

THE TEACHING PROFESSION ACT AND AMENDING ACTS

IN THE MATTER OF a charge or complaint against  
Reginald Galenza

ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF  
THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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The Discipline Committee of The Alberta Teachers' Association, pursuant to authorization in that behalf, did, after duly investigating the charges of unprofessional conduct laid against Reginald Galenza by Provincial Executive Council, on Thursday, October 3, 1991, find him guilty of unprofessional conduct. A report in writing of its findings and recommendations was made to the Provincial Executive Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association. After due consideration of the report and the recommendations made by the Discipline Committee, the Provincial Executive Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association does hereby:

- (a) expel Reginald Galenza from the Association, and
- (b) recommend to the Minister of Education that Reginald Galenza's teaching certificate be cancelled.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, Canada, Friday, November 1, 1991.

THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary

REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF a charge of unprofessional  
conduct against Reginald Galenza

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The Discipline Committee of The Alberta Teachers' Association reports that charges of unprofessional conduct laid against Reginald Galenza of [Location Redacted] Canada were duly investigated in accordance with the Teaching Profession Act (RSA 1980, Chapter T-3) and the Discipline Bylaws of the said Association. The hearing was held in Barnett House, 11010 142 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on Thursday, October 3, 1991 at 0915. Discipline Committee members present were:

[Redacted] presented the case against the defendant.

There being no objection to the composition of the Committee and no question as to its jurisdiction to hear the case, the hearing proceeded. R Galenza was present but not represented by counsel.

A plea of "not guilty" to each of the following charges was entered by the defendant.

1. Reginald Galenza is charged with unprofessional conduct contrary to the Discipline Bylaws of The Alberta Teachers' Association in that he, while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association did between the first day of January, AD 1976 and the 31st day of December, AD 1976 at or near the [Redacted] in the Province of Alberta, indecently assault [Redacted] another [Redacted] person, contrary to section 156 of the Criminal Code.

2. Reginald Galenza is charged with unprofessional conduct contrary to the Discipline Bylaws of The Alberta Teachers' Association in that he, while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association did between the first day of March, AD 1978 and the 31st day of March, AD 1978 at or near the [Redacted] in the Province of Alberta, indecently assault [Redacted] another [Redacted] person, contrary to section 156 of the Criminal Code.

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3. Reginald Galenza is charged with unprofessional conduct contrary to the Discipline Bylaws of The Alberta Teachers' Association in that he, while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association did between the first day of December, AD 1983 and the 31st day of December, AD 1983 at or near the [REDACTED] in the Province of Alberta, commit a sexual assault on [REDACTED] another [REDACTED] person, contrary to section 246.1 of the Criminal Code.

4. Reginald Galenza is charged with unprofessional conduct contrary to the Discipline Bylaws of The Alberta Teachers' Association in that he, while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association, acted contrary to clauses 4 and 18 of the Code of Professional Conduct in that he, between the first day of March, AD 1988 and the 30th day of April, AD 1988 while in [REDACTED] on a school sponsored trip did engage in sexual activity with [REDACTED] a student under his supervision.

5. Reginald Galenza is charged with unprofessional conduct contrary to the Discipline Bylaws of The Alberta Teachers' Association, in that he while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association, acted contrary to clauses 4 and 18 of the Code of Professional Conduct in that he, between the first day of January, AD 1982 and the 30th day of June, AD 1988, provided alcoholic beverages to students under his supervision or permitted students under his supervision to consume alcoholic beverages.

Witnesses

The prosecution called the following witnesses: [REDACTED]

No witnesses were called by the defendant.

