

SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: Macdonald v. College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia, 2010 NSSC 430

Date: 20101112

Docket: Hfx No. 334699

Registry: Halifax

Between:

Elaine Michele Macdonald

Applicant

v.

College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice C. Richard Coughlan

Heard: October 27, 2010 (in Chambers), in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Decision: November 12, 2010 (Orally)

**Written Release
of Decision:** December 17, 2010

Subject: Administrative Law - Application for Judicial Review

- Summary:** The Applicant is a registered nurse. Her supervisors filed a complaint against her with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia. The complaint was dismissed. The applicant filed complaints against the individuals who complained about her. The complaints were dismissed by a person delegated to deal with the complaints by the Executive Director of the College. The applicant requested in writing the dismissal of the complaints be reviewed. On review, the Complaints Committee affirmed the dismissal of the complaints. The applicant seeks judicial review of the dismissal of the complaints.
- Issue:** What is the appropriate standard of review, and did the decisions of the Complaints Committee satisfy the appropriate standard of review?
- Result:** The appropriate standard of review is reasonableness. The conclusion of the Complaints Committee to dismiss the applicant's complaints fell within the range of acceptable outcomes and meets the standard of reasonableness. The application is dismissed.

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