

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

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July 7, 2005

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 May 31, 2005, a Hearing Committee accepted the admission of guilt tendered by **Mr. Michael Heinrich Sondermann** on four citations. Mr. Sondermann resides and practises in Calgary, Alberta.

The citations on which Mr. Sondermann was found guilty are as follows: one citation involving failing to respond to a fellow solicitor; one citation involving failing to provide an accounting to a client; one citation involving failing to respond to the Law Society; and one citation involving misappropriation of client trust funds.

The Hearing Committee directed the following sanctions:

- 1. that the member be suspended pursuant to Section 73(1)(e) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8;
- counsel for member has undertaken to take steps with the Audit Department of the Law Society to deal with the undistributed trust money and file the required final trust forms as required by the Rules;
- 3. that estimated costs in the amount of \$2,637.55 shall be paid within one year and in any event, are to be paid prior to any application to lift the suspension;
- 4. that the matter be referred to the Attorney General.

There was no direction to appoint a custodian since the member has not been in practice since 2001.

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