

May 26, 2011

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

NOTICE TO: All Active Lawyers 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

On May 16, 2011, a Hearing Committee found the conduct of **Nancy Pearson**, a member of the Law Society of Alberta who practises in Edmonton, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on four citations.

The Hearing Committee found that Ms. Pearson failed to follow her client's instructions and acted contrary to express instructions in discharging Caveats, failed to serve her client and breached her trust obligations and the accounting Rules of the Law Society in relation to her handling of trust money.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the Legal Profession Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that Ms. Pearson's membership shall be suspended for four months, effective September 1, 2011. The Hearing Committee ordered Ms. Pearson to pay fixed costs of the hearing in the sum of \$3,601.50 by December 1, 2011.

A further Notice will be issued regarding arrangements being made for the management of Ms. Pearson's practice.

R. Gregory Busch
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Law Society of Alberta