings trying to understand
12	who is saying what and who is doing what.
13	I'm watching witnesses on a legalities basis.
14	I'm sure they were coached on how to present
15	that.
16	You know, it if Ms.
17	Hubick was the only witness, and she was
18	prepared in a certain way to express those
19	things, that was something, I believe, she
20	was able to deliver to the Discipline
21	Committee. I was not prepared with all the
22	stuff that I have today at that hearing. All
23	of the stuff was not even available. We were
24	not thinking in those terms as what all would
25	take Discipline Committee to understand. Mr.

1 Stooshinoff did an excellent job trying to make them understand what the issues were. 2 just believe they ignored them because the 3 conclusion they got to does not support what 5 was in front of them. That's why I appealed It's a wrong decision based on what's in 6 front of them. How could they ignore all that? 8 9 You are right in some 10 assessments that I did not provide the supervision, I didn't provide the planning of 11 12 the audits, I didn't execute the audits. 1.3 that was as repeated here, was all given, and 14 we admitted to that because I was not the 15 audit partner. This is the key to 16 understanding the issues. Otherwise, why are 17 we even here? You should have said no 18 hearing, this is the -- this thing is already 19 You could make that assessment a done deal. 20

just because of these statements. The issue is much larger than that, and that's a very narrow interpretation of my involvement to hold me responsible for all these audits, you're right, there is at least 30 audits sitting in my office prepared by Dean. You

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1 can come have a look at the same deficiencies anytime you want. They were all prepared by I said, do you really want to him, not me. examine everything? I'm open to it. are problems. That's what I'm trying to I did not do these audits. explain. T did not execute these audits. This is a very narrow interpretation of my involvement. 9 don't know who I have to convince after this. That's what I'm here to do with the board, is 10 to understand what the heck happened.

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You know, going back to the ICDC audit, let me explain a little The ICDC audit was done previous further. year by Mr. Dean. Their treasurer came to my office and asked for Mr. Dean because he had promised to do this audit on a fairly quick Mr. Dean was not available. basis. issues were to prepare a report with the treasurer there in front of us. Myself, the treasurer, and Sherry my wife here, three of us sat in a boardroom for about six to eight hours and we developed the report. It was a fairly simple box audit, all the information is in this box that you need to look at to

prepare the reports. That's what we did, and 1 2 there is absolutely nothing wrong with that 3 We prepared the audit report with all the documentation that was in there, that would have been there had Mr. Dean done it. 5 We were to provide that level of assistance, 6 where we can administratively deal with it we The accounting records for that 8 could. 9 organization was prepared on QuickBooks 10 accounting program. We are familiar with 11 that program since 1997, we could move 12 through that very quickly. The issues, the 1.3 things that needed to support the report, 14 were right front of us. We prepared it and 15 we believe there is nothing wrong with that 16 report. 17 All the other audit steps 18 about the client, their knowledge what the 19 main issues were, the revenues, the expenses, 20 were very simple. I had done reports of that 21 nature for 30 years. People used to bring us 22 their documentation, we used to prepare the 23 report from it. We were very confident that 24 there is nothing wrong with that ICDC report. 25 And to this day nobody has come back to us to

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             say there was. So the report was correct.
             The report is fine. We did run that one.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             ready to --
     MR. WALLER:
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             maybe break for 15 minutes, and then just
             come back, and just to make sure that we've
             got everything that we need to get to the --
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             works.
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      (Recessed at 2:25 p.m.)
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      (Reconvened at 2:32 p.m.)
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             difficult for me to say, and hopefully it's
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             not on the record, but thank goodness for
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             lawyers to sort us out on procedure every
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             once in a while, so thank you --
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Thank you for that, Bob.
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             So just, I think there is a couple of wrap-up
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             questions or things that we want to deal
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             with, and Carrie, if you want to deal with
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             the standard question first.
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     MS. CARSON:
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             for you, Mr. Kaushik. So in regards to CAS
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1		220, which is the quality control for an
2		audit of financial statements, I was just
3		going to read a definition from the actual
4		standard and then ask a question. So it says
5		here: (as read)
6		The engagement partner is the partner or
7		other person in the firm who is
8		responsible for the audit and its
9		perspective and for the auditor's report
10		that is issued on behalf of the firm.
11		So I was just wondering if you believe CAS
12		220 does not apply to you?
13	MR. KAU	I'm not sure what the
14		date of CAS 220 is.
15	MS. CAR	I'm not sure off the top
16		of my head. It would have been if it was
17		new, it would have been superceded by
18		something else. So I guess just in the
19		context of that, do you feel that it is not
20		applicable to you or
21	MR. KAU	I think it's applicable
22		to the partner in charge of the audit.
23	MS. CAR	And they consider the
24		engagement partner the same person in charge
25		of the audit and signing the report, and it