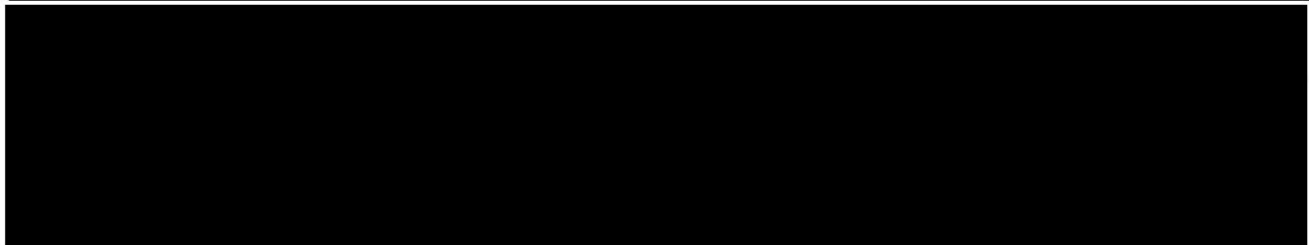
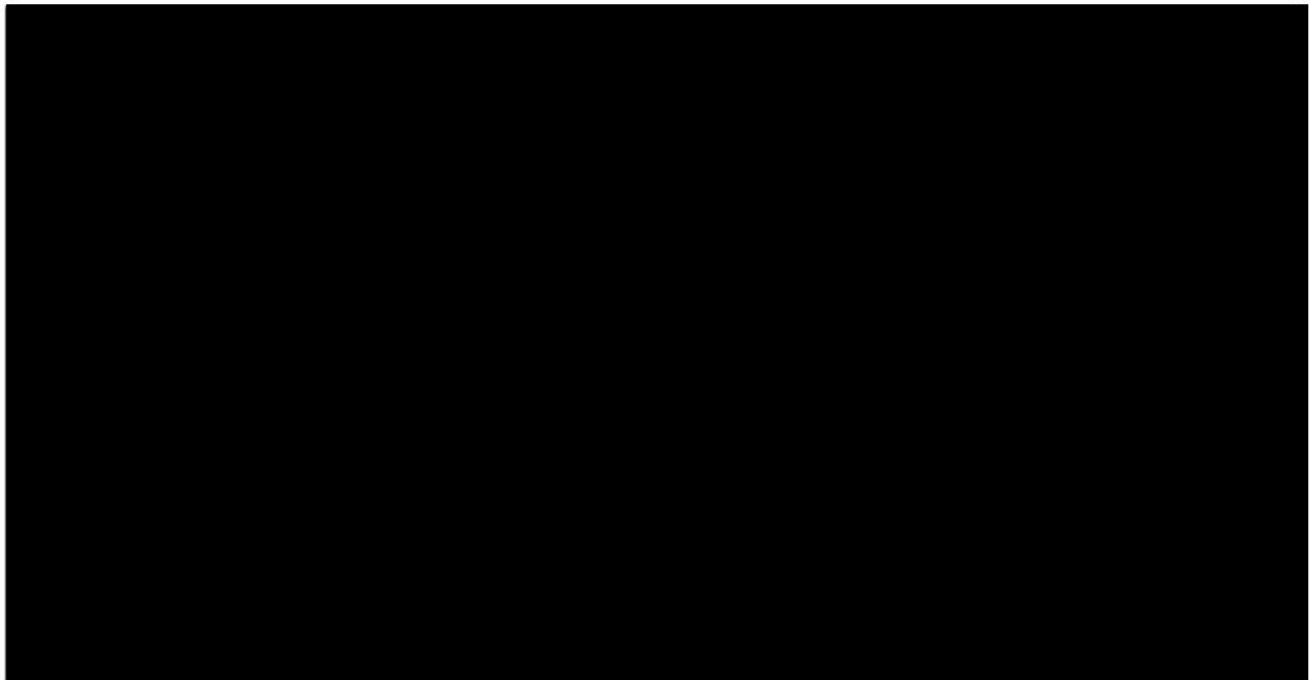
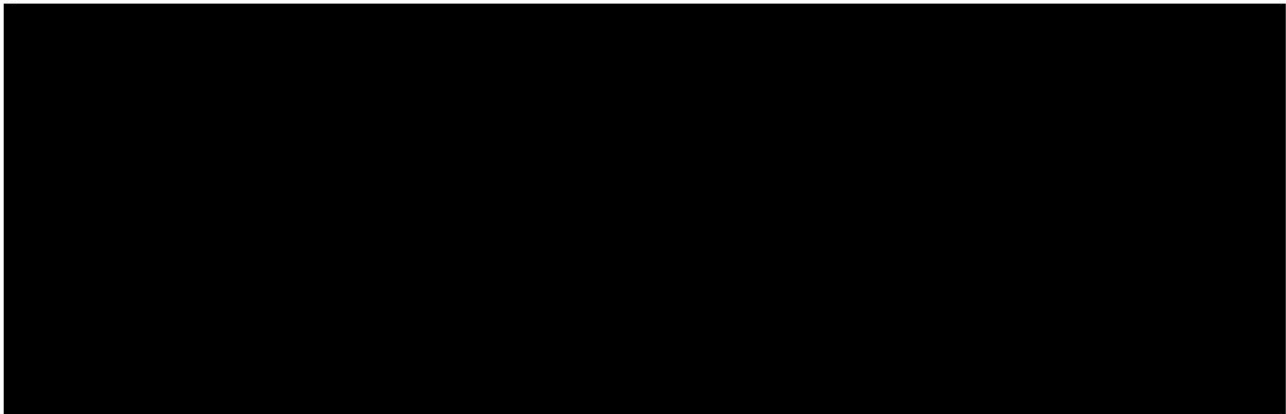
Evidence Adduced and Exhibits Filed indicated that

