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Allan Seckel is the Chief Executive Officer of the British Columbia Medical Association, a voluntary association of British Columbia's physicians, medical residents, and medical students that aims to advance the practice and science of medicine and the health of British Columbians by working for the improvement of physician remuneration, medical education, health care legislation, and the delivery of hospital and other health care services.

Mr. Seckel came to the BCMA in October of 2011 after 8 years in the Public Service. In 2003 he was appointed the Deputy Attorney General for British Columbia and became responsible for the administration of the justice system in B.C. and for providing all legal advice to government. In 2009 he was appointed the Deputy Minister to the Premier of British Columbia, the Hon. Gordon Campbell, a position which also made him the Head of the B.C. Public Service and the Cabinet Secretary. In addition to advising the Premier on policy, in these roles Mr. Seckel acted as the de facto chief executive officer of the Public Service and in that role championed the application of technology to the provision of public services.

Prior to his public service career, Mr. Seckel practiced law with a major Vancouver law firm, where his practice was restricted to litigation, primarily in commercial and class action cases. While with the firm, Mr. Seckel had senior roles in firm management, including deputy managing partner. In 1983-84 he was Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of British Columbia, the Hon. N. T. Nemetz.

Mr. Seckel earned a B.A. (Hons.) degree with a joint major in economics and commerce from Simon Fraser University in 1980 and a LL.B degree from the University of Victoria Faculty of Law in 1983. He was awarded the Law Society Gold Medal on graduation from law school. In 1985 he attended Gonville & Caius College at the Cambridge University as a Commonwealth Scholar, earning the degree of LL.M. in 1986. In 2012 he earned the designation ICD.D after completing the Institute of Corporate Directors – Directors' Education Program.

Mr. Seckel was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2003. He is the author and co-author of two legal texts. He lives in Vancouver with his wife and three children.