



February 23, 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

On October 27, 2004, a Hearing Committee accepted the Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission of Guilt made by **Mr. Raivo Rooneem** and concluded that citations were deserving of sanction. The sanction imposed by the Hearing Committee was directed to have a future effective date of February 16, 2006. Mr. Rooneem resides and practiced in Hinton, Alberta.

Mr. Rooneem admitted his guilt on five citations as follows: one citation involving failing to follow the Rules of the Law Society of Alberta; one citation involving failing to be candid to auditors of the Law Society of Alberta; one citation involving failing to respond to requests by auditors of the Law Society of Alberta; one citation involving failing to provide compliance confirmation as requested by the auditors of the Law Society of Alberta; and one citation involving failing to respond on a timely basis and in a complete and appropriate manner to communications from the Law Society of Alberta.

The Hearing Committee directed the following sanctions:

1. six month suspension with a future effective date of February 16, 2006 (so as to have the effect of being consecutive to a prior disciplinary suspension imposed August 2004);
2. a condition was imposed that the member is required to continue and comply with medical and psychiatric care until October 2006 and is required to provide an opinion regarding his competence to practice as a barrister and solicitor at the member's expense, prior to applying for reinstatement;
3. a condition was imposed that the member is required to participate in the Trust Seminar offered by the Audit Department of the Law Society of Alberta during his suspension; and

4. a condition was imposed that the member is required to take and pass the CPLED accounting course during the course of his suspension, if the course is made available to him by LESA.

The Hearing Committee further directed that the member be required to pay the actual costs of the hearing in the sum of \$1,087.07 and all accounting costs associated with the Rule 130 audit. The costs were due three months from the date of the hearing, being January 27, 2005.

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