

March 3, 2006

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

SPECIFICS:

On March 2, 2006, a Hearing Committee found that the conduct of **Mr. Terry L. Britton**, who resides in and practises in Calgary, was deserving of sanction in that he failed to respond to his clients, failed to respond to the Law Society, failed to respond to the Practice Review Department, and failed to file his Forms S and T in a timely fashion or at all for the years 2003 to 2005.

In an Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission of Guilt Mr. Britton admitted that he failed to respond to two of his clients and that he failed to respond to the Law Society's requests and demands arising from complaints made by these two clients. Mr. Britton admitted that he failed to respond to a Practice Review ordered by the Conduct Committee and failed to respond to the Law Society's own complaint. Mr. Britton admitted to having failed to file his Forms T for the years 2003 – 2005. He also admitted to having failed to file his Forms S until February 24, 2006 for the years 2003 - 2005.

The Hearing Committee directed that Mr. Britton's membership be suspended under Paragraph 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* for a period of four months effective March 31, 2006. It was also directed that Mr. Britton pay the actual costs of the hearing which were estimated at the time of the hearing to be \$5,285.80. Payment of costs and other conditions will have to be satisfied by Mr. Britton prior to reinstatement. During the period of his suspension, Mr. Britton's client files will be handled by:

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