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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

NOTICE TO: All Active Members 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 June 5, 2007, a Hearing Committee disbarred **Mr. B. Gareth Palfy**, who resides in Calgary, Alberta and practiced in Calgary until May 28, 2007, when he was suspended by the Hearing Committee pending sanction pursuant to section 63(3) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8.

The Hearing Committee had found that **Mr. Palfy's** conduct was deserving of sanction on two citations in that he had engaged in a deceitful scheme to enrich himself, at the expense of his former employer, while misleading a member of the public and taking advantage of a colleague, and that he failed to cooperate with the Law Society's investigation in the matter.

The Hearing Committee ordered that **Mr. Palfy** be disbarred immediately and pay the actual costs of the hearing estimated to be in the amount of \$16,123.37.

The Hearing Committee further directed, in accordance with section 78(6) of the *Legal Profession Act*, that the Executive Director send a copy of the hearing record to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

R. Gregory Busch Director, Lawyer Conduct Law Society of Alberta