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## **NOTICE**

### **Resignation**

On January 31, 2014 a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Alexander Pozniak** to resign.

At the time of this application, Mr. Pozniak was facing disciplinary proceedings in relation to three conduct matters. It was alleged that he had failed to accept reasonable trust conditions in two separate real estate transactions and had failed to serve his clients with respect to those matters. It was further alleged that he had failed to respond to the Law Society of Alberta's Practice Review Committee. He was also facing similar allegations arising from a complaint still under investigation that had not yet resulted in additional citations against him.

Mr. Pozniak currently resides in Edmonton, Alberta. He retired from the practice of law in March of 2013, and was subsequently suspended for the nonpayment of fees in April of 2013. Joseph Shafir took over as custodian of Mr. Pozniak's practice pursuant to a Custodianship Order on April 24, 2013.

The Resignation Committee determined it was in the best interest of the public to permit Mr. Pozniak to resign under Section 32 of the *Legal Profession Act* rather than having a hearing regarding the allegations against him, particularly given that Mr. Pozniak signed a Statement of Facts containing admitted facts which may have proven the citations against him.

In the event that Mr. Pozniak reapplies for membership in the Law Society of Alberta he will be required to costs in the amount \$5,959.63 with respect to the costs associated with the Resignation Hearing.

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

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