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SCAP CHAT

The Advocates' Society's Standing Committee on Advocacy and Practice ("SCAP") contributes to the improvement of access to justice and the legal profession. Tell us what you think about SCAP's work on twitter using #SCAPCHAT.



Alberta v. Suncor Energy Inc.

The Advocates' Society has filed its intervention factum in the appeal of *Alberta v. Suncor Energy Inc.*, before the Court of Appeal of Alberta. The Society takes the position that legislative incursions on solicitor-client and litigation privilege must be rare exceptions to the principles underlying the protection of the privilege and must be clearly articulated. The Society's intervention factum is available [here](#). The hearing of the appeal will take place on March 3, 2017.



Groia v. Law Society of Upper Canada

On February 2, the Supreme Court of Canada granted leave to appeal in the matter of *Groia v. Law Society of Upper Canada*. The Advocates' Society intervened in this matter before the Law Society Appeal Panel, the Ontario Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal for Ontario, and will be determining whether to seek leave to intervene before the Supreme Court.



Federation of Law Societies of Canada: Model Code of Professional Conduct

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada seeks feedback on proposed changes to the Model Code of Professional Conduct that address issues related to technological competence, the return to the practice of law by former judges, and encouraging respect for the administration of justice. The Advocates' Society will strike a Task Force to examine the proposed changes more closely. The Federation's Consultation Report is available [here](#). The Task Force welcomes comments and suggestions from our membership on the proposed changes outlined in the Consultation Report. Please contact The Advocates' Society at scapchat@advocates.ca

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- advance the quality and efficiency of the system of justice at all levels of the courts and administrative tribunals;
- initiate, promote or respond to changes in legislation and regulation;
- promote the fairest and most accessible determination of litigants' rights;
- work to enhance the ability of advocates to act effectively on behalf of their clients, through liaison with the judiciary, government and other stakeholders;
- promote the independence of the bar and judiciary; and
- consider and recommend interventions, in accordance with the Interventions Policy, to the Board of Directors.

SCAP welcomes comments from Society members on current SCAP issues, and suggestions for new issues that fall within SCAP's mandate. Please send your comments or suggestions to scapchat@advocates.ca.