

Adrienne Denise Garth (2008), of the City of Toronto was found to have engaged in professional misconduct for:

- acting without integrity by attempting to mislead another licensee when she provided him with false and misleading information about the outcome of a settlement conference;
- since March 22, 2011, acting without integrity by failing to comply with a default judgment made against her personally and her Paralegal firm TLC Law Corporation;
- depositing a retainer cheque paid to her by her client into her general account;
- depositing a settlement cheque payable to her client into her general account;
- misappropriating settlement funds payable to her client;
- failing to act with integrity when she sent emails to two clients which advised that law suits were still ongoing when, in fact, they had settled;
- failing to serve two clients when she failed to advise the clients that she received settlement cheques;
- depositing a settlement cheque payable to her Paralegal firm TLC Law Corporation into her general account;
- misappropriating settlement funds intended for three separate clients;
- failing to act with integrity when she provided to a Law Society investigator a photocopy of a cheque from TLC Law Corporation payable to GE, which purported to be a transfer of settlement funds in an attempt to mislead the Law Society's investigator;
- failing to serve a client;
- failing to act with integrity when she advised a client that, among other things, the Court was refusing to release the settlement funds and that a trial date had been set when, in fact, the matter had settled;
- between October and November 2012, providing legal services when she was not entitled to do so because she was administratively suspended by summary order, effective June 22, 2012;
- failing to advise a client that she was administratively suspended by summary order, effective June 22, 2012;
- since September 2011, failing to co-operate with an investigation of the Law Society by failing to respond promptly and completely to Law Society correspondence regarding a complaint;
- since December 2011, failing to co-operate with an investigation of the Law Society by failing to respond promptly and completely to Law Society correspondence regarding a second complaint;
- since February 2013, failing to co-operate with an investigation of the Law Society by failing to respond promptly and completely to Law Society correspondence regarding the Law Society's complaint;
- since February 2013, failing to co-operate with an investigation of the Law Society by failing to respond promptly and completely to Law Society correspondence regarding another complaint

- since October 2012, failing to co-operate with two investigations of the Law Society by failing to respond promptly and completely to Law Society correspondence regarding the complaints;
- failing to apply for a Certificate of Approval from the Law Society of Upper Canada for her Paralegal firm TLC Law Corporation;
- failing to communicate with a client;
- failing to obtain the client's instructions prior to entering into terms of settlement at the December 12, 2012 settlement conference;
- providing legal services when she was not entitled to do so because she was administratively suspended by summary order effective June 22, 2012, by attending a settlement conference on December 12, 2012 and entering into terms of settlement on behalf of a client.

By Decision and Order dated January 19, 2015, the Law Society Tribunal - Hearing Division ordered as follows:

1. The Respondent's licence is revoked effective immediately.
2. The Respondent shall comply with the terms of the Law Society's *Guidelines for former paralegals whose licences have been revoked or who have been permitted to surrender their licences*.
3. The Respondent shall pay costs to the Applicant in the amount of \$50,000 on or before January 20, 2020. Commencing on January 20, 2020, interest shall accrue on any unpaid costs at a rate of 3% per annum.

(Counsel for the Society, Susan Heakes / the Paralegal was assisted by Duty Counsel for part of the hearing)