

**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 JOANNE HEMING  
A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA**

**DISPOSITION SUMMARY – HE20180228**

Joanne Heming faced four citations, namely that:

1. It is alleged that she failed to obtain consent and instructions from H.S. to represent her in legal matters and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
2. It is alleged that she failed to provide competent, conscientious, and knowledgeable service to her clients H.S. and P.S. and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
3. It is alleged that in relation to her errors on the matter for which she acted for H.S. and P.S., she failed to promptly inform the clients of the errors or omissions, failed to recommend that the clients obtain independent legal advice concerning the matter, including any rights the clients may have had arising from the errors or omissions, and failed to advise the clients of the possibility that, in the circumstances, she may no longer be able to act for them as required by Rule 7.7-1 of the Code of Conduct and that such conduct is deserving of sanction; and
4. It is alleged that she failed to promptly notify ALIA of her errors in handling her clients' litigation matter as required by Rule 7.7-2 of the Code of Conduct and that such conduct is deserving of sanction.

The parties submitted a Statement of Agreed Facts and Exhibits, which was accepted by the Hearing Committee pursuant to section 60(2) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

The Hearing Committee found Ms. Heming guilty of conduct deserving of sanction in three of the four citations, and determined that Ms. Heming should be suspended for one week, to be served within 90 days of July 28, 2020. Costs are to be determined at a later date.

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