



March 26, 2008

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

Disbarment

On March 12, 2008, a Hearing Committee found **Mr. Neil Richardson**, who resides in Calgary and formerly practised there, guilty of three citations as follows: misappropriation of trust funds, breach of trust conditions, and failing to comply with undertakings given.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(a) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that the member be disbarred, effective immediately.

In addition to the disbarment, the Hearing Committee ordered that the member is required to pay the actual costs of the hearing, which were estimated at \$15,788.00.

The Hearing Committee further directed, in accordance with Section 78(6) of the *Legal Profession Act*, that the Executive Director send a copy of the hearing record to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

R. Gregory Busch
Director, Lawyer Conduct
Law Society of Alberta