

NOTICE

Section 83 – Direct Disbarment

On January 19, 2024, a Special Meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta was held to consider an application to disbar **Helmut Berndt** pursuant to section 83(4) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c L-8 (the “*Act*”). The Benchers ordered that Mr. Berndt be disbarred, effective immediately.

Mr. Berndt had previously lived and practiced in Edmonton Alberta. On April 14, 2022, Mr. Berndt was convicted of four indictable offences in the Court of Queen’s Bench (as it was at that time), including the following *Criminal Code* provisions: Sexual Assault s.271, Sexual Interference 151, Invite to Sexual Touching 152, and Sexual Exploitation 153(1)(a). On June 9, 2022 he received a global sentence of 14-years imprisonment. His incarceration commenced on August 19, 2022 and he was automatically suspended pursuant to section 83(7) of the *Act* at that time.

As Mr. Berndt was not practicing at the time of the disbarment, there is no custodian for his practice.

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All Justices of the Court of Appeal and Court of King’s Bench,
All Justices of the Court of Justice of Alberta,
All Applications Judges,
All Clerks of the Court.