



September 11, 2013

## **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

### **Suspension**

On September 6, 2013, a Hearing Committee found the conduct of Navdeep Virk, an active member who lives and practises in Edmonton, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on four citations.

The matters in which his conduct was found to be deserving of sanction included: one citation for failing to respond to Legal Aid Alberta in a timely manner, and three citations for failing to serve his client in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner by failing to respond to his clients in a timely manner, failing to keep his clients informed as to developments on their files, and failing to use diligent efforts to expedite the litigation process.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that Mr. Virk be suspended for 10 days, the suspension to begin on February 1, 2014 in order to allow Mr. Virk to appear on several previously scheduled litigation matters prior to the start of his suspension. The Hearing Committee also ordered Mr. Virk to pay costs in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Responsibility for the handling of Mr. Virk's files while he is on suspension has yet to be determined.

This Notice is issued pursuant to the requirements of Section 85 of the *Legal Profession Act*.

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