Progression of an application for an investigation to the Syndic's Office



Investigation files are confidential. However, for the purpose of the investigation, any information received could be submitted to the lawyer involved.

The complaint becomes public and is entered on the hearing roll, on the Barreau's website. Only the nature of the complaint and the name of the respondent lawyer are public.*

* However, the Disciplinary Council may, of its own initiative or upon request, order that a hearing be held *in camera* or ban the publication, disclosure or release of any information or document it indicates in the interest of public order, and in particular to preserve professional secrecy or to protect a person's privacy or reputation.

The detailed complaint is made public after the first day of the hearing.

The decision becomes public once it is served on the parties. The Barreau never comments on the Disciplinary Council's decisions. The penalties range from a reprimand, to limitations on the right to practice, to permanent expulsion from the Barreau.

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