



November 12, 2008

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 Disbarment

On November 11, 2008, a Resignation Committee appointed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **James Douglas Braiden** to resign, pursuant to Section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, effective immediately. Mr. Braiden is therefore disbarred. Mr. Braiden resides in Edmonton and practised there until his suspension in October 2006.

On his application for resignation, Mr. Braiden admitted that he failed to serve several clients and misled them as to the progress of their matters. In one case, Mr. Braiden admitted that he lied to his client, the Taxation Officer, and the Law Society regarding his work on a file, and forged documents and a Court Order as part of his deception. In another case, Mr. Braiden admitted that he misinformed his client by advising him an appeal was still being actively pursued after the appeal had been abandoned.

The Resignation Committee 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.

The Resignation Committee ordered that the member is required to pay the actual costs of the hearing, estimated to be \$3,423.00, within 6 months.

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