

May 26, 2026

APPLICATION

The Investigations Committee of the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents (the “**College**”) is making this Application to the Discipline Committee of the College pursuant to s. 49(1) of the *College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents Act*, SC 2018, c 27, s 247 (the “**Act**”). The Discipline Committee is asked to consider the following allegations and determine if **Singa Bui** (the “**Respondent**”) has engaged in professional misconduct contrary to the Act, *Code of Professional Conduct for Patent Agents and Trademark Agents* (the “**Code**”) and/or By-laws of the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents, SOR/2023-73 (the “**By-laws**”).

1. In 2024 and/or 2025, the Respondent:

- i. was found to be in contempt of court for failing to comply with the court order(s) to provide complete financial disclosure and an accounting of client trust funds, pursuant to r. 60.11(1) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, RRO 1990, Reg 194 under the *Courts of Justice Act*, RSO 1990, c C.43 (collectively, the “**RCP**”) and as a result, the Respondent was ordered to be imprisoned for a 30-day period, pursuant to r. 60.11(5) of the *RCP*;
- ii. had a default judgment entered against them by a court pursuant to r. 19.02(1)(a) of the *RCP*, and was personally subject to an order for costs by the court;
- iii. was charged with 17 counts of criminal breach of trust contrary to s. 336 of the *Criminal Code*, RSC 1985 c C-46 (the “**Criminal Code**”), 1 count of possession of property obtained by crime contrary to s. 354(1) of the *Criminal Code*, and 24 counts of fraud contrary to s. 380 of the *Criminal Code*;
- iv. had their professional license to practice law in the province of Ontario suspended on an interlocutory basis, pursuant to s. 49.27 of the *Law Society Act*, RSO 1990, c L.8 (the “**LSA**”);
- v. was found guilty of professional misconduct by a professional regulator for failing to act with honour and integrity by misappropriating funds held in trust for real estate matters concerning multiple clients, contrary to r. 2.1-1 of the Law Society of Ontario’s *Rules of Professional Conduct* and s. 33 of the *LSA*; and,
- vi. had their professional license to practice law revoked, effective immediately, pursuant to s. 35 of the *LSA*.

The Respondent’s conduct giving rise to these civil, criminal and regulatory proceedings was contrary to the following provisions:

(a) Section 2 of the Code (Fundamental Canon)

The most important attribute of an agent is integrity. That principle is implicit in this Code and in each of the rules and commentaries set out in it. Irrespective of the possibility of formal sanction under any

of the rules in this Code, an agent must at all times conduct themselves with the highest standards of the profession in order to retain the trust, respect and confidence of the members of the profession and the public.

(b) Part 7 of the Code (Duties to College, Members and Other Persons)

Principle

An agent must assist in maintaining the standards of the profession in dealings with the College and members of the profession generally. An agent's conduct towards other agents must be characterized by courtesy and good faith.

Rule 7

- 1 An agent must conduct themselves in a professional manner.
 - 2 An agent must refrain from conduct that brings discredit to the profession.
 - 3 An agent must respond promptly and in a complete and appropriate manner to any communication from the College relating to their conduct.
 - 4 An agent has a professional duty to meet financial obligations in relation to their practice.
2. In 2024, 2025 and/or 2026, the Respondent failed to advise the Registrar of the College in writing as soon as feasible or at all of the following: a judgment entered against the Respondent by a court, the Respondent being personally subject to an order for costs, the Respondent's criminal charges under the *Criminal Code*, the interlocutory suspension of the Respondent's professional license to practice law, the revocation of the Respondent's professional license to practice law, and the finding by a professional regulatory body that the Respondent committed professional misconduct, contrary to the following:

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(c) Section 73 of the By-law (Licensees to advise Registrar)

73 A licensee must advise the Registrar in writing as soon as feasible after the occurrence of any of the following:

[...]

