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## **NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION**

**NOTICE TO:** All Active Lawyers and Students-at-Law,  
All Executive Directors of other Law Societies in Canada,  
All Justices of the Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench,  
All Judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta,  
All Masters in Chambers,  
All Clerks of the Court

### **Disbarment**

On January 11, 2013, a Hearing Committee disbarred Peter Riccioni, a member of the Law Society, who lives in Calgary and practiced there until his disbarment.

The Hearing Committee found that Mr. Riccioni's conduct was deserving of sanction on citations involving failing to follow accounting rules, failing to serve his clients, improperly delegating his duties and responsibilities on real estate files to a paralegal and a paralegal company, failing to be candid in his written and verbal communications with the Law Society, assisting clients in an improper purpose, permitting funds to be withdrawn from his trust account by one or more cheques which were not signed by him or by any active member of the Law Society, acting in a manner that might weaken public respect for the law or justice system and acting in a manner that brought discredit to the profession.

The Hearing Committee ordered that Mr. Riccioni pay costs of \$41,449.52 prior to any application for reinstatement.

The custodian of Mr. Riccioni's practice is:

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