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**Subject: Request for Oversight Review - ALIA File No. 2025 0870 and Institutional Coordination in Federal Constitutional Matter**

May 28, 2025

Dear Ms. Doyle,

I am writing to request the Federation's review of what appears to be a significant breach of jurisdictional boundaries and professional protocols by the Alberta Lawyers Indemnity Association (ALIA), with potential implications for the integrity of Canada's legal regulatory framework.

**Background:**

I am the Plaintiff in a pending federal constitutional action against Stillman LLP, its partners, Hassin Sam Mraiche, the Law Society of Alberta, and ALIA. This action arises from documented Charter violations under sections 2(b) and 7.

On May 27, 2025, ALIA initiated File No. 2025 0870 in response to a private settlement offer I sent to Stillman LLP's counsel, Jessie Bakker, who threatened me with legal action if I did not disclose information on a third party they are litigating against. ALIA was courtesy-copied on this communication—they were not addressed, not served, and made no request for their involvement.

**The Critical Contradiction:**

ALIA's response explicitly states: *"We have received your emails making a claim against Stillman LLP."*

Yet the Law Society of Alberta has formally declared it "does not have jurisdiction over law firms, only individual lawyers."

I have previously directly contacted ALIA by informing them of Stillman's threat against me, by formal complaint to the Law Society of Alberta, and by including them as a courtesy in the offer to settle, as they are implicated in the threat by Jessie. These received no response.

Their only response was to protect Stillman LLP.

This creates an impossible legal situation: How can ALIA provide indemnity coverage for an entity (Stillman LLP) and its operators that its regulator claims has no legal standing for regulatory purposes?

**Specific Jurisdictional Failures:**

1. **Unauthorized Intervention:** ALIA created a claims file based on being courtesy-copied on private settlement negotiations—without legal authority or obligation to respond.
2. **Entity Coverage Contradiction:** ALIA explicitly cites "claim against Stillman LLP" as justification for the file, despite firms allegedly being unregulated entities.
3. **Role Inversion:** Gregory Bentz is designated as "Claimant" - In this action by ALIA, is Bentz an individual, a lawyer, a beneficial owner of Stillman LLP, the author of the threat letter to me, or is he representing the firm Stillman LLP collectively? What roles has ALIA determined for the parties in providing indemnity?
4. **Pre-litigation Coordination:** ALIA positioned itself as an institutional respondent before any formal legal process commenced.

#### **Questions Requiring Federation Clarification:**

- On what jurisdictional basis can ALIA provide coverage for Stillman LLP or its operators when law societies disclaim authority over firms?
- Is ALIA treating Bentz as a proxy for firm-wide indemnity, and if so, under what legal framework?
- Will parallel files be created for other named Stillman partners, or has ALIA made selective coverage decisions?
- What communications occurred between ALIA, the Law Society, and Stillman prior to this intervention?
- Does ALIA's policy permit indemnification for alleged Charter violations and abuse of process?
- Is pre-litigation insurance coordination standard protocol, or evidence of institutional alignment?

#### **Constitutional Implications:**

ALIA's actions suggest systematic coordination between regulator, insurer, and law firm to pre-empt constitutional accountability. This undermines the federal court process and creates an institutional shield against Charter enforcement.

The Federation's clarification on these jurisdictional contradictions would serve both the legal profession's integrity and the constitutional rights of Canadian citizens.

I respectfully request your prompt written response, as this matter impacts ongoing federal litigation and the public's confidence in legal regulatory oversight.

Sincerely,

Ben Beveridge | Proconsul