



July 5, 2006

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 Disbarment

On June 28th, 2006 a Hearing Committee disbarred **Mr. Martin John McDonald** who resides in Calgary, Alberta and practised in Calgary until August 27, 1996, when he was suspended by the Benchers pursuant to Section 60 of the *Legal Profession Act*.

The Hearing Committee found that Mr. McDonald's conduct was deserving of sanction on eight citations involving misappropriating funds from two clients, failing to serve two clients in a diligent, conscientious and efficient manner, deceiving a client, conducting himself in a manner which tends to bring the profession into disrepute, failing to properly respond in a timely manner to the Deputy Secretary and failing to be candid in responding to Law Society auditors.

The Hearing Committee ordered that Mr. McDonald be disbarred immediately, pay fines totaling \$1,100.00 and pay costs of the proceedings totaling \$104,267.96.

The 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
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