

**To:**

Risk Management  
Alberta Lawyers Indemnity Association (ALIA)

**Subject:** Formal Risk Disclosure: Conduct of Stillman LLP and Associated Policyholders

**From:** Ben Beveridge | Proconsul

**Date:** May 25, 2025

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To the Risk Oversight Team at ALIA,

I am submitting this letter as a formal notice of risk and professional liability concern related to current insured parties under your coverage — specifically, the legal partnership, shareholders, funders, and associated practitioners operating under the firm name *Stillman LLP*, including but not limited to:

- Gregory R. Bentz
  - Erik L. Bruveris
  - John W. Hagg
  - Christopher G. Hoose
  - Ara L. McKee
  - Blair E. Maxston, K.C.
  - Taylor Maxston
  - Jessie Bakker
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**Nature of the Risk:**

On May 23, 2025, I received legal correspondence from the above-mentioned firm designed not to assert a lawful claim, but to:

- Coerce the surrender of private communication and financial data;
- Intimidate a private citizen into silence regarding publicly available information;
- Imply that legal authority is for sale and subordinate to private client interest;
- Represent themselves as controlling the legal system rather than operating within it.

This correspondence was not defensive in nature. It was not responsive to litigation. It was unsolicited, aggressive, and explicitly aimed at suppressing lawful expression under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A fishing expedition to illegally obtain information on Nate Pike, using intimidation, coercion, and extortion by threat to by person and platform.

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**Implications for ALIA:**

The actions of these insured parties carry direct and measurable implications for ALIA, including:

- **Reputational Risk:** Public association with a firm using its status to engage in suppressive and unlawful legal strategies reflects poorly on ALIA's portfolio.
  - **Policy Breach Risk:** Should their actions result in successful litigation or professional sanctions, which I am pursuing, ALIA may be required to fund defences or settlements that violate the bounds of good-faith practice.
  - **Actuarial Risk:** These incidents signal a broader behavioural pattern that increases exposure across multiple clients, especially in cases involving estate control, regulatory arbitrage, or reputation defence.
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#### **Request for Action:**

I recommend the following steps:

1. Initiate a formal internal review of Stillman LLP's conduct, correspondence, and litigation history to determine risk classification adjustment or coverage limitation.
  2. Require disclosure of any pending regulatory complaints or judicial admonishments that may further indicate malpractice exposure.
  3. Consider the suspension of coverage renewal pending outcome of formal regulatory or academic investigations already underway.
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#### **Final Note:**

This is not a political attack. This is a risk disclosure. Stillman LLP has positioned itself as a legal operator acting outside the ethics and public trust your profession requires.

ALIA's mandate is to protect the integrity and sustainability of the system.

Now is the moment to act accordingly.

I look forward to your formal response.

Sincerely,  
Ben Beveridge  
Proconsul