
Notice to DENTISTS

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accordance with
Bylaw 20(7) of the
Alberta Dental
Association and
College

SANCTION HEARING – DR. ANDREW MEIKLE

On October 11, 2018, the Hearing Tribunal convened and heard submissions from counsel for the Complaints Director and counsel for Dr. Andrew Meikle on the penalty to be imposed against Dr. Meikle following the February 8, 2018 decision of the Hearing Tribunal regarding findings of unprofessional conduct against Dr. Meikle.

The Complaints Director and Dr. Meikle made a joint submission on penalty. Counsel for the Complaints Director noted that, had Dr. Meikle been registered in Alberta at the time of the penalty hearing, the Complaints Director would have sought an order that he must bring his practices into compliance with the legislation. The Hearing Tribunal accepted the joint submission on penalty and, in a decision dated November 28, 2018, made the following orders:

(1) Dr. Meikle will be suspended for a period of three months which period of suspension is stayed until such time as Dr. Meikle chooses to apply to and is re-registered with the ADA&C. In the event that Dr. Meikle fulfills the registration requirements and is re-registered as a member of the ADA&C, then the three month period of suspension will be served in one continuous period, to be served within six months of the date of Dr. Meikle's registration with the ADA&C but excluding December 22 in the year of registration to January 3 of the following year. For clarity, the three month period of suspension cannot be broken

up over these dates, such that the suspension must be served before December 22 in the relevant year, or after January 3 of the following year. The Complaints Director will need to approve the dates of the suspension in writing, in advance;

- (2) Dr. Meikle will successfully complete the Athabasca University Professional Ethics course (Philosophy 333). Dr. Meikle will be responsible for enrolling in the course and the cost of the course. The course will not count towards his continuing education requirements. Should the Athabasca University Professional Ethics course (Philosophy 333) no longer be available at the time, then Dr. Meikle will be required to find an equivalent course and obtain the approval for the course in writing from the Complaints Director, in advance of taking the course. Dr. Meikle must provide proof of successful completion of the course to the Complaints Director on or before choosing to apply to re-register with the ADA&C;
- (3) Dr. Meikle shall pay a fine of \$5,000 for each of Allegations 1 and 3 (for a total fine of \$10,000) to be paid within three months of the date of the decision of the Hearing Tribunal on sanction; and
- (4) Dr. Meikle shall pay 85 per cent of the total costs of the hearing, including the hearing on sanctions, in the amount of \$671,359.21, to be paid within six months of the date of the decision of the Hearing Tribunal on sanction.