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September 25, 2007

Mr. Sveinn and Mrs. Victoria Sveinson



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sveinson:

**Re: Martin Minuk
Complaint of Sveinn and Victoria Sveinson
File No. 07-161-CPL-LK**

Further to Grace Page's letter to you of September 24, 2007, please be advised that I have been assigned conduct of your complaint regarding Martin Minuk.

It is my understanding from reading your letter of complaint, that the Court has reserved its Decision on sentencing until October 29, 2007 and that, in the interim, you are asking that The Law Society of Manitoba have Mr. Minuk removed as the Crown Prosecutor and that he be replaced by a different Crown. You also have raised a number of concerns with respect to Mr. Minuk's handling of this matter and his possible motivation for entering into a plea bargain in relation to conviction and his sentencing recommendations.

At the outset, I want to advise you that The Law Society of Manitoba does not have the jurisdiction to remove counsel on any given matter; only the Court or the Attorney General has the authority to remove Mr. Minuk and therefore, I would suggest that you pursue one or both of those avenues.

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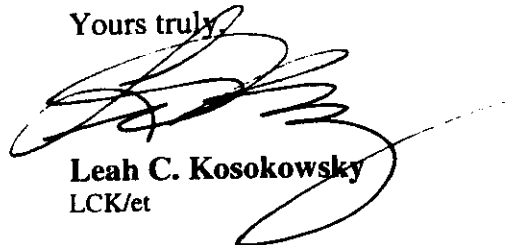
We do, however, have the jurisdiction to investigate complaints which give rise to concerns of conduct unbecoming a lawyer, professional misconduct or incompetence in a lawyer's practice of law, and, where appropriate, to take disciplinary action against that lawyer. In order to conduct an investigation, we need to assess whether or not your concerns fall within at least one of those areas.

Given that the matter of sentencing remains before the courts, it is our view that we should hold in abeyance our initial assessment pending the rendering of a Decision by the Court. There are two reasons for this. First of all it may be helpful in the investigation to know what, if anything, Chief Judge Wyant has to say about the issues that have arisen during the course of the sentencing. Secondly, those involved may be limited in what they can say in response to the complaint, until the case is concluded.

In the interim, I would like to convey my condolences to you on the loss of your daughter and in relation to the difficult process currently before the Court.

We will be in further contact with you following receipt of the Court's Decision on October 29, 2007.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leah C. Kosokowsky', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Leah C. Kosokowsky
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