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RE: "8 sentenced in New Can Consultants immigration fraud case affecting over 1,600 clients."

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants, I want to provide some information to you that may be helpful in your future reporting on issues involving immigration fraud.

The CBC article "8 sentenced in New Can Consultants immigration fraud case affecting over 1,600 clients," dated September 15, 2017, applies the word "consultants" in its subtitle to those who were sentenced, while it later applies the term "unlicensed immigration consultants" to describe the same group of people.

We feel that the term "unauthorized representatives" may be more appropriate, as the term "authorized representatives" is used by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and it appears throughout the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA). The Law Society of Upper Canada also uses the term "unauthorized practitioners," which is broader but nevertheless denotes a nonprofessional, unlike the word "consultant."

The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants fully supports the successful resolution of this case, and the work of the CBSA and law enforcement agencies in bringing the perpetrators to justice. I hope the above information is helpful to CBC's coverage of this important issue.

Yours Truly,

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