



October 16, 2014

NOTICE

Suspension

On October 16, 2014, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Todd Dear**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Calgary, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on nine citations.

The matters in which his conduct was found to be deserving of sanction included misappropriating funds received in trust in a total amount of less than \$5,000.00, failing to serve clients, failing to be candid with another lawyer and failing to be candid with the Law Society.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that Mr. Dear be suspended for eighteen months, the suspension to begin on November 14, 2014.

The Hearing Committee referred Mr. Dear to Practice Review and imposed conditions on his practice which would take effect on reinstatement.

The Hearing Committee also ordered Mr. Dear to pay costs of the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$11,000.00, with two years to pay the costs.

As Mr. Dear is currently acting as in-house counsel, no custodian will be appointed.

This Notice is issued pursuant to the requirements of Section 85 of the *Legal Profession Act*.

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Director, Regulation
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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.