

DISCIPLINE DECISION

REVIEWING PANEL: Deb Mattina, Public Member
Jon Lemaire, Registrant Member
Paul Eros, Registrant Member

IN THE MATTER OF A DISCIPLINE HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO THE *MOTOR*
VEHICLE DEALERS ACT, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.30, Sch. B

B E T W E E N :

ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE	)
INDUSTRY COUNCIL	)
- and -	)
5 STAR DEALERS INC.	)
- and -	)
LAWRENCE WAYNE WEIR	)
- and -	)
ANDREW WILLIAM JOHNSON	)

This matter proceeded by way of Rule 1.07 of the Rules of Practice before the Discipline Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal. This Reviewing Panel has reviewed and considered written materials from the Parties together with a waiver of the requirement for an oral hearing and hereby makes the following Order:

Date of Decision: July 8, 2026

Findings: **5 Stars Dealers Inc. (the “Dealer”) has breached the following:**

- Sections 7(1), 9(1) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics, O. Reg. 332/08

Lawrence Wayne Weir has breached the following:

- Section 6(2) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics, O. Reg. 332/08

Andrew William Johnson has breached the following:

- Section 6(2), 7(1), and 9(1) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics, O. Reg. 332/08

Order:

1. The Dealer shall pay a fine in the amount of **\$4,000** no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the Discipline Tribunal's Order.
2. Lawrence Wayne Weir shall pay a fine in the amount of **\$500** no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the Discipline Tribunal's Order.
3. Andrew William Johnson shall successfully complete (with a passing grade of at least 80%) the MVDA Key Elements Course, no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the Discipline Tribunal's Order.
4. The Dealer shall **offer** to all current and future salespersons, employed by the Dealer, to **fund** their completion of the Automotive Certification Course, no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the Discipline Tribunal's Order.

Overview

This matter proceeded on the basis of an Agreed Statement of Facts, dated March 12, 2026, a jointly proposed disposition and a waiver of oral hearing, pursuant to Rule 1.07 of the Rules of Practice before the Discipline Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal. The Agreed Statement of Facts states in relevant part as follows:

Background:

1. The Dealer has two business locations registered with the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council ("OMVIC").
2. The first location (the "Dealer's Head Office Location") is at 1500 Dundas St E, London, ON, N5W 3B9. The Dealer's Head Office Location was first registered as a motor vehicle dealer in and around September 2004.
3. The second location (the "Dealer's Branch Location") is at 685 Richmond St, Chatham, ON, N7M 5J5, with its mailing address at the Dealer's Head Office Location. The Dealer's Branch Location was first registered as a motor vehicle dealer in and around November 2018.
4. Lawrence Wayne Weir ("Weir"), also known as "Larry", was first registered as a salesperson in and around April 1998. At all material times, Weir has been a Person in Charge of the day-to-day activities of the Dealer's Branch Location.

5. Andrew William Johnson (“Johnson”) was first registered as a salesperson in and around February 2018. At all material times, Johnson has been a Business Manager of the Dealer’s Branch Location.

Terms and Conditions:

6. On or about February 27, 2013, the Registrar, the Dealer, Weir, and other parties consented to an order of the Licence Appeal Tribunal based upon terms and conditions (the “T&Cs”). Paragraph 15 of the T&Cs state that the Dealer, Weir, and two other individuals “shall, at all times, comply with the Act and Ontario Regulations 333/08 and 332/08 prescribed under the Act.” On or about March 18, 2013, the Licence Appeal Tribunal issued the order with the T&Cs attached as a schedule.

Reminders to Comply:

7. During an inspection on or about December 11, 2018 at the Dealer’s accounting office, a representative of the Registrar reminded the Dealer and Weir about the Dealer’s vehicle history disclosure obligations pursuant to s. 42 of O. Reg. 333/08 and the Code of Ethics.
8. During an inspection on or about September 14, 2023 at the Dealer’s accounting office, a representative of the Registrar reminded the Dealer and Weir about the Dealer’s vehicle history disclosure obligations pursuant to s. 42 of O. Reg. 333/08 and the Code of Ethics.
9. During an inspection on or about December 19, 2024 at the Dealer’s accounting office, a representative of the Registrar reminded the Dealer and Weir about the Dealer’s vehicle history disclosure obligations pursuant to s. 42 of O. Reg. 333/08 and the Code of Ethics.

