

Notice of Suspension Issued by Law Society of New Brunswick

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

PLEASE NOTE that on September 3, 2026, a panel of the Discipline Committee of the Law Society of New Brunswick, with Denis Sawyer's consent, ordered:

- a) That **DENIS SAWYER** be suspended for two weeks, pursuant to subsection (60)(1)(c) of the *Law Society Act, 1996*, to be bifurcated and served:
 - i. October 10-19, 2026 (inclusive of both dates, excluding October 13, 2026); and
 - ii. November 9-13, 2026 (inclusive of both dates).
- b) That **DENIS SAWYER** pays a fine of \$10,000 to be paid to the Law Society of New Brunswick within 30 days of the Panel's decision, pursuant to subsection 60(1)(b) of the *Law Society Act, 1996*;
- c) That **DENIS SAWYER** pays costs of \$2,000 to be paid to the Law Society of New Brunswick within 30 days of the Panel's decision, pursuant to subsection 60(1)(e) of the *Law Society Act, 1996*;
- d) That **DENIS SAWYER** complete 4.5 CPD hours, to be approved by the LSNB and at the member's own expense, regarding the use of artificial intelligence in the legal profession, which must be completed within 30 days of the Panel's decision, pursuant to paragraph 60(1)(f) of the *Act*; and
- e) That **DENIS SAWYER** must review all his files that are before the Courts, and if any of his files contain cases or case summaries that were created by generative artificial intelligence, he must advise the Court and opposing counsel immediately, pursuant to paragraph 60(1)(f) of the *Act*. He must file a declaration with the LSNB within 30 days of the Panel's decision confirming that the review has been completed and the results of the review.

The Panel of the Discipline Committee found that **DENIS SAWYER** had agreed to plead guilty to charges that are contrary to Rule 2.1-1 (Integrity), Rule 3.1-2 (Competence), Rule 3.2-1 (Quality of Service), and 5.1-1 (Advocacy), as well as Appendix B – Guidelines on Ethics and New Technology, of the *Law Society of New Brunswick Code of Professional Conduct* of 2023.

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE made this 8th day of September 2026.

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