



April 19, 2007

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

Suspension

On April 16, 2007 a Hearing Committee found that the conduct of **Gerald Smith**, who resides and practices in Edmonton, Alberta, was deserving of sanction in that he lied to and misled a client, and failed to serve the client. Mr. Smith admitted that, over a period of approximately 18 months, he lied to and misled his client regarding his failure to take certain steps in a litigation matter.

The Hearing Committee directed, pursuant to section 72(1)(b) of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, that the membership of **Mr. Smith** be suspended for 30 days commencing April 20, 2007. The Hearing Committee further ordered that, upon the conclusion of the suspension, **Mr. Smith** must continue to practice as an employee of an approved employer for five years or until relieved of the restriction by the Executive Director. **Mr. Smith** is required to pay the actual costs of the hearing, estimated to be \$2,851.40.

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