	was actually effective for periods ending
	December 14th, 2010.
MR. KAU	JSHIK: I think it's a very
	narrow definition in this case.
CHAIRPE	ERSON: Okay. The final matter
	is Mr. Sinclair brought up the topic of costs
	for this particular appeal, and also we would
	consider the last hearing that we had when we
	had to adjourn for the matter of
	jurisdiction. Since he has introduced the
	notion of 50 to 100 percent of the cost to be
	your responsibility, did you want to speak to
	that?
MR. KAU	JSHIK: I do if that's again,
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	meeting, was devoted to the application brought forward as to jurisdiction and the timing and so on. I do not think that I am responsible for that meeting. The ruling on that was that my appeal was within the time limit under the Act. I have no responsibility for that day as I see it. In
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1	energy that I spent. It took me about four
2	or five days to prepare a defence to that
3	application or the brief of law, I should
4	say, so I had to prepare, I had to do all the
5	extra work just to prove that we that
6	section was allowing for my appeal. So I do
7	not believe I have any obligation to pay on
8	that, I think that's something that the board
9	should decide, and perhaps I should figure
10	out what it has cost, but it was a waste of
11	time according to my dealings with that
12	issue.
13	CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I think we should
14	be able to wrap it up there, so I guess I
15	should ask
16	MR. KAUSHIK: Can I get one
17	clarification?
18	CHAIRPERSON: Sure.
19	MR. KAUSHIK: I'm not sure if I heard
20	correctly, Mr. Sinclair, that something was
21	withdrawn at the hearing of the Discipline
22	Committee. I hope the reference is not to my
23	amended statement of facts. I hope I
24	maybe I misinterpreted something that you're
25	reading. Something obviously was withdrawn

1		by Mr. Stooshinoff at that meeting, the
2		hearing. Do you know what the reference was?
3	MR. SIN	NCLAIR: Well, it was referenced
4		in the discipline decision as well. It's
5		that you had brought a motion through legal
6		counsel to say that the PCC had breached the
7		duty of fairness by not allowing the matter
8		to proceed through the informal process and
9		agreeing to the agreed statement of facts as
10		you had wanted it, and that motion had been
11		withdrawn.
12	MR. KAU	JSHIK: Thank you. Yeah, that
13		that refreshes me as to what motion he had
14		tried, but I was also under the impression
15		that that motion may have related to some
16		violations under the Charter of Freedoms and
17		Rights, that this meeting and this case has
18		dragged out for four or five years. This
19		case has not been dealt with in an efficient
20		timely order. It's been hanging over my head
21		for five years. I don't think that's fair,
22		and that was a discussion, but I'm not sure
23		if it was a motion. I think that's not right
24		that that the CPA works with cases in this
25		sort of length of time, and it has hurt me
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             and my -- my practice, is to have this
             hanging over me for this length of time.
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             does that happen? So I thought that that
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             motion may have been related in some fashion
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             to my Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but I'm
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             not sure if that motion was made, but it was
             a discussion.
     CHAIRPERSON:
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             taken into consideration. So I think
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             that's -- I think we can adjourn, so thank
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             you very much to everybody.
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     MR. WALLER:
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             the decision.
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     CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Pardon me?
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     MR. WALLER:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             we'll be issuing our decision as soon as
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             possible given your comments especially.
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     MR. KAUSHIK:
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     CHAIRPERSON:
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             for your participation today and to our panel
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             members. I have very much appreciated all
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             your input, so thank you to everyone.
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      (Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)
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