

**IN THE MATTER OF PART 3 OF THE  
LEGAL PROFESSION ACT, RSA 2000, C. L-8**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING REGARDING  
THE CONDUCT OF AUSTIN NGUYEN  
A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA**

**DISPOSITION SUMMARY – HE20200112**

Austin Nguyen admitted guilt to six citations, namely that he:

1. failed to ensure that the records of his law firm recorded in a timely fashion the receipt of funds relating to the provision of legal services to D.S. and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
2. breached the accounting rules of the Law Society of Alberta by failing to deposit into trust funds received from or on behalf of client D.S. and for which no accounts for services had been rendered, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
3. failed to issue accounts for services rendered to D.S. in a timely fashion, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
4. failed to issue receipts for retainers received from or for the benefit of D.S., and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
5. failed to be candid with the LSA regarding accounting records and accounts, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction; and
6. assisted his client D.S. with an improper purpose in evading a Maintenance Enforcement Program garnishee, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction.

The Statement of Admitted Facts and Admission of Guilt was accepted by the Hearing Committee pursuant to section 60(2) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

The Hearing Committee accepted the joint submission on sanction that Mr. Nguyen be suspended for five months, effective June 21, 2021, and pay costs of \$17,575.50.

This Disposition Summary will be replaced by the written Hearing Committee Report once the report is published.