

February 24, 2017

NOTICE

Suspension

On February 8, 2017, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Douglas Hodgson**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Edmonton, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on 16 citations and, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, ordered that **Douglas Hodgson** be suspended for one month, commencing on August 1, 2017.

The Hearing Committee accepted the admissions of guilt of Mr. Hodgson with respect to 16 of 24 citations, which included failing to supervise employees to ensure client instructions were complied with, unknowingly facilitating a client to achieve an improper purpose, failing to provide competent services to clients, failing to follow and properly document instructions, and failing to respond promptly to communications by another lawyer.

The Hearing Committee also ordered that Mr. Hodgson pay the costs of the hearing, currently estimated to be \$23,000.00 based upon the Estimated Statement of Costs.

The full written decision of the Hearing Committee will be posted to the Law Society of Alberta website when it is issued.

Please contact the Law Society of Alberta to inquire about custodianship information.

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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.