

**LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL  
HEARING DIVISION**

BETWEEN:

LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND:

WILLIAM CAREY LINDE

RESPONDENT

**CITATION**

**TO:** **Carey Linde**  
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**TAKE NOTICE THAT** by direction of the Discipline Committee of the Law Society of British Columbia, a Hearing Panel of the Law Society will, at a date and time to be set, conduct a hearing to inquire into your conduct or competence as a member of the Law Society of British Columbia, in accordance with section 38 of the *Legal Profession Act*. Parts 4 and 5 of the Law Society Rules outline the procedures to be followed at the hearing. Your appearance before the Hearing Panel may be your only opportunity to present evidence, call witnesses or make submissions.

**The allegations against you are:**

1. On or about May 15, 2021, in the course of representing C.D. in a family matter, you provided information about a person's gender identity, physical and mental health, and mental health status or treatments, to an American media outlet during a recorded interview, when you knew or ought to have known that one or more of the terms of



C.D.'s Release Order of April 30, 2021 prohibited C.D., either directly or indirectly through a third party, from transmitting such information, contrary to one or more of rules 2.1, 2.1-1(a), 2.2-1 and 7.5-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*.

This conduct constitutes professional misconduct, pursuant to s. 38(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

2. On or about May 15, 2021, in the course of representing C.D. in a family matter, you gave a recorded interview to an American media outlet about a person's medical and personal information without making your participation in the interview conditional on the interviewer's agreement to adhere to the applicable publication bans and anonymity orders, when you knew or ought to have known that:
  - a) the Court had, in related proceedings, clarified that a person speaking about the case had an obligation to ensure that their audience was aware of both the existence of the publication bans and anonymity orders, and their obligation not to breach same; and/or
  - b) approximately one month before the interview, Mr. Justice Tammen, in sentencing C.D. for criminal contempt following his conduct in breaching the publication bans and anonymity orders, found it an aggravating factor that C.D. targeted American media outlets for the purpose of speaking about the case,

contrary to one or more of rules 2.1, 2.1-1(a), 2.2-1 and 7.5-1 of the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*.

This conduct constitutes professional misconduct, pursuant to s. 38(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

**If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Hearing Panel may proceed with the hearing in your absence** and make any order that it could have made had you been present.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 13th day of December, 2021.



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Tara McPhail  
Director of Discipline and External Litigation  
The Law Society of British Columbia