



December 10, 2004

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

NOTICE TO: All Active Members and Students-at-Law,
All Executive Directors and Secretaries 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

Suspension

On December 2, 2004, a Hearing Committee found **Mr. Pubalagan Venkatraman** guilty of two citations alleging professional misconduct. Mr. Venkatraman resides and practises in Edmonton, Alberta.

The citations on which Mr. Venkatraman was found guilty are as follows: one citation involving lending money to a client on unconscionable terms and one citation involving failing to refer a client for independent legal advice.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to section 72 of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that the member be suspended for 30 days commencing December 10, 2004. Actual costs were ordered to be paid 30 days after receipt of the Statement of Costs.

There was no direction to appoint a custodian as the member practises with partners who will manage his practice while he is suspended.

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