

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH
THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

DATE OF RESOLUTION: JUNE 21, 2008

MOVED by Frits Verhoeven, QC

SECONDED by James Bond

Public Confidence in the Administration of Justice

Whereas:

- 1) The Mission and Goals of the Canadian Bar Association include improvement of the administration of justice by enhancing public understanding of and respect for the law and legal process, the role of the legal profession and the judicial system;
- 2) Public understanding of and confidence in the administration of justice is fundamental to the proper functioning of the justice system;
- 3) Leaders among the judiciary and legal profession, and the Attorney General, have all expressed concern about the current level of public understanding of and confidence in the administration of justice and those involved in the law and legal process;
- 4) Research in Canada, the US and UK validates this concern;
- 5) We live in a society committed to freedom of expression and debate on matters of public importance.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch commits to work in partnership with the judiciary, government, other legal groups, law enforcement agencies, academics and the media to further the public's understanding of and confidence in the rule of law and the administration of justice in Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch encourages every lawyer to consider it part of his or her fundamental professional responsibility to further the public's understanding of and confidence in the rule of law and the administration of justice in Canada.

CARRIED.

**CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION BRITISH
COLUMBIA BRANCH AT A MEETING HELD IN DELTA VANCOUVER
AIRPORT HOTEL IN RICHMOND, BC ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008.**

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