



March 24, 2015

## **NOTICE**

### **Suspension**

On March 11, 2015, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Christopher Souster**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Calgary, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on twenty one citations.

The matters in which his conduct was found deserving of sanction included failing to conscientiously serve his clients, acting while in a conflict or potential conflict of interest, signing documents as a witness to a client's signature and swearing to having witnessed the signature without having been present, failing to properly supervise his support staff and unknowingly assisting a client in an improper purpose.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that Mr. Souster be suspended for four months, the suspension to begin on April 1, 2015. The Hearing Committee also ordered Mr. Souster to pay the actual costs of the hearing, in the estimated amount of \$49,100.93, with half of those costs paid on or before his reinstatement and the balance paid within 6 months of his reinstatement.

During the period of Mr. Souster's suspension his client files will be handled by:

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**Don Thompson, QC**  
Executive Director  
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All Judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta,  
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