



March 1, 2012

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

Suspension

On February 28, 2012, a Hearing Committee found the conduct of **Dana I. Carlson**, who practises in Red Deer, Alberta, to be deserving of sanction on 5 citations.

The matters in which his conduct was found to be deserving of sanction included: unwittingly enabling a party or parties to achieve an improper purpose; issuing inadvertently misleading or inappropriate letters used for the purpose of giving reassurance to prospective investors regarding the security of their investments; improperly accepting compensation other than legal fees from a party or parties seeking to achieve an improper purpose; representing clients in business transactions he knew or ought to have known were in breach of securities law; and unnecessarily complicating the Law Society investigation by destroying potential evidence and not being immediately forthright in explaining to the Law Society why he did so.

The Hearing Committee ordered, pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that **Mr. Carlson** be suspended for 3 months, effective March 26, 2012.

The Hearing Committee also ordered that **Mr. Carlson** pay the actual costs of the hearing estimated in the amount of \$7,134.75.

In a private arrangement, responsibility for **Mr. Carlson's** practice during the period of his suspension has been assumed by:

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