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Barbara J. Caruso, Chair  
The Canadian Bar Association  
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Dear Ms. Caruso,

Having carefully read the CBA's response to the Citizenship and Immigration Committee Report on immigration consultants and paralegals, CAPIC wishes to state the following:

CAPIC agrees with CBA recommendations 1, 3, and 4.

However, your recommendations that consultants and/or paralegals be denied the right to practise immigration law, and the self-interested nature of your conclusions therein, reflect a shocking disregard for the integrity of the immigration system (which includes the immigration consulting community) and the cherished Canadian value of access to justice. CAPIC held the immigration section of the Canadian Bar Association to a much higher standard than that exhibited in this response.

CAPIC recommends that all authorized representatives be required to possess the same number of hours of study and training in Canadian immigration law to represent and counsel immigration applicants. This would ensure a consistent approach to representation that ultimately benefits the consumer – who remains our chief concern.

Let us work together to effect sorely needed change.

Respectfully,

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cc: The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, P.C., M.P. - Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship  
Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskyj, M.P. - Chair, Citizenship and Immigration Committee