



Canadian Association of
Professional Immigration Consultants

L'Association Canadienne des
Conseillers Professionnels en Immigration

Federal Court asked to spare former clients of immigration consultant fraudster, March 10

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CA PIC), I want to point out that the media's persistent use of the term "immigration consultant," in cases where the professional designation of an immigration fraudster is ambiguous, unfairly denigrates the reputation of over 4500 Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants.

The term "authorized representative" (and its opposite, "unauthorized representative") is broad enough to suit such ambiguity, so why not use it? It includes lawyers, notaries in Quebec, immigration consultants, and paralegals, all of whom are equally authorized to represent on immigration and citizenship matters.

Such egregious errors in judgment are irresponsible at best, and ought to be retracted. An ascription of criminality in ambiguous cases demands sensitivity and should not be taken lightly, especially when the reputation of honest, ethically upright professionals is at stake.

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