



September 18, 2009

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

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

On September 14, 2009, a Resignation Committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Ms. Susan B. Lawson** to resign, pursuant to Section 32 of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, effective immediately. Ms. Lawson resides in Edmonton and practised there as a sole practitioner until her resignation.

Ms. Lawson admitted five citations outstanding at the time of her resignation application including failing to serve her clients, failure to follow accounting rules, acting personally in a matter where her objectivity was impaired, engaging in a business transaction with a client without fulfilling requirements related to independent legal advice and failing to notify the intended recipients of a gift of their entitlement to the gift. Ms. Lawson did not admit the outstanding citations alleging misappropriation. The Resignation Committee approved the resignation upon concluding that a conviction on the citations alleging misappropriation was unlikely based on a review of the relevant evidence.

The Resignation Committee directed that Ms. Lawson pay the actual costs of the discipline proceedings and the resignation application, estimated at the time of the hearing to be the sum of \$2,000.00, and the amount of any custodial costs prior to any application for re-admission.

The Custodian of Ms. Lawson's practice is:

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