## WRITTEN COMMITMENT

## WHEREAS:

- A. It is the mandate of the Law Society of British Columbia to protect the public interest under the provisions of the *Legal Profession Act*, S.B.C. 1998, c. 9 from persons engaged in acts prohibited therein.
- B. The Law Society has received a complaint or complaints relating to the undersigned's performance of such acts.
- C. The undersigned has been advised to seek legal advice regarding this matter and has had the opportunity to seek legal advice prior to entering into this written commitment.
- D. The undersigned is desirous of entering into this written commitment to assist the Law Society in determining what further action the Law Society may take with reference to the complaint or complaints and understands that the Law Society may initiate further proceedings pursuant to section 85 of the *Legal Profession Act* if it receives evidence that the undersigned has acted contrary to the *Act*.
- I, PETER HANSSENS, agree not to perform any of the acts defined in the *Legal Profession Act* as the practice of law. I specifically agree that I will not, either personally or through any other entity, perform the following acts for or in the expectation of a fee, gain or reward, direct or indirect, from the person for whom the acts are performed, including:
  - (a) appearing as counsel or advocate;
  - (b) drawing, revising or settling a petition, memorandum, notice of articles or articles under the *Business Corporations Act*, or an application, statement, affidavit, minute, resolution, bylaw or other document relating to the incorporation, registration, organization, reorganization, dissolution or winding up of a corporate body;
  - (c) drawing, revising or settling a document for use in a proceeding, judicial or extra-judicial;
  - (d) drawing, revising or settling a will, deed of settlement, trust deed, power of attorney or a document relating to a probate or a grant of administration or the estate of a deceased person;
  - (e) drawing, revising or settling a document relating in any way to a proceeding under a statute of Canada or British Columbia;
  - (f) drawing, revising or settling an instrument relating to real or personal estate which is intended, permitted or required to be registered, recorded or filed in a registry or other public office;

- (g) doing any act or negotiating in any way for the settlement of, or settling, a claim or demand for damages;
- (h) agreeing to place at the disposal of another person the services of a lawyer;
- (i) giving legal advice;
- (j) making an offer to do anything referred to in paragraphs (a) to (i); and
- (k) making a representation that I am qualified or entitled to do anything referred to in paragraphs (a) to (i).
- **I, PETER HANSSENS**, agree not to falsely represent myself as being:
  - (a) a lawyer;
  - (b) an articled student, a student-at-law or a law clerk;
  - (c) a lawyer of another jurisdiction permitted to practice law under section 16(2)(a) of the *Legal Profession Act*, to the extent permitted under that section; or
  - (d) a practitioner of foreign law holding a permit under section 17(1)(a) of the *Legal Profession Act*, to the extent permitted under that section.
- I, PETER HANSSENS, agree not to commence, prosecute or defend a proceeding in any court on behalf of another, regardless of whether I receive a fee.
- I, PETER HANSSENS, understand that the Law Society may publish this written commitment and a summary of the circumstances that led to it, and consent to that publication.

PETER HANSSENS