An Adjudication Tribunal (the “Tribunal”) of the Disciplinary Panel of the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board (the “Board”) held a hearing in the matter of a Complaint made by the Registrar of the Board against member Beverley Vey, registration number 86-577 (the “Respondent”), Pharmacist-in-Charge at Virginia Park Pharmacy, 262 Newfoundland Drive, St. John’s, NL.

On 04 November 2016, the Respondent refused to permit the Board’s Associate Registrar of Quality Assurance to conduct a practice site assessment pursuant to the Board’s Quality Assurance Program. The practice site assessment process involves direct communication with the Board and a pharmacist-in-charge regarding the regulatory standards applicable to their site. The pharmacist-in-charge first completes a self-assessment, and the Board site assessors complete an onsite assessment. The Respondent argued that the Board did not have the authority to do practice site assessments and did not have the authority to appoint assessors.

The Respondent’s position was rejected by the Tribunal and she was found guilty of conduct deserving of sanction by contravening section 12(o) of the Pharmacy Regulations, 2014:

12. In addition to the responsibilities prescribed in the Act, a pharmacist in charge shall be responsible for the following: … (o) cooperating with any person appointed by the board in accordance with the Act.

By written decision dated 11 May 2021, the Tribunal ordered that:

1. The Respondent’s licence to practise pharmacy be suspended for a 42-day period, with the suspension to commence 60 days after the date of this Order;

2. The Respondent pay costs to the Board in the amount of $90,007.31 over a three-year period;

3. The Respondent be restricted from acting as a Preceptor for a two-year period from the date of this Order;

4. There be completion by the Respondent within two months of the date on which her suspension commences of an Ethics course approved by the Board which course is to be at the Respondent’s own expense; and

5. There be publication of a summary of this decision in accordance with the legislation.