



October 7 , 2010

## 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 October 7, 2010, a Hearing Committee found the conduct of Deris Spencer, a suspended member of the Law Society who formerly practised in Okotoks, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on two citations.

The citations on which her conduct was found to be deserving of sanction were as follows: failing to fulfill a financial commitment and failing to respond to the Law Society of Alberta.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that the membership of the member shall be suspended for 3 months. The Hearing Committee directed that if the member applies to be reinstated, she be directed to the Practice Review Committee for review and that the entire record of the hearing be included in the materials reviewed by the Committee. The Hearing Committee also ordered that the member shall pay the actual costs of the hearing, estimated to be \$2393.16, within 30 days of the date of the Committee's written decision.

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The custodian of Ms. Spencer's practice continues to be:

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