

July 6, 2020

NOTICE

Section 61 Resignation – Deemed Disbarment

On July 6, 2020, a Resignation Committee of the Law Society of Alberta accepted an application by **Chipo Jura** to resign under section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*. Ms. Jura is therefore disbarred effective immediately.

Ms. Jura resides in Africa and practiced in Edmonton, Alberta, until she was suspended in February 2018. At the time of her resignation, Ms. Jura was facing 14 citations arising out of two complaints. As part of her resignation application, Ms. Jura signed a Statement of Facts admitting guilt to all citations, including:

- (1) Failures of honesty and candour including: misappropriating trust funds; failing to be candid in communications with the Law Society; deleting evidence during an investigation by the Law Society; forging client signatures on affidavits, then filing them; knowingly assisting a disbarred lawyer to practice law; and practicing law while suspended;
- (2) Failing to comply with the Accounting Rules of the Law Society of Alberta including: failing to place trust funds in a trust account and accepting trust funds without first obtaining approval from the Law Society to operate a trust account; and
- (3) Failing to provide competent and conscientious legal services to clients, including acting without instructions.

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

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All Judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta,
All Masters in Chambers,
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