

January 23, 2020

NOTICE

Suspension

On January 23, 2020, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Mary Odiase**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Calgary, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction. Pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* the Hearing Committee ordered that Mary Odiase be suspended for one month commencing February 1, 2020.

Ms. Odiase admitted guilt to nine citations involving three complaints: failure to honour an agreement with counsel regarding an adjournment; failure to be candid with the Court on two occasions; breach of Rule 119.1; failure to respond promptly and completely to the Trust Safety department of the Law Society; failure to provide competent, conscientious, and diligent service to a client; failure to follow a client's instructions; submitting an order to the Court without first providing the Order, or prior notice of the communications with the Court to opposing counsel; and submitting a Bill of Costs for assessment without first providing it to opposing counsel as directed by the Court.

The Hearing Committee also awarded costs of \$1,575.00 payable within 3 months of Ms. Odiase's reinstatement to active status.

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

Elizabeth J. Osler
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director
The Law Society of Alberta

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All Inactive Lawyers,
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.
