

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*, and the Regulation (Ontario Regulation 437/97) thereunder;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a discipline proceeding against Douglas John J. Stratford, a member of the Ontario College of Teachers.

PANEL:            Danny Anckle, Chair  
                      Rosemary Fontaine  
                      Brent Hamelin

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| BETWEEN:                    | ) |                                  |
|                             | ) | Heather Meredith,                |
|                             | ) | McCarthy Tétrault LLP,           |
|                             | ) | for Ontario College of Teachers, |
| ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS | ) | assisted by Trevor Evans         |
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| - and -                     | ) | Gary Hopkinson,                  |
|                             | ) | Green & Chercover LLP,           |
|                             | ) | for Douglas John J. Stratford    |
| Douglas John J. Stratford   | ) |                                  |
| (CERTIFICATE #245093)       | ) |                                  |
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|                             | ) | Luisa Ritacca,                   |
|                             | ) | Stockwoods LLP,                  |
|                             | ) | Independent Legal Counsel        |
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|                             | ) | Heard: May 11, 2007              |

**REASONS FOR DECISION AND DECISION ON MOTION**

Counsel for the College brought a motion to seek leave from the Committee to withdraw the allegations set out in the *Notice of Hearing* dated July 27, 2006.

Douglas John J. Stratford was in attendance.

Independent legal counsel advised the Committee that it had jurisdiction to make the order requested, pursuant to section 4.1 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, which provides that if the parties consent, a proceeding may be disposed of by a decision of the Committee without a hearing.

Having considered the submissions of counsel and on consent of the parties, the Committee authorizes the College to withdraw the allegations of professional misconduct against Douglas John J. Stratford set out in the *Notice of Hearing* dated July 27, 2006.

Date: May 11, 2007

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Chair, Discipline Panel

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