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Attention: Mr. Justice Malcolm D. Macaulay,
Chair of the B.C. Supreme Court Rules Revision Committee

Re: Resolution of the Westminster C.B.A. Family Law Sub Section addressing
concerns re Rule 10 - 6 of the new Supreme Court Family Rules

As the Legislative Liaison Chair of the Westminster C.B.A. Family Law Subsection, I am forwarding to you and your Committee a Resolution which was passed at our May 19, 2010 meeting addressing problems our members anticipate with Chambers practice under the new Rules.

We fully understand that given the rapidly approaching deadline of July 1, 2010, it is, of course, unlikely that any changes could be considered prior to the new Supreme Court Family Rules coming into force.

We sincerely hope that many of our concerns will not materialize, but if they do, we hope that this Resolution will be of assistance in the future.

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Please note that the Resolution is also being forwarded to the Attorney General of British Columbia with an almost identical letter.

Should the Committee wish to hear further from our Family Law sub-section, we would be happy to assist.

Yours truly,

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RESOLUTION OF THE WESTMINSTER CBA FAMILY LAW SUB SECTION

WHEREAS many of the key provisions of Rule 51A of the current Supreme Court Rules have proven to reduce conflict and unnecessary court appearances;

WHEREAS the objectives of the new Supreme Court Family Rules under Rule 1-3 are to “minimize conflict” and “to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every family law case on its merits”; **AND**

WHEREAS the current filing requirements and notice provisions under Rule 10-6 of the new Rules are likely to lead to unnecessary court appearances and rushed replies which will increase costs and pressures for litigants and their counsel;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the B.C. Supreme Court Rules Committee and the Attorney General of British Columbia forthwith consider amending Rule 10-6 to

- a) delete the requirement to file Applications and Affidavits before service;
- b) delete the requirement to fix a date for hearing when an Application is served;
- c) delete the requirement that responding materials have to be filed prior to service;
- d) stipulate more than 2 days for the service of responding materials prior to a hearing; and
- e) reinstate essentially the current Notice of Hearing and filing provisions under Rule 51A.

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