

To:

Schulich School of Law
Office of the Dean

Subject: Formal Request for Academic Review and Degree Suspension: Stillman LLP Partners and Associates

From: Ben Beveridge | Proconsul

Date: May 25, 2025

To the Dean and Faculty of Law,

I am writing to formally request that the Shulich School of Law initiate an immediate review of the academic standing and ethical qualifications of the following alumni, and any others who currently serve as partners or associates at Stillman LLP:

- Erik L. Bruveris

The individual named above is a graduate of your institution, who operates under the Stillman LLP banner. They have allowed their legal credentials — earned at your university — to be used not in service of justice, but in direct opposition to it.

Nature of the Complaint:

Stillman LLP has recently undertaken a series of legal threats and coercive correspondence against me personally. These actions were not predicated on any breach of law or defamation, nor did they pertain to any client or entity with whom I have any legal connection. Rather, they were designed explicitly to:

- Intimidate a private citizen into silence;
- Extract private communications and financial information through coercion;
- Misrepresent the boundaries of legal authority for the purpose of suppression;
- Assert that they “control the law,” implying that due process is subservient to their influence, and their client’s money.

This is not a debate over legal opinion. It is a direct violation of the ethical tenets upon which the legal profession — and your institution — are built.

No Canadian university should produce lawyers who believe their degree entitles them to weaponise the law for financial suppression or private intimidation. And yet — that is precisely what these individuals have done.

Request for Action:

Accordingly, I request the following actions be taken without delay:

1. A formal academic review of the conduct and credential integrity of each named individual.
 2. The immediate suspension of their degrees and/or alumni privileges pending outcome of said review.
 3. A faculty-wide discussion on the role of the Schulich School of Law in producing lawyers who fail to demonstrate understanding of — or respect for — the rule of law in a democratic society.
 4. The development of public-facing ethical standards for graduates, explicitly prohibiting weaponised litigation, intimidation, and ideological enforcement through legal threat.
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Conclusion:

Stillman LLP's conduct was not a legal error. It is an educational and moral failure — funded by client retainer, executed under the banner of your institution, and aimed at dismantling the very foundation of public trust in legal process.

If this is what your alumni now believe law is for — then the failure is no longer theirs alone. It is yours.

And it must be addressed.

I have attached the initiating correspondence from Stillman, my response, and my request for relief from the Law Society of Alberta.

I await your formal response.

Sincerely,
Ben Beveridge
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