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Subject: Retired member Anthony J. Jasich

Please see attached correspondence.

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Law Society of British Columbia
845 Cambie Street
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Retired Member – Anthony J. Jasich

We attach correspondence dated September 29, 2008 apparently authored by Mr. Jasich which raises concern as may warrant your further review.

We are concerned that Mr. Jasich appears to be providing questionable legal advice to his client, Mr. Harold Gaffney to continue to remit funds to CIBC on a mortgage even though CIBC has expressly confirmed to Mr. Jasich that the mortgage has been paid out and discharged from title on the property. The advice appears intertwined with allegations of impropriety directed by Mr. Jasich against lawyer Keith Oliver. Mr. Oliver is not acting for CIBC on this matter.

We are aware of a decision by the Court of Appeal of British Columbia in **Gaffney v. Gaffney**, 2007 BCCA 595 as provides some context to these matters. We note therein that the Court of Appeal declared Mr. Gaffney a vexatious litigant. CIBC was not a party to those proceedings nor does it have any ongoing litigation or dealings with Mr. Gaffney or Mr. Jasich.

Yours truly,

G. Stephen Alsace
Assistant General Counsel

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Please also advise whether in representing Mr. Gaffney you do so “in the expectation of a fee, gain, or reward, direct or indirect, from Mr. Gaffney.

I would appreciate receiving your response within three weeks of the date of this letter. If you anticipate a problem meeting this deadline, please let me know, so we can arrange another date by which I may expect to have your response.

I note that the complainant is not your client. When preparing your response, please refer to Chapter 5 of the *Professional Conduct Handbook* entitled “Confidential Information.” Chapter 5, Rule 1 reads:

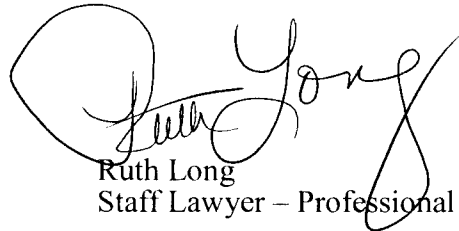
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In accordance with our practice and pursuant to Rule 3-5(8) of the *Law Society Rules*, **we will send a copy of your letter of explanation and any enclosures to the complainant once the letter has been received.** Please keep this in mind when preparing your response. Please also note that the Law Society is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Please note that this letter and other documents relating to this complaint are not admissible as evidence in any proceedings without the consent of the author of the material or the Executive Director required pursuant to section 87 of the *Legal Profession Act*.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

Ruth Long
Staff Lawyer – Professional Conduct

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c. Mr. G. Stephen Alsace