

September 4, 2018

## **NOTICE**

### **Disbarment**

On August 29, 2018, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found Catherine Ann Stark, a suspended member of the Law Society who resided and practiced in Calgary, to be guilty of the following:

- (1) Misconduct in relation to managing trust funds, including making false representations to other lawyers and to the Law Society about monies held in trust, failing to comply with undertakings regarding trust monies, depositing and then disbursing monies to and from her trust account for no legal purpose, and failing to comply with the trust accounting rules;
- (2) Misconduct in relation to her clients, including acting while in a conflict of interest without obtaining her clients' consent, failing to serve her clients, and falsely witnessing documents;
- (3) Misconduct in relation to the Law Society, including failing to be candid, and failing to respond promptly and completely to communications from the Law Society when required to do so; and
- (4) Misconduct in relation to practice management, including failing to supervise her support staff.

The Hearing Committee ordered that Ms. Stark be disbarred effective August 29, 2018, with costs payable to the Law Society.

The full written decision of the Hearing Committee will be posted to the Law Society's website when it is issued.

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**Elizabeth J. Osler**

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