

# Renewal



## Practitioner of Foreign Law

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This application form must be completed fully and precisely, and the declaration must be declared before a notary public, commissioner, or other person authorized by the *Evidence Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 124, s. 69 to take declarations. **Omissions or inaccuracies in your answers may delay your application.** If the space provided for any answer is insufficient, complete your answer on a separate sheet, sign the sheet and staple it to this application form. The Credentials Committee may investigate or verify any information supplied on this application form, and may require further explanation from you.

### PART A: Name and identification

1. Given Name(s)		Surname	
2. Addresses			
<b>Office:</b>			
Street		City	
Province	Postal	Telephone	
<b>Home:</b>			
Street		City	
Province	Postal	Telephone	

### PART B: Professional standing

1. Have you ever been refused admission to, been disciplined by or been disbarred or struck from membership in a law society or other professional organization?  Yes  No  
If "yes", give full particulars

2. Have you ever resigned from a Law Society or other governing body in exchange for disciplinary proceedings not being taken against you?  Yes  No  
If "yes", give full particulars

3. Are you aware of any complaint or charge pending against you in your professional capacity, which has not yet come to the attention of your law society or governing body, which might result in disciplinary action being taken against you?  Yes  No  
If "yes", give full particulars

**PART C: Professional liability insurance**

1. Name of insurer:

2. Address of insurer:

3. Policy or bond no:

4. Policy or bond period From (YYYY/MM/DD) To (YYYY/MM/DD)

[Under Law Society Rule 2-29(6)(b), a practitioner of foreign law permit ceases to be valid if his or her liability insurance coverage, bond, indemnity or other security is discontinued or reduced. A practitioner who has been issued a permit has a continuing obligation to inform the Law Society of the cancellation of, or any significant change to, his or her liability insurance coverage, bond, indemnity or other security.]

5. Limits of liability:

a. for all claims arising out of a single act, error or omission or a series of related acts, errors or omissions (Cdn. Dollars or equivalent): \$

b. annual aggregate per insured: \$

6. Member deductible per claim: \$

7. Are the limits of liability inclusive of claims expenses and deductible?  Yes  No

8. Amount of bond, indemnity or other security (Cdn. Dollars or equivalent): \$

[Please enclose with your application documentary evidence that you are insured or carry a bond, indemnity or other security as set out above **and that it extends to services rendered by you while acting as a practitioner of foreign law in British Columbia.**]

**PART D: Good character**

If you answer “yes” to any of the questions in this Part, **give full particulars** on a separate sheet, including the applicable dates, places, nature of acts or offences, and penalties.

1. Have you ever been charged in Canada or elsewhere, with any crime, offence or delinquency under a statute or ordinance, excluding parking or speeding tickets if you have received fewer than five such tickets in the last three years?  Yes  No

2. Have you ever, or has any company or partnership of which you are or were a director, officer or employee, ever been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings?  Yes  No

3. Have you ever been a defendant in any civil action in which allegations of fraud, theft or misrepresentation were made against you?  Yes  No

4. Is there, at the present time, a civil action or a civil judgment outstanding against you?  Yes  No

5. Have you ever failed to obey a court order?  Yes  No

6. Have you ever been imprisoned for failing to obey a court order?  Yes  No

7. Have you ever been denied, or had revoked, a licence or permit whose procurement required proof of good character?  Yes  No

**PART E: Residence**

1. Do you reside full-time in British Columbia?  Yes  No

If “no,” describe your circumstances in detail, including the frequency with which you act as a practitioner of foreign law in British Columbia:

2. Address in British Columbia:

Name of Firm:

Street:

City:

Province:

Postal:

Telephone:

**PART F: Declaration of applicant**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly declare that:

1. I am the applicant described in this application;
2. I have personal knowledge of the information I have provided in this application;
3. The information is true, accurate and complete; and

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it has the same legal force and effect as if made under oath.

Declared before me at the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in the Country of  
 \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**A notary public, commissioner, or other person authorized by the Evidence Act, RSBC 1996, c. 24, s. 69 to take declarations.**

**Signature of applicant**

**PART G: Applicant’s authorization and undertaking**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant in this application for permission to act as a practitioner of foreign law in British Columbia:

1. grant to the Law Society of British Columbia permission to ask any person, government, educational institution, police force, military authority, governing body or other organization about anything relevant to my application,
2. authorize any person, government, educational institution, police force, military authority, governing body or other organization enquired of under this authorization, to provide to the Law Society of British Columbia all information or documents requested by that Society;
3. undertake that, if permitted to act as a practitioner of foreign law in British Columbia, I will submit to the jurisdiction of the Law Society of British Columbia, and will comply with the *Legal Profession Act*, the Law Society Rules and the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia*.

