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Members,
CBA Charities and Not-For-Profit Law Section

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Budget 2010 – Reform of Disbursement Quota

I read with great pride in the 2010 budget that Finance Minister Flaherty reformed the disbursement quota requirements for Canadian charities.

The Charities and Not for Profit Law Section has pushed for this reform for a long time. My thanks to all of you who worked on this important project, including the members of your Disbursement Quota Reform Working Committee. I understand that committee chair Elena Hoffstein deserves credit for spearheading the initiative, David Stevens for preparing the concept paper last year, and past and present Section Chairs James Parks, Susan Manwaring and Terry Carter for keeping the issue on the government's agenda. Congratulations to all of you for your combined leadership.

Canadian charities are integral threads weaving together Canada's cultural, religious and social fabric. Your work in modernizing the legal framework will give charitable organizations greater flexibility in meeting their worthy goals. This is an excellent example of the legal profession informing public policy to improve the law.

You have many other important matters on the go, and your work won't stop here. But I hope you will take some time to reflect on this significant success. Again, thank you for your action on this issue.

Yours truly,

(Original signed by D. Kevin Carroll)

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