



December 4, 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 December 3, 2008, a Resignation Committee appointed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta granted the application of **Gina Cosgrove** to resign, pursuant to Section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-8, effective immediately. Ms. Cosgrove is therefore disbarred. Ms. Cosgrove resides in Toronto, but practised in Edmonton until she was suspended on January 16, 2006, for non-payment of fees.

Ms. Cosgrove faced a discipline hearing on twelve citations at the time of her resignation application. The citations alleged that she had failed to be conscientious, diligent and efficient in providing services to certain clients, had failed to respond in a timely manner to communications from another lawyer and the Law Society of Alberta, and had failed to comply with undertakings given to other lawyers. Ms. Cosgrove admitted these allegations.

Although Ms. Cosgrove elected to tender her resignation prior to the conclusion of the Law Society's investigation and prior to being cited for misappropriation, she admitted that there was a shortfall in her trust account which arose as a result of misappropriation.

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 Committee directed that Ms. Cosgrove pay the actual costs of the proceedings, set at \$1,500.00, within six months.

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