

## **NOTICE**

### **Suspension**

On April 23, 2021, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta found the conduct of **Teresina M. Bontorin**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Calgary, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction. Pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c. L-8, the Hearing Committee ordered Ms. Bontorin to be suspended for one week starting on June 25, 2021.

The Hearing Committee found Ms. Bontorin guilty of the following seven citations:

1. Failing to meet the conflict of interest requirements of the Code of Conduct in acting for both sides of a transaction;
2. Failing to withdraw after a conflict arose;
3. Acting without integrity by taking steps to effect the transfer of a corporation knowing that her client would object;
4. Failing to be candid in correspondence;
5. Breaching a trust condition by failing to provide a current tax certificate;
6. Failing to satisfy other trust conditions within a reasonable period; and
7. Failing to respond promptly to opposing counsel.

The Hearing Committee further directed Ms. Bontorin to pay a fine of \$2,500.00 and hearing costs of \$5,000.00, both payable within one year.

The following lawyer has assumed carriage of Ms. Bontorin's practice during the period of suspension:

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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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