



December 21, 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 December 11, 2006, a Hearing Committee found that the conduct of **Hermo Pagtakhan**, who resides in and practiced in Edmonton, Alberta, was deserving of sanction. The Hearing Committee found that **Mr. Pagtakhan** failed to render appropriate service to seven clients, failed to respond to two other clients, failed to uphold and respect the law in respect of an outstanding Default Judgment against him and failed to respond to the Law Society of Alberta regarding three separate matters.

The Hearing Committee directed, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that the membership of the Member be suspended for one month, commencing December 11, 2006. The Committee further directed that, upon **Mr. Pagtakhan** seeking reinstatement, his application be referred to a reinstatement panel to consider the imposition of conditions to address the concerns identified by the Hearing Committee. The Hearing Committee ordered that the Member pay fixed costs of the hearing in the sum of \$4,000.

At the time of this suspension **Mr. Pagtakhan** was already suspended on unrelated matters pursuant to section 63 of the *Legal Profession Act*. The custodian of **Mr. Pagtakhan's** practice continues to be:

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