(b) they have a judgment entered against them by a court;

(c) they are personally subject to an order for costs;

(d) they are charged with, plead guilty to or are found guilty of any offence under the Criminal Code, the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Income Tax Act, the Excise Tax Act, a provincial act respecting securities, employment standards or official languages or any other provincial act that creates an offence that implicates an individual's integrity; or

(e) they have their professional licence restricted or suspended by a professional regulatory body, or are found by a professional regulatory body to have committed professional misconduct or to be incompetent within the meaning of the statute under which the body made its finding.

- 3. In May and July, 2024, the Respondent failed to respond to communications from the College, and failed to cooperate with the College in their investigation of this complaint, contrary to the following provisions of the Code:**

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(b) Part 7 of the Code (Duties to College, Members and Other Persons)

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4. The following are particulars of the allegations:

- i. The Respondent was an active Class 1 Trademark Agent (license number 2021-0254) from on or about October 24, 2012, until March 1, 2023, when her license was administratively suspended for non-compliance with the professional liability insurance requirement.
- ii. On April 26, 2024, the Respondent's license to practice law in the province of Ontario was suspended, on an interlocutory basis, pursuant to s. 49.27 of the *LSA*, as there were serious concerns that the Respondent mishandled and/or misappropriated her clients' trust funds.
- iii. On May 22, 2024, the College delivered correspondence by email and Canada Post to the Respondent, requesting the Respondent's written submission within 30 days of the date of notice (i.e., by June 21, 2024). The Respondent failed to respond to the College's communications dated May 22, 2024, by the deadline of June 21, 2024, or at all.
- iv. On July 18, 2024, the Respondent's license to practice as a trademark agent was suspended, on an interlocutory basis, pursuant to s. 37.1 of the Act, as there were serious concerns that the Respondent knowingly engaged in fraud through the misappropriation of client trust funds. The Respondent also failed to respond to the College's communication dated July 24, 2024.
- v. On August 23, 2024, the Respondent was found to be in contempt of court in a civil proceeding, pursuant to s. 60.11(1) of *RCP*, as the Respondent failed to comply with the court order(s) to provide complete financial disclosure and an accounting of clients' trust funds to the court. As a result, on October 25, 2024, the Respondent was sentenced to a period of incarceration for a period of 30 days, commencing November 26, 2024, pursuant to s. 60.11(5) of *RCP*.
- vi. On November 12, 2024, in a separate civil proceeding, the Respondent had a default judgment entered against them by the court pursuant to r. 19.02(1)(a) of the *RCP* and she was personally subject to an order for costs by the court.
- vii. On July 15, 2025, the Respondent was charged with 42 counts of criminal conduct including 17 counts of criminal breach of trust, contrary to s. 336 of the *Criminal Code*; 1 count of possession of property obtained by crime; contrary to s. 354(1) of the *Criminal Code*; and 24 counts of fraud contrary to s. 380 of the *Criminal Code*. These criminal proceedings are ongoing.
- viii. On December 12, 2025, the Respondent was found guilty of professional misconduct in a regulatory proceeding, contrary to s. 33 of the *LSA*, for failing to act with honour and integrity by

misappropriating funds held in trust for real estate matters concerning multiple clients. As a result, the Respondent's license to practice law in the province of Ontario was revoked, effective immediately, pursuant to s. 35 of the *LSA*.

- ix. The Respondent failed to advise the Registrar in writing, as soon as feasible or at all, that they:
- a. had a judgment entered against them by a court;
 - b. were personally subject to an order for costs by a court;
 - c. were charged with offences under the *Criminal Code*;
 - d. had their professional licence restricted or suspended by a professional regulatory body; and/or,
 - e. were found by a professional regulatory body to have committed professional misconduct.
- x. At all material times, the Respondent failed to respond to communications from the College, and failed to cooperate with the College in their investigation of this complaint.

Respectfully,



C. Kristin Dangerfield, Chair
Investigations Committee of the College