

May 18, 2017

NOTICE

Section 32 Resignation in the Face of Discipline

On April 10, 2017, a Resignation Committee of the Law Society of Alberta accepted an application by Malcolm Lennie, QC, a member of the Law Society, who lives and practices law in Edmonton, Alberta, to resign pursuant to section 32 of the *Legal Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c. L-8. Mr. Lennie's resignation is effective May 31, 2017.

At the time of his resignation, Mr. Lennie was facing ten citations alleging conduct deserving of sanction. Mr. Lennie admitted facts which supported five of the citations, including admissions about acting while in a conflict of interest, preferring the interests of one client over another and benefitted from this preference, failing to serve the interests of his client in a conscientious manner, and releasing funds from his trust account that were received for a designated purpose when the purpose had not been satisfied.

The Resignation Committee also ordered that Mr. Lennie pay costs of \$120,931.48 should he wish to be relieved of his undertaking not to apply for readmission to the Law Society.

The following lawyer will be assuming carriage of Mr. Lennie's practice:

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The full written decision of the Resignation Committee will be posted to the Law Society of Alberta website when it is issued.

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Director, Regulation

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All Judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta,
All Masters in Chambers,
All Clerks of the Court.