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Dear Ms. Sigmeth:

**Re: Timothy Froese and George Laliberte
Law Society File No. 80-11818**

Thank you for your Memorandum of 27 March 2012 referring this matter to me as Designated Complaints Officer.

I do not know the complainant or the lawyer who is the focus of this complaint and it follows that I have no conflict of interest. Prior to your correspondence, I had no knowledge of the well-publicized events giving rise to this complaint, which is further evidence of my objectivity.

I read with care the complaint and the Judgment giving rise to it and forwarded by you, and I have received correspondence from Timothy Froese in reply to your request for his comments in response to the complaint and correspondence from George Laliberte, the complainant. I have tried to familiarize myself with the history of the matter by referring to various media sources. I have perused the Court of Queen's Bench file which was praeciped to me at my request from the Judicial Centre of Saskatoon and also Timothy Froese's office file.

The complaint is based on Timothy Froese (hereafter "Froese") acting for George Laliberte (hereafter "Laliberte") in a Queen's Bench matter decided under the summary judgment provisions of Rule 492 in Part Forty of the Rules of Court. Froese indicates that he was acting on a *pro bono* basis. The policy of his law firm (McKercher LLP) in such cases is available at their website where they adopt a standard of care equal to that provided to fee paying clients: