



## **Summary of Adjudication Tribunal Decision**

### ***Registered Nurses Act (2008), Section 29(4)***

In the matter of a Complaint against Douglas Barton, Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador, Registrant #20381 (the "Respondent") an Adjudication Tribunal hearing the Complaint accepted an Agreed Statement of Facts in which the Respondent admitted he had engaged in conduct deserving of sanction under the *Registered Nurses Act, 2008* (the "Act") sections 18(c)(i) professional misconduct, and 18(c)(v) acting in breach of the Code of Ethics. The Adjudication Tribunal determined that the Respondent engaged in conduct deserving of sanction, in that, in an interaction with a patient, forcibly grabbed the patient's arms, raised his voice and spoke in an angry tone to the patient and pushed the patient.

The Adjudication Tribunal accepted a Joint Submission on Penalty and pursuant to section 28(3) of the Act in a Decision dated August 8, 2017 (the "Decision"), ordered that the Respondent's license be suspended for three months to be served contemporaneous with the Respondent's suspension from his employer; to successfully complete specified nursing education; a course or counselling in anger management; and meet with a Nursing Consultant – Policy and Practice, ARNNL to reflect on his learnings. The Adjudication Tribunal further ordered that the Respondent pay ARNNL 25% of costs incurred in the investigation and hearing of the Complaint.

The conduct deserving of sanction occurred during the period on or about September 12, 2015 while the Respondent practiced as a registered nurse at the Waterford Hospital, St. John's. The Complainant was Eastern Health.

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