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VIA COURT SERVICES ONLINE

Court of Appeal for British Columbia
The Law Courts
400 – 800 Hornby Street Vancouver,
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Attention: Tim Outerbridge, Registrar

Dear Registrar Outerbridge,

RE: *Law Society of British Columbia v. Attorney General of British Columbia and Lieutenant Governor in Council of British Columbia*, British Columbia Court of Appeal No. CA51536;

***Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia and Kevin Westell v. Attorney General of British Columbia and Lieutenant Governor in Council of British Columbia*, British Columbia Court of Appeal No. CA51535**

We are counsel for the Law Society of British Columbia in the above-referenced appeal (CA51536).

This is an appeal from the order of Chief Justice Skolrood dismissing the Law Society's constitutional challenge to the *Legal Professions Act*, S.B.C. 2024, c. 26, which was heard by way of summary trial. See: *Law Society of British Columbia v British Columbia (Attorney General)*, 2026 BCSC 779. The Law Society's constitutional challenge was heard together with a parallel challenge brought by the Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia (TLABC) and Kevin Westell, which was also dismissed. TLABC and Mr. Westell have also filed a Notice of Appeal (CA51535).

We write pursuant to Rule 47 and section 8 of the *Registrar's Filing Directive* (4 September 2025) to request that this appeal be referred to case management together with the appeal brought by TLABC and Mr. Westell. The parties to each appeal have had an opportunity to review a draft of this letter and consent to its form.

All parties to each appeal agree that case management is warranted. At this juncture, the parties anticipate that the issues to be addressed through case management would include the following:

1. Directions for the filing of joint appeal records and appeal books. We expect the two appeals to involve well over 4,000 pages of material. The joint application record for the summary trial before the Chief Justice contained approximately 20,000 pages.

2. Directions for the hearing of the appeals, including that the appeals be heard together and the number of hearing days for the appeals (the parties anticipate that more than one day will be necessary), and early scheduling of the hearing dates in October or November 2026 for the appeals.
3. Directions on a schedule for the exchange of factums.
4. Scheduling any interlocutory applications and any applications for intervener status. Five intervenors participated in the proceedings in the Supreme Court and it is likely that a number of organizations will seek to intervene in the appeals.

The most pressing matter may be the date for the hearing of the appeals. The *Legal Professions Act* provides for a transition from the current regulatory scheme governed by the Law Society to a new scheme governed by Legal Professions British Columbia (LPBC). This transition process concludes with the amalgamation of the Law Society and the Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia to form LPBC. The transition process and the timing of the amalgamation may be contentious; however, all parties to each appeal agree that the appeals should be heard as soon as reasonably possible, given the context. The parties are taking steps to tentatively reserve hearing dates through the scheduling office, to be confirmed at a case management conference.

The request for hearing dates is without prejudice to any interlocutory applications that may be brought in the appeals.

The parties are available for a case management conference on the following days over the coming month: June 15, 24, 25, 29, or 30, 2026.

Please advise if you require any further information.

Yours very truly,

LAWSON LUNDELL LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CAF', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Craig A.B. Ferris, K.C.

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Enc

cc. Emily Lapper KC, Trevor Bant, Sergio Ortega, and Karin Kotliarsky, counsel for the Attorney General of British Columbia, and the Lieutenant Governor in Council
Gavin Cameron, Tom Posyniak, Laura Abrioux, and Will Andrews, counsel for the Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia and Kevin Westell.