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## NOTICE TO:

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All Secretaries of other Law Societies in Canada,  
All Justices of the Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench,  
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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

TAKE NOTICE that on November 21, 2001, a Hearing Committee pursuant to s.69(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, suspended **Max J. Wandinger**, who resides and practised in Calgary, from the practice of law for a period of two years effective immediately for conduct deserving of sanction.

The findings arose out of an audit that was conducted on Mr. Wandinger's practice pursuant to Rule 130 of the *Rules of the Law Society*. The Hearing Committee found that the Member wrongfully converted funds ranging from \$75,000.00, USD to \$21,500.00 CAD, by writing trust cheques before funds were deposited in his trust account. The Member was also found guilty of conduct deserving of sanction for knowingly assisting a client in making trades who was the subject of a Cease Trade Order issued by the Alberta Securities Commission, and engaging in loan transactions to clients, friends and family members, and investing those same funds in securities without providing proper documentation for those transactions. The Member was also found guilty of not complying with the requirements of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act, S.C. 1991, c. 26* and the *Regulations* made thereto, specifically Regulation section 4.

The Member was further ordered to pay the actual costs of the Hearing. The Hearing Committee pursuant to s. 75(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*, directed that the Executive Director send a copy of the hearing record to the Attorney General. The referral is with respect to the citations relating to the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act, S.C. 1991, c. 26* and the *Regulations* made

thereto

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