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## **NOTICE**

### **s.32 Resignation**

On May 20, 2014, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Barry Richard Berman** to resign. Mr. Berman was a suspended member of the Law Society at the time of his resignation, and had been suspended since July 15, 2005.

Mr. Berman was facing discipline proceedings in relation to three conduct matters. It was alleged that he misled and failed to serve his clients, acted while in a conflict of interest, failed to be candid to the Law Society, breached undertakings to other lawyers and misappropriated funds. The Resignation Committee determined it was in the best interest of the public to permit Mr. Berman to resign under Section 32 of the *Legal Profession Act* rather than having a hearing regarding the allegations against him, given that:

1. Mr. Berman signed a Statement of Facts in which he admitted facts which support most of these allegations.
2. Mr. Berman undertook never to apply for readmission to the Law Society of Alberta or any other Law Society.
3. In the event that Mr. Berman applies to be relieved of his undertaking costs of \$30,754.31 will have to be paid.
4. A notice to the Attorney General was directed pursuant to Rule 92(10) of the Rules of the Law Society of Alberta.

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

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