

September 6, 2017

## **NOTICE**

### **Suspension**

On April 26, 2017, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found Balraj Chhoker, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Calgary, Alberta, to be guilty of conduct deserving of sanction on 6 citations, which included signing a cheque to disburse trust funds in contravention of the *Rules*, failing to conscientiously serve his clients, failing to report unethical conduct of another lawyer to the Law Society, failing to be candid to the Law Society, being misleading when questioned under oath in civil proceedings, and assisting another in an improper purpose.

On August 17, 2017, the Hearing Committee ordered that Mr. Chhoker be suspended for 6 months pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8. Mr. Chhoker's suspension will commence on September 5, 2017.

The Hearing Committee also ordered Mr. Chhoker to pay costs of the hearing in the amount of \$75,000.00. The full written decision of the Hearing Committee will be posted to the Law Society of Alberta website when it is issued.

The following lawyer has assumed carriage of Mr. Chhoker's practice:

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