



June 19, 2014

NOTICE

Notice of Disbarment

On June 13, 2014, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **David James Blott** to resign pursuant to s.61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c.L-8. Mr. Blott is therefore disbarred. Mr. Blott was a suspended member of the Law Society at the time of his resignation.

Mr. Blott was facing discipline proceedings in which it was alleged that he failed to serve his clients, improperly facilitated and encouraged loans to his clients, acted while in a conflict of interest which impacted his professional judgment and professional obligations, brought the profession into disrepute, paid referral fees and showed disregard for the rules of the Law Society and the Code of Conduct.

Citations had not yet been directed against him at the time of resignation. The Resignation Committee determined it was in the best interest of the public to permit Mr. Blott to resign under Section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act* rather than have the investigation conclude and hold a hearing regarding the allegations against him, given that:

1. Mr. Blott signed a Statement of Facts which contained details of the Law Society's evidence against him, and in which Mr. Blott acknowledged that if he were found guilty of citations arising from and similar to the alleged conduct then he may well be disbarred;
2. He agreed to pay costs in the amount of \$60,000. Should he ever seek to apply for readmission to the Law Society of Alberta, he will be required to pay the remainder of the costs of the investigation, estimated to be \$215,000.

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

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The Law Society of Alberta

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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.