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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

NOTICE TO: All Active Members and Students-at-Law,

All Executive Directors of other Law Societies in Canada,

All Justices of the Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench,

All Judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta,

All Masters in Chambers, All Clerks of the Court

Disbarment

On February 2, 2010 a Hearing Committee found **Ivo Hula**, who resides in Calgary and practised there until his suspension on June 22, 2007, guilty of the following citations: that he misappropriated trust funds, that he deceived or attempted to deceive his clients in creating false invoices which were paid with the clients' trust funds, and that he failed to be candid with Law Society investigators.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(a) of the *Legal Profession Act*, that the member be disbarred, effective immediately. In addition to disbarment, the Hearing Committee ordered that the member is required to pay the actual costs of the hearing, estimated at the time of the hearing to be the sum of \$3,087.00.

The Hearing Committee further directed, in accordance with Section 78(6) of the *Legal Profession Act*, that the Executive Director send a copy of the hearing record to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

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