## IN THE MATTER OF PART 3 OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT, RSA 2000, C. L-8

## **AND**

## IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF RUSSELL WILKINSON A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

## **DISPOSITION SUMMARY - HE2019**0105

Russell Wilkinson admitted guilt to four citations, namely that he failed to provide competent, conscientious, and diligent service to his client, N.B., by failing to make reasonable inquiries and to adequately confirm N.B.'s instructions given the circumstances, by failing to fully review and explain the nature and effect of each paragraph of the Enduring Power of Attorney and Personal Directive with N.B., by failing to take reasonable steps to assess N.B.'s capacity prior to execution of an Enduring Power of Attorney and a Personal Directive, and by failing to take additional steps to confirm N.B.'s capacity after N.B.'s capacity had been raised as an issue by the Director of Care at N.B.'s care home.

The Statement of Agreed Facts and Admission of Guilt was accepted by the Conduct Committee pursuant to section 60(2) of the *Legal Profession Act*.

The Single Bencher Hearing Committee accepted the joint submission on sanction that Mr. Wilkinson be reprimanded, fined \$5,000.00, and pay costs of \$1,312.50. The reprimand was delivered orally at the hearing.

This Disposition Summary will be replaced by the written Order of the Hearing Committee once the Order is published.