

## The Stillman Letter

The Stillman-Proconsul engagement represents a textbook Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) case that escalated into a comprehensive constitutional challenge against institutional abuse of legal process. On May 23, 2025, Stillman LLP sent Ben Beveridge (writing as "Proconsul") a threatening cease-and-desist letter demanding he remove an article analysing corporate influence networks, issue a public apology, and surrender private communications about journalist Nathan Pike—despite having no legitimate legal claim, as evidenced by their complete silence after making explicit litigation threats with specific deadlines. Beveridge responded by documenting systematic institutional coordination between Stillman LLP, the Law Society of Alberta, and the Alberta Lawyers Indemnity Association (ALIA), which immediately activated insurance coverage for the threatening lawyers while ignoring the constitutional violations reported to them. Rather than capitulating to what appears to be extortion disguised as legal process, Beveridge launched a multi-pronged counterattack including regulatory complaints, a \$75 million federal constitutional lawsuit seeking structural reform of Alberta's legal institutions, and public documentation of how law firms weaponise professional credentials to silence democratic discourse in Alberta—a province that notably lacks anti-SLAPP legislation to protect against such systematic abuse of legal process for political suppression.

### Publications:

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/stillman-llp/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/the-system-becomes-the-weapon/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/money-power-proof/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/lawfare-for-hire/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/canada-v-stillman/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/alias-preemptive-strike/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/whats-the-trigger/>

<https://proconsul.ghost.io/the-last-word-2/>

### Documents:

<https://ln5.sync.com/4.0/dl/416c35ec0#42brixu5-vdtbnx97-dj9nryxy-fhbm9yku>