

NOTICE

Suspension

On June 15, 2020, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Joanne Heming**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Strathmore, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction. On July 28, 2020, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, the Hearing Committee ordered Ms. Heming to be suspended for one week, to be served in the following 90 days. The suspension will be served from October 10, 2020, to October 16, 2020.

The Hearing Committee found Ms. Heming guilty of the following three citations:

1. Failing to obtain consent and instructions to represent a client in legal matters;
2. Failing to provide competent, conscientious, and knowledgeable service to her clients; and
3. In relation to errors on the matter for which she acted for her clients:
 - (a) Failing to inform her clients promptly of her errors or omissions;
 - (b) Failing to recommend that her clients obtain independent legal advice concerning the matter, including any rights the clients may have had arising from the errors or omissions; and
 - (c) Failing to advise her clients of the possibility that she may no longer be able to act for them.

Under the circumstances, the appointment of a custodian is unnecessary.

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

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