

**IN THE MATTER OF PART 3 OF THE  
*LEGAL PROFESSION ACT*, RSA 2000, C. L-8**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING REGARDING  
THE CONDUCT OF ANDREW RICE  
A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA**

**DISPOSITION SUMMARY – HE20220167**

Pursuant to a Statement of Admitted Facts and Admission of Guilt which was accepted by the Conduct Committee according to section 60(2) of the *Legal Profession Act*, Andrew Rice admitted guilt to the following five citations:

- Failing to provide legal services to the standard of a competent lawyer, including performing all functions in a conscientious, competent, timely and diligent manner;
- Failing to be honest and candid with one or more clients, about information that may have affected the interests of his clients;
- Bringing the administration of justice into disrepute by asking S.M. for assistance with engaging in illegal conduct;
- Improperly managing funds held in trust, including by withdrawing funds without authority; and
- Breaching Rule 119.22 of The Rules of the Law Society of Alberta, by withdrawing funds from trust prior to delivering Statements of Account to his clients.

The Hearing Committee accepted a joint submission on sanction that Mr. McKen be suspended for five months, effective January 1, 2024, and pay costs of \$15,000.00.

\*This Disposition Summary will be replaced by the written Hearing Committee Report once the report is published.