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RE: Critical legal error in the “End the Sleight of Hand of Immigration Consultants”

Dear Ms. Martin,

As the CEO of [CAPIC](#), the only recognized national association of Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs), I am deeply concerned that the editorial “End of Sleight of Hand of Immigration Consultants” (Editorial) published by your outlet on May 17, 2026, contains **a critical legal error**. The error makes the article misleading and thus warrants immediate correction.

The Editorial addresses both immigration fraud by unauthorized practitioners (UAPs) and 1 % of RCICs who engage in misconduct. In doing so, it uses the term “immigration consultants” to refer to both RCICs and UAPs. However, “immigration consultant” is a variation of the legally protected title “immigration and citizenship consultant,” as defined in [s. 2](#) of the *College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants Act*, SC 2019, c. 29, s. 292 (the College Act). Under [s. 77](#) of the College Act, that title, along with its variations and abbreviations, is reserved exclusively for licensees of the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants.

This misuse of the designation and the disconnect between the Editorial’s title and content are misleading. Rather than raising awareness of immigration fraud, it creates public confusion about the distinction between RCICs and UAPs, a confusion that UAPs have long exploited. UAP practice, which is an offence under [s.91\(9\)](#) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, SC 2001, c. 27 (IRPA), is the primary driver of immigration fraud and poses a serious threat to the integrity of Canada’s immigration system.

I therefore respectfully ask that your outlet either withdraw the Editorial or correct this legal error without delay.

CAPIC has long advocated for ethical and competent practice and has provided resources to help people with immigration needs protect themselves from fraud. We



would be pleased to assist in correcting this error. I also invite you and your colleagues to work with CAPIC on solutions to the challenges facing Canada's immigration system.

Sincerely,

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