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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 Resignation and Disbarment

On May 14, 2008, a Resignation Committee appointed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Richard J. Garside** to resign, pursuant to Section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, effective immediately. Mr. Garside is therefore disbarred. Mr. Garside resides in Edmonton and practised in Edmonton until he was suspended on October 27, 2005 under section 63 of the *Legal Profession Act*.

On his application for resignation, Mr. Garside admitted that he had paid trust funds to himself or his general account when he was not entitled to receive such funds and that, at the time of his application he was under investigation for misappropriation. Mr. Garside elected to tender his resignation prior to the conclusion of the investigation and prior to being cited for misappropriation due to his health status. Mr. Garside also admitted that due to his health status he was presently incompetent to practice law.

The Committee directed that Mr. Garside pay the actual costs of the proceedings, estimated to be the sum of \$2,289.00, prior to any application for reinstatement.

The Custodian of Mr. Garside's practice, appointed on October 21, 2005, is:

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