

July 26, 2016

NOTICE

Disbarment

On July 25, 2016, a Hearing Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta ordered **Christian S. Ouellette** disbarred, effective immediately. Mr. Ouellette practiced in Calgary, Alberta, until his membership was suspended by the Hearing Committee on January 27, 2016, pursuant to section 63(3) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8.

During the course of a 16-day hearing, Mr. Ouellette admitted that the following conduct was conduct deserving of sanction: failing to cooperate with the Practice Review department of the Law Society; failing to reply promptly and completely to communications from the Law Society; failing to comply with the accounting rules of the Law Society; failing to respond to other lawyers on a timely basis; and failing to keep his clients informed of developments in their litigation including failing to inform them of the existence of a counterclaim and failing to inform them about a premature application to strike their claim for want of prosecution. In addition to accepting these admissions from Mr. Ouellette, the Hearing Committee found that the following conduct was conduct deserving of sanction: threatening another person with criminal and quasi-criminal proceedings in order to gain a benefit for his client.

The Hearing Committee determined that Mr. Ouellette was ungovernable and should be disbarred. The Hearing Committee also ordered that he pay costs of the proceedings in the amount of \$100,818.97.

A custodian of Mr. Ouellette's practice was appointed in January 2016 and continues to be:

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