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NOTICE TO:

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

On September 19, 2000, a Hearing Committee found **Mr. Stephen B. Nelson**, who resides in and practises in Calgary, Alberta, guilty of conduct deserving of sanction for removing funds from trust before trust conditions were fulfilled, for misappropriating a total of \$17,612.22 in trust funds for periods of up to 13 days and for involving clients in schemes to understate in his accounts the amount of fees being received by him.

Pursuant to section 69(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, S.A. 1990, c. L-9.1, the Hearing Committee suspended the member for one year, commencing on October 1, 2000.

The member must pay costs of \$ 4,404.38 and must comply with all of the requirements in the Rules before being reinstated.

The Committee directed, in accordance with section 75(4) of the *Act*, that the Executive Director send a copy of the hearing record to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

The Hearing Committee directed that a custodian need not be appointed since Mr. Nelson's files will be handled by the other lawyers in his office.

Peter L. Freeman, Q.C.
Secretary/Executive Director