

June 29, 2020

NOTICE

Section 32 Resignation in the Face of Discipline

On June 29, 2020, a Resignation Committee of the Law Society of Alberta accepted an application by **Marcia Johnston, QC**, an inactive member of the Law Society who lives and practiced in Cochrane, Alberta, to resign pursuant to section 32 of the *Legal Profession Act*. Ms. Johnston's resignation is effective immediately.

At the time of her resignation, Ms. Johnston was facing nine citations alleging conduct deserving of sanction. As part of her application to resign, Ms. Johnston signed a Statement of Facts admitting guilt to all citations, which included (1) acting while in a conflict of interest; (2) failing to communicate relevant information to clients; (3) failing to act in a timely manner to register an interest in land; (4) failing to respond to clients in a timely manner; (5) inappropriately disclosing client information; (6) inappropriately disclosing details of a Law Society complaint against another lawyer; (7) failing to notify clients in a timely manner of a late payment of closing funds; (8) failing to disburse sale proceeds in a timely and accurate manner; and (9) failing to comply with Trust Safety requirements.

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

Elizabeth J. Osler, QC
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director
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.