



March 24, 2005

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 February 16, 2005, a Hearing Committee found that the conduct of **Mr. R. Gordon Cormie** who resides in and practises in Calgary, was deserving of sanction in that he was involved in discussions to convince certain individuals to write a cheque on a bank account when he knew that such individuals did not have the lawful right or authority to do so and that he knowingly participated in the deposit of cheques to the account of a client whom he ought to have known had no right to negotiate the same and was not entitled to the monies.

The Hearing Committee directed that Mr. Cormie's membership be suspended for 90 days commencing on March 24, 2005, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*. It also directed that he must pay the actual costs of the hearing before being reinstated as an active member. During the period of his suspension, Mr. Cormie's client files will be handled by:

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