

NOTICE

Suspension

On June 17, 2021, a Hearing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta ordered that **Austin Nguyen**, a member of the Law Society who lives and practices in Calgary, Alberta, be suspended for five months commencing on June 21, 2021, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c. L-8. Mr. Nguyen was also ordered to pay costs of \$17,575.50.

Mr. Nguyen admitted guilt to six citations: breaching Rule 119.36 by failing to ensure that the records of his law firm recorded in a timely fashion the receipt of funds relating to the provision of legal services to a client; breaching the accounting rules of the Law Society by failing to deposit into trust funds received from or on behalf of a client and for which no accounts for services had been rendered; failing to issue accounts for services rendered in a timely fashion; failing to issue receipts for retainers; failing to be candid with the Law Society regarding accounting records and accounts; and assisting a client in an improper purpose in evading a Maintenance Enforcement Program garnishee.

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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Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director
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