**Date**

**Signature of applicant**

**IMPORTANT**

Please ensure that you enclose with this application:

- any separate sheets used in the completion of any of the questions on this form (the separate sheets must be signed by you and stapled to this form);
- a certificate of good standing from each law society or other governing body of which you are a member;
- documentary evidence that you carry professional liability insurance or a bond, indemnity or other security as described in Part C, and that it extends to services rendered by you while acting as a practitioner of foreign law in British Columbia;
- the permit application fee fixed by Rule 2-34(2)(c) of the Law Society Rules; and
- any other documents relevant to this application.

*The information contained on this form is collected under authority of Rule 2-29 of the Law Society Rules. The information provided will be used to process applications for a permit by practitioners of foreign law to carry on the business of providing legal services to the public. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact a Member Services Representative at the Law Society of British Columbia, 845 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 4Z9, Tel. 604.669.2533.*

# Schedule A

## MEDICAL FITNESS

**Must be completed legibly and is to be signed by the Applicant only.**

In asking the questions in this Schedule, the Benchers are seeking information that will help them assess medical fitness to practice competently. Information with respect to practice standards and a competency profile outlining the knowledge, skills and behaviours expected of entry level lawyers is available on the Law Society's website at [lawsociety.bc.ca](http://lawsociety.bc.ca).

The practice of law is often rigorous, demanding a high level of functioning. Any medical condition that would render you incapable of practicing law competently puts clients' interests at risks and harms the profession's reputation. However, the Benchers recognize that everyone experiences pressures in life and responds to those pressures differently. You may be quite capable of practicing law competently in spite of a medical condition.

It is the Benchers' responsibility as the governing body of the profession to determine if an applicant has an impairment that effectively disables that individual from carrying out the functions normally required of a Practitioner of Foreign Law. Accordingly, the Benchers are not looking for information about past conditions that have been resolved and are not currently affecting your ability to function as a Practitioner of Foreign Law. You need only report current conditions that could impair your ability to perform the duties of a Practitioner of Foreign Law.

The fact that you may have sought professional assistance for a problem is not a bar to enrolment. In most cases, evidence of having sought professional assistance is positive evidence as it suggests that you are actively seeking to deal with a problem and taking control of your life.

On behalf of the Law Society, the Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP) and PPC Canada Inc. provide confidential counseling and referral services to lawyers and articulated students and their families who suffer from alcohol or chemical dependencies, stress, depression or other personal problems. Although funded by the Law Society, these programs are entirely independent and their services confidential. The Law Society actively encourages individuals to seek the education and assistance they need. The LAP can be contacted at: 1.888.685.2171 and PPC Canada Inc. at 1.800.663.9099.

In order to protect your right to privacy, the information you provide relating to this application will be held in confidence and will only be provided to the Credentials Committee where it is deemed relevant to a concern regarding your fitness to practice law and only after you have been notified of the information to be provided to the Committee.

If you answer yes to the questions below, you may be asked to provide further information from a source that the Law Society deems appropriate.

*If you would like to discuss a personal concern confidentially, please contact a Bencher or the Manager of Credentials and Licensing.*

1. **Given Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname** \_\_\_\_\_

2. a) Based on your personal history, your current circumstances or any professional opinion or advice you have received, do you have a substance use disorder<sup>1</sup>?  Yes  No

b) Have you been counseled or received treatment for a substance use disorder?  Yes  No

3. ***If you answered yes to questions 2 (a) or (b), please provide a general description on a separate sheet.***

4. Based on your personal history, your current circumstances or any professional opinion or advice you have received, do you have any existing condition that is reasonably likely to impair your ability to function as a Practitioner of Foreign Law?  Yes  No

5. ***If the answer to question 4 is “yes”, please provide a general description of the impairment on a separate sheet.***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of applicant**

<sup>1</sup>Substance Use Disorder includes alcohol or drug abuse or dependence (for more exact diagnostic criteria for substance use disorders, refer to DSM-IV-TR-American Psychiatric Association 2000. Diagnostic and Statistical manual of Mental Disorders: 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Text Revision. Washington, DC)