



November 4, 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

Suspension

On October 28, 2008, a Hearing Committee appointed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta found that the conduct of **Madeline Wood**, who resides in and practised in Calgary until December 2, 2005, was deserving of sanction in that she failed to respond on a timely basis to the Law Society, and failed to maintain the books and records of her trust account, failed to reconcile her trust accounts, and failed to file Forms T, all as required by the *Rules of the Law Society of Alberta*.

In her Statement of Facts, Ms. Wood admitted that she had failed to maintain the books and records of her trust account, failed to reconcile her trust account since October, 2002, and failed to file her Forms T for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004. She also admitted that she had failed to respond on a timely basis and in a complete and appropriate manner to the Law Society.

The Hearing Committee directed that Ms. Wood's membership be suspended under Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* for a period of three months, effective October 28, 2008. Ms. Wood had previously been suspended under Section 63 of the *Legal Profession Act* on December 2, 2005.

The Committee directed that Ms. Wood pay the actual costs of the proceedings within 60 days of notification of the amount to her, as well as audit costs of \$6,427.08, prior to any application for reinstatement.

The Custodian of Ms. Wood's practice continues to be:

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