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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

Notice of Disbarment

On June 1, 2012, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Hugh Wade Adamson** to resign, pursuant to section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, and Rule 92 of the Rules of the Law Society of Alberta, effective immediately. Mr. Adamson is therefore disbarred. Mr. Adamson was a suspended member of the Law Society. He resides in Calgary, Alberta, and practised in Calgary from July 13, 1990 until August 8, 2005, when his membership was suspended on an interim basis pursuant to section 63 of the Act.

Mr. Adamson forged signatures of S.T., I.S., J.S. or M.C.; knowingly swore a false affidavit; knowingly signed a false Certificate of Acknowledgement under the Dower Act; created and uttered false or misleading documents with the intention to mislead others; acted in situations where his own interests were in conflict or potential conflict with the interests of his clients; acted in situations where the interests of one of his clients was in conflict or in potential conflict with the interests of another of his clients; engaged in business transactions with one or more of his clients in situations where his client had not received independent legal advice or his recommendation to obtain independent legal advice, or where he failed to disclose his interest in the transaction to his client, or where the transaction was not fair and reasonable to his client; engaged in business transactions with one or more of his clients without ensuring that he had made clear to his clients the capacity in which he was acting; paid out funds from his trust account in

breach of a Court Order; failed to fulfill trust conditions imposed upon him by one or more lawyers; failed to honour an undertaking given by him to another lawyer; failed to punctually fulfill commitments made by him to one or more lawyers; failed to punctually fulfill commitments made by him to one or more of his clients; misled or failed to be candid with the Law Society of Alberta; misled or failed to be candid with one or more of his clients; misled or failed to be candid with one or more lawyers; misled or failed to be candid with one or more members of the public; failed to respond to the Law Society of Alberta on a timely basis; failed to respond to one or more of his clients on a timely basis; failed to respond to one or more lawyers on a timely basis; communicated with another lawyer's client without the consent of the other lawyer; paid funds from his trust account when there were insufficient funds in his trust account held on behalf of his client; transferred funds from one or more client trust ledgers without the authority of his client; misappropriated or wrongfully converted trust funds; and paid funds from trust to his firm in an amount which exceeded the billed fee for services.

Mr. Adamson admitted facts supporting the elements of these allegations in the Statement of Facts signed by him on April 24, 2012.

The Resignation Committee directed that Mr. Adamson pay the costs of the resignation application, set at \$4,714.50.

The Executive Director of the Law Society shall refer this matter to the Attorney General.

The Custodian of Mr. Adamson's practice continues to be Brenda Lee Edwards.

R. Gregory Busch
Director, Lawyer Conduct
Law Society of Alberta