



September 25, 2014

## **AMENDED NOTICE**

### **Resignation**

On November 25, 2013, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Ronald Peterson** to resign. Mr. Peterson was retired from the Law Society prior to his resignation. He resides in Calgary, Alberta, and practiced in Calgary from January 10, 1966 to December 16, 2009.

Mr. Peterson was facing conduct proceedings under Part 3 of the *Legal Profession Act* for three citations of conduct deserving of sanction. The citations involved allegations that Mr. Peterson obtained instructions from a client when he knew or ought to have known that the client was legally incompetent, that he altered a document in an attempt to mislead the Court and that he misled or attempted to mislead the Law Society. Mr. Peterson denied the allegations.

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

1. Mr. Peterson undertook never to apply for readmission to the Law Society of Alberta;
2. Mr. Peterson signed a Statement of Facts which contained details of the Law Society's evidence against him and while he confirms that in his view, the client had testamentary capacity, he acknowledges there were issues with the document and his recollection of events in question and that if he were found guilty of some or all of the citations, it would constitute conduct deserving of sanction;
3. In the event Mr. Peterson is relieved of his undertaking not to apply for readmission, costs of \$3,197.75 will have to be paid prior to any consideration of his readmission.

Mr. Peterson 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,  
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