



December 4, 2008

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

Notice of Disbarment

On December 3, 2008, a Resignation Committee appointed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Blair A. Petterson** to resign, pursuant to Section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, effective immediately. Mr. Petterson is therefore disbarred. Mr. Petterson resides in Edmonton and practised there until his suspension in February 2006.

At the time of his resignation application, Mr. Petterson faced a discipline hearing on twenty-four citations. The outstanding citations alleged that he failed to respond to clients, failed to provide a proper accounting of funds received, failed to provide written information concerning fees and disbursements he charged, inadvertently failed to deliver statements of account, failed to maintain proper financial records, breached rules of the Law Society concerning the proper administration of his trust account, and, by way of an improper transfer of trust funds against an account which was later reduced on taxation, misappropriated or wrongfully converted trust funds belonging to his client.

In his application to resign, Mr. Petterson admitted the foregoing allegations.

The Resignation Committee directed, in accordance with Section 78(6) of the *Legal Profession Act*, that the Executive Director send a copy of the hearing record to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

The Resignation Committee also ordered that the member is required to pay the actual costs of the hearing, estimated at \$1,753.50, prior to any application for reinstatement.

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