

NOTICE

Suspension

On December 10, 2020, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta ordered that **Matthew Ottewell**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practiced in Edmonton, Alberta, be suspended for two months, commencing on February 1, 2021, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c L-8. Mr. Ottewell was also ordered to pay costs in the amount of \$20,000.

Mr. Ottewell admitted guilt to three citations, which alleged that he committed conduct deserving of sanction by: (1) breaching Rule 105 of *The Rules of the Law Society of Alberta* when he failed to report criminal charges to the Law Society; (2) failing to provide competent, timely, conscientious, and diligent service to his clients; and (3) failing to follow Rule 119.21 of *The Rules of the Law Society of Alberta*.

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.

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Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director
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