

NOTICE

Suspension

On January 28, 2021, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Paul A. Kazakoff**, a retired member of the Law Society who lives and practiced in Calgary, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on eight citations. Pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c. L-8, the Hearing Committee ordered that Mr. Kazakoff be suspended for 15 months, commencing January 28, 2021.

Of the eight citations, one related to Mr. Kazakoff's failure to supervise his staff and seven related to his failure to comply with the Accounting Rules of the Law Society of Alberta. These failures created the conditions that allowed his legal assistant to misappropriate a large sum of money held in trust.

The Hearing Committee also ordered that Mr. Kazakoff pay costs of \$17,755.32 upon any application for reinstatement.

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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