



November 07, 2008

The Hon. Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Citizenship,  
Immigration and Multiculturalism  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

**Re: Citizenship and Immigration Section of the Canadian Bar Association**

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), please accept our congratulations on your new appointment as Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism.

The Canadian Bar Association is a national association representing approximately 38,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. Our primary objectives are to uphold the Rule of Law and improve the administration of justice.

In light of these objectives, our Citizenship and Immigration Law Section (CBA Section) welcomed the opportunity to meet with CIC staff last August to provide our input regarding ministerial instructions under the new *Budget Implementation Act, 2008*. We hope the CBA Section may continue the dialogue on the many issues that remain to be resolved, including processing priority management, consultation, and effective public notification of instructions.

We are particularly interested in ensuring that ministerial instructions are prepared, presented and implemented fairly, with transparency, and in a manner that reflects the values underlying the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*. We would be pleased to review any draft ministerial instructions and provide you with feedback based on our experience and practical expertise, or provide you with any other assistance you may require.

We would very much appreciate a meeting to discuss this and other matters with you at a mutually convenient date. The Chair of the CBA Section, Baerbel Langner, and the rest of the Section executive will be in Ottawa between the 26<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> of November and available for a meeting during that time.



We also wish to invite you to attend the CBA National Citizenship and Immigration Law Conference in Whistler, BC on April 16-18, 2009. This annual event, co-chaired by the CBA Section and the Department of Justice, attracts over 300 participants, including immigration lawyers from across Canada, senior staff from your Department and Federal Court judges. We have been pleased to host your predecessors in past years and we believe it will provide you with an excellent platform to address an audience of key partners in the delivery of immigration services.

We also are open to discussing any matters in your portfolio that are of priority to you. Like you, we are committed to ensuring that the laws your Department administers promote justice. We look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

*(Original signed by J. Guy Joubert)*

J. Guy Joubert  
President

*(Original signed by Baerbel Langner)*

Baerbel Langner  
Chair, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section