Dealer’s Non-Compliance:

10. On or about April 28, 2025, the Dealer’s Head Office Location purchased a 2021 Ram 1500 Classic (VIN# *708469) from another dealer in Quebec. The wholesale bill of sale (“WBOS”) disclosed that modifications were made to the vehicle’s exhaust or emission.
11. On or about June 5, 2025, the Dealer’s Head Office Location sold the vehicle to the Dealer’s Branch Location.
12. On or about June 7, 2025, Johnson, on behalf of the Dealer’s Branch Location, sold the vehicle to a consumer (the “Consumer”). The retail bill of sale (“RBOS”), however, failed to disclose that the vehicle’s exhaust or emission had previously been modified, contrary to section 42(14) and (25) of O. Reg. 333/08, paragraph 15 of the T&Cs, as well as sections 7(1) and 9(1) and (3) of the Code of Ethics.
13. On or about July 21, 2025, the Consumer filed a complaint with a representative of the Registrar with regards to the purchase of the vehicle.
14. Between July 2025 and August 2025, a representative of the Registrar (“Representative A”) communicated with the Dealer and the Consumer in an attempt to assess and resolve the complaint.
15. On or about August 5, 2025, the Representative sent a letter via email to the Dealer, to the attention of Weir, and requested the Dealer to provide, within 5 business days, a written

response explaining the Dealer's position with respect to the complaint, a written statement explaining any offers the Dealer has made or is willing to make to resolve the complaint, the WBOS, the RBOS, finance documentation, correspondence with the Consumer, and any other documentation pertaining to this transaction. The letter also reminded the Dealer of its obligation to respond to the request for information and provide the requested documentation, pursuant to section 14 of the Act.

16. The Dealer failed to provide the requested information and documents by August 12, 2025.
17. On or about August 14, 2025, the Consumer indicated to Representative A that the vehicle did not have a muffler (a component of a vehicle's exhaust system) and the vehicle was making very loud noises.
18. On or about August 15, 2025, Representative A sent a follow up letter via email to the Dealer, to the attention of Weir, repeating the request for information and reminding the Dealer that failure to do so may result in administrative action. Representative A imposed a deadline of August 22, 2025 for the Dealer to comply with the request.
19. Between on or about August 18, 2025 and August 21, 2025, Johnson and Weir, on behalf of the Dealer, provided the requested information and documents to Representative A.
20. As stated above, the WBOS for the 2021 Ram 1500 Classic, provided by the Dealer to Representative A, disclosed that the vehicle had a modified exhaust or emission. The Dealer, however, failed to disclose this information on the RBOS for the vehicle.
21. On or about September 3, 2025, a representative of the Registrar ("Representative B") requested the Dealer to provide further information about its transaction with the Consumer, including its reasons for failing to disclose the modified exhaust or emission on the RBOS.
22. On or about September 8, 2025, Johnson, on behalf of the Dealer, indicated that the Dealer had been in communication with the Consumer and had agreed to reimburse the Consumer's costs for replacing components of the vehicle's exhaust in the amount of \$214.26.

Weir's Non-Compliance:

23. Weir failed to ensure that the Dealer conducted its business in compliance with the Act, its Regulations, and the Code of Ethics and thus personally contravened paragraph 15 of the T&Cs and sections 6(2) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics.

Johnson's Non-Compliance:

24. In regard to the above-noted 2021 Ram 1500 Classic, Johnson failed to ensure that the RBOS used for the transaction with the Consumer complied with the law and thereby violated sections 7(1) and 9(1) and (3) of the Code of Ethics. Johnson also failed to ensure that the Dealer conducted its business in compliance with the Act, its regulations, and the Code of Ethics and thus personally contravened sections 6(2) and 9(1) and (3) of the Code of Ethics.

Code of Ethics Violations

25. As particularized above, the Dealer and Johnson have violated the following section of the Code of Ethics:

Compliance

s. 7(1) A registrant shall ensure that all documents used by the registrant in the course of a trade in a motor vehicle are current and comply with the law.

Professionalism

s. 9(1) In carrying on business, a registrant shall not engage in any act or omission that, having regard to all of the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded as disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unbecoming of a registrant.

26. As particularized above, the Dealer, Weir, and Johnson have violated the following section of the Code of Ethics:

Professionalism

s. 9(3) A registrant shall use the registrant's best efforts to prevent error, misrepresentation, fraud or any unethical practice in respect of a trade in a motor vehicle.

27. As particularized above, Weir and Johnson have violated the following section of the Code of Ethics:

Accountability

s. 6(2) A registered salesperson shall not do or omit to do anything that causes the registered motor vehicle dealer who employs or retains the salesperson to contravene this Regulation or any applicable law with respect to trading in motor vehicles

Decision of the Reviewing Panel

Having reviewed and considered the Agreed Statement of Facts and written submissions provided by the Parties, the Reviewing Panel is satisfied that the evidence contained in the Agreed Statement of Facts substantiates the allegations that: the Dealer breached sections 7(1), 9(1) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics, that Lawrence Wayne Weir has breached sections 6(2) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics, and that Andrew William Johnson has breached sections 6(2), 7(1), and 9(1) and 9(3) of the Code of Ethics.

The Reviewing Panel accepted the parties' proposed resolution for the reasons below.

Reasons for Decision

The Reviewing Panel received and considered comprehensive written materials from the parties and was left satisfied that the proposed resolution has no risk of being contrary to the public interest. The outcome is clearly connected to the admitted breaches of the Code of Ethics and

consistent with other outcomes ordered in this Tribunal in similar cases. In such circumstances, disposition under Rule 1.07 is appropriate and ordered accordingly

Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council
Discipline Tribunal

Dated: July 8, 2026



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On behalf of:
Jon Lemaire, Registrant Member
Paul Eros, Registrant Member