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NOTICE

Suspension

On March 24, 2014, a Hearing Committee found the conduct of **Stephen B. Nelson**, an active member who lives and practises in Calgary, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on eight citations.

The matters in which Mr. Nelson's conduct was found to be deserving of sanction included signing powers of attorney as a witness and falsely deposing to having witnessed the signatures, assisting a client in an improper purpose, failing to conscientiously serve his clients (mortgage lenders and purchasers), acting while in a conflict or of interest without obtaining his clients' consent or where it was not in the best interests of his clients to do so, breaching a trust condition, failing to properly supervise his support staff and failing to follow the accounting rules of the Law Society of Alberta.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that Mr. Nelson be suspended for six months, the suspension to begin on April 25, 2014. The Hearing Committee also ordered Mr. Nelson to pay 75% of the actual costs of the Hearing and the investigation in the sum of \$26,671.97 prior to any application for reinstatement and that he undertake not to practice in the area of real estate law.

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

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