



July 14, 2014

NOTICE

Resignation

On July 7, 2014, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **John Francis Schneider** to resign. Mr. Schneider was a suspended member of the Law Society at the time of his resignation and had been suspended since April 23, 2013. He lives and formerly practiced in Canmore, Alberta.

Mr. Schneider was facing discipline proceedings in relation to six conduct matters comprising forty-five citations arising out of investigations which took place over a seven year period. The citations involved allegations concerning governability, deficiencies in office practices and communication and non-compliance with trust accounting rules. While Mr. Schneider did not admit all of the citations, he acknowledged that if found guilty of some or all of the citations, it would constitute conduct deserving of sanction.

The Resignation Committee determined it was in the best interest of the public to permit Mr. Schneider to resign under s. 32 of the *Legal Profession Act* rather than having hearings regarding allegations against him, given that:

1. Mr. Schneider signed a Statement of Facts in which he admitted facts which support some of the allegations;
2. Mr. Schneider undertook never to apply for readmission to the Law Society of Alberta;
3. In the event that Mr. Schneider applies to be relieved of his undertaking never to reapply, costs of \$299,838.60 will first have to be paid; and
4. In the event that Mr. Schneider applies to be relieved of his undertaking never to reapply, all citations shall first be disposed of by way of a disciplinary hearing notwithstanding the passage of time.

Mr. Schneider is therefore no longer a member of the Law Society of Alberta.

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All Judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta,
All Masters in Chambers,
All Clerks of the Court.