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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

Notice of Disbarment

On December 21, 2010, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **J. Grahame Loader** to resign, pursuant to section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, and rule 92 of the *Rules of the Law Society of Alberta*, effective immediately. Mr. Loader is therefore disbarred. Mr. Loader was a suspended member of the Law Society. He resides in Okotoks, Alberta, and practised in Calgary from September 24, 1997, until January 19, 2009, when his membership was suspended on an interim basis pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*.

Mr. Loader faced a discipline hearing on 40 citations at the time of his resignation application. The citations alleged that, *inter alia*, Mr. Loader failed to competently serve, report, and respond to his clients, failed to respond to opposing counsel, failed to comply with the accounting rules of the Law Society, breached an undertaking to the Law Society to maintain his books and records in compliance the accounting rules, misappropriated or wrongfully converted G.S.T. collected but not remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency, failed to meet conditions imposed upon him by the Practice Review Committee as directed by a previous Hearing Committee, failed to fulfill financial commitments incurred in the practice of law, failed to transfer a file to successor counsel in a timely fashion, failed to respond to the Law Society in several complaints against him, and misappropriated or wrongfully converted client trust funds.

Mr. Loader admitted facts and the foregoing allegations. His application to resign was granted.

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The Resignation Committee directed that Mr. Loader pay the actual costs of the discipline proceedings and the resignation application, estimated at \$12,395.25, prior to any application for re-admission.

A custodian of Mr. Loader's practice has already been appointed.

R. Gregory Busch Director, Lawyer Conduct Law Society of Alberta