



## DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- a. David Michael Young (DOB: 1970.10.12)

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- b. Professional Misconduct.
- c. The hearing was held June 23 and 24, 1998, in the fifth floor Boardroom of the College of Teachers. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on August 21, 1998.
- d. The citation alleged that David Michael Young had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a student in the school district in which he taught during the period September 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997.
- e. The panel had to determine whether the member's behaviour constituted professional misconduct. The panel found that, although the female student was not in any of the classes taught by the member, the relationship began as a direct result of the teacher/student interaction in the schools; and that the respondent had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a student during that year. The relationship was renewed and the couple became intimate following his suspension from teaching by the employing board. Further, the relationship continued during the grievance process although the member had given assurances to his employer, and the parent of the student involved, that he would no longer contact nor see the student.

The panel concluded that the conduct exhibited by David Michael Young was a violation of the trust that the public places in members of the teaching profession. Further, the College believes that Mr. Young's deliberate dishonesty in repeatedly deceiving the parent of the student and his employer is detrimental to the integrity of the profession.

- f. The panel recommended that David Michael Young's certificate of qualification be cancelled. Council concurred with this recommendation. Mr. Young's membership has already lapsed through non-payment of the annual fee.
- g. Mr. Young appealed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the court overturned the council's decision and ordered a one-year suspension of Mr. Young's certificate of qualification, effective from the date of the panel's decision of August 21, 1998. This decision was further upheld by the British Columbia Court of Appeal.