A hearing in this matter was held on June 27, 2018, in Lewiston, Maine, before a duly authorized Fee Arbitration Panel of the Fee Arbitration Commission of the Board of Overseers of the Bar. This Panel was designated to hear the controversy existing between the parties as set forth in the Petitioner’s Petition. The members of this Panel were Chair Carrie Folsom, Esq., Richard C. Nale, Esq., and public member Cheryl Brandt. The Petitioner and the Respondent each appeared and testified. The Petitioner was pro se and the Respondent was represented by her counsel, Theodore A. Small, Esq. Based upon the evidence introduced, the Panel finds as follows:

Measuring the findings with the factors set forth in Rules 1.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Panel finds that Tracy L. Card has not carried her burden to show that Darcie P.L. Beaudin, Esq.’s, fees and costs are unreasonable. Therefore, Respondent’s bill having previously been paid in full, neither Respondent nor Petitioner owe the other any sum.

In order to preserve the confidentiality of the written materials and the testimony submitted at the hearing, the findings of fact and conclusions are not set forth in the Award and Determination. This Award and Determination is accompanied, however, by a Confidential Addendum that sets forth the findings of facts and conclusions of the Panel. By ruling of the Chair, the Confidential Addendum shall not be considered part of the award, which is a public document. In accordance with Maine Bar Rule 7(h), the Confidential Addendum shall be
confidential and shall not be open to the public or disclosed to any person except as otherwise set forth in Maine Bar Rule 7(h).

The Award and Determination is in full settlement of all claims submitted to the Arbitration Panel.

The undersigned has subscribed to this award on July 24, 2018

Carrie Folsom, Esq.
Acting Chair, Panel 2
Fee Arbitration Commission