

Ombudsman, CBC P.O. Box 500 Station A Toronto, Ontario M5W 1E6

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RE: "Crown pushing for 11 year jail term, \$100K fine for fraudulent immigration consultant."

To Whom It May Concern:

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

The CBC article "Crown pushing for 11 year jail term, \$100K fine for fraudulent immigration consultant," dated February 27, 2018, falsely applies the term "immigration consultant" to Angelina Codina, who was disbarred from the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2002. The article applies this term despite the fact that Codina has never been a member of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) nor the former Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC). Please retract this information immediately and issue an erratum, as it causes irreparable harm to the profession.

We feel that the term "unauthorized representative" is more appropriate, as the term "authorized representatives" is used by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and appears throughout the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR). The Law Society of Ontario also uses the term "unauthorized practitioner," which is broader but nevertheless denotes a nonprofessional, unlike the word "consultant."

CAPIC fully supports the successful resolution of this case and the efforts of law enforcement agencies in bringing the perpetrator to justice. I trust that the above clarification is helpful to CBC's ongoing coverage of this important issue.

Yours Truly,

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