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BC Administrative Law Website A Canadian First

Vancouver, BC – On January 14, British Columbians will have a new resource when learning about administrative law or searching and preparing for a tribunal. AdminLawBC.ca is the first website in Canada to bring information on the complete range of admin law resources together under one domain.

The website will be launched tomorrow at the Law Courts Education Society's (LCES) head office (260-800 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2C5) from 12:40 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to kevin.smith@lawcourtsed.ca or 604-660-0588.

Administrative law involves the resolution of disputes involving government law as well as how those laws are applied. There are hundreds of municipal, provincial, federal and specialized tribunals.

The website's features include videos explaining administrative law and its range of agencies as well as links to local, provincial, federal and specialized tribunals, such as the Workers Compensation Appeal Tribunal and the Employment Standards Tribunal. Also included is a list of experts available to speak about numerous administrative law areas.

"Administrative law affects us in numerous ways every day," said the Honourable Judge Pedro de Couto, President of the Board, LCES. "Increasing access to our province's administrative law resources will allow British Columbians to find the correct information they need quickly and easily."

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"Knowing the appropriate tribunal exists and how disputes are settled is essential to fair justice," said BCCAT president Iain Macdonald. "Public interest is well-served through the creation of this informative and important legal resource."

About the Law Courts Education Society

Since 1989, the Law Courts Education Society (LCES) has been dedicated to improving access to the legal system through hands-on, targeted, two-way education between the public and those working in the justice system. As a non-profit organization with ongoing public and private sector financial and volunteer support, the LCES is able to offer a unique and comprehensive collection of justice related educational services and effectively work towards creating a justice system that is accessible to all.

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