1. R Galenza was a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association and employed by the [REDACTED] at the time of the offenses. (Exhibit 3)

2. On 1991 02 12, R Galenza was tried and found guilty of two counts of indecent assault and one count of sexual assault contrary to Sections 156 and 246.1 of the Criminal Code respectively. All three convictions were for indictable offenses. (Exhibits 5 and 6)

[REDACTED]

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Decision of the Discipline Committee

Charge 1--Guilty  
Charge 2--Guilty  
Charge 3--Guilty  
Charge 4--Guilty  
Charge 5--Guilty

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Reasons for Decision

1. While a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association, R Galenza was convicted of three indictable offenses under the Criminal Code and thereby contravened Discipline Bylaw 9 (2)(f).
2. By sexually assaulting a student under his supervision, R Galenza failed to treat the pupil with dignity and respect. He was not considerate of the pupil's circumstance. R Galenza's action failed to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession.
3. R Galenza provided alcoholic beverages to students under his supervision and permitted students under his supervision to consume alcoholic beverages. By condoning the consumption of alcohol by minors, R Galenza was not considerate of their circumstances. Consequently, he failed to treat the pupils with dignity and respect and has brought dishonor to the profession.

Recommended Penalty

The Discipline Committee recommends to Provincial Executive Council that:

1. R Galenza be expelled from The Alberta Teachers' Association; and
2. A recommendation be made to the Minister of Education that R Galenza's teaching certificate be cancelled.

Reasons for Recommended Penalty

1. Society expects that teachers will not engage in sexual activity with students.
2. Teachers who are convicted of indictable offenses under the Criminal Code bring dishonor and disrepute to the profession.
3. R Galenza showed a complete lack of sound judgment and responsibility by inviting or permitting students to consume alcohol in his presence.

4. Students, parents, colleagues and the community have the right to expect that teachers will act in a manner which establishes and maintains the trust relationship between teachers and students. R Galenza betrayed this trust.

5. Students on school sponsored field trips in [REDACTED] are dependent upon teacher chaperones for safety, guidance and well-being. R Galenza violated parental and student trust when he permitted students to drink to excess and when he engaged in a sexual activity with a student.

6. The unprofessional acts of R Galenza were not isolated incidents but occurred over a long period of time.

Dated at the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta, Friday,  
October 4, 1991.

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THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE  
THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

