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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](#).



Intervention: *Alberta v. Suncor Energy Inc.*

The Advocates' Society will be applying for leave to intervene before the Court of Appeal of Alberta in *Alberta v. Suncor Energy Inc.* This case raises the issue of the protection of litigation privilege in the context of the preparation of a statutorily-mandated workplace incident report. The Society has retained Carsten Jensen, Q.C., of Jensen Shawa Solomon Duguid Hawkes LLP as counsel. Read the decision of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench [here](#).



Federal Judicial Appointments

In July 2016, The Advocates' Society [wrote to the Federal Minister of Justice](#) to provide its views on the Federal judicial appointments process, including the Supreme Court of Canada appointments process. The Society advocates for an appointments process that possesses the hallmarks of transparency, diversity and inclusiveness; enhances judicial independence and eliminates partisanship; and ensures the appointment of the highest caliber of candidates to our courts. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister of the [new Supreme Court of Canada appointments process](#), the Society sent letters to the [Prime Minister](#) and [Minister of Justice](#) to congratulate them on the development of a process that integrates these important elements.



Consultations by the Law Society of Upper Canada on the Law Practice Program, the Lawyer Licensing Process, and Racialized Licensees

The Advocates' Society has struck task forces to respond to the consultations by the Law Society of Upper Canada on the future of the Law Practice Program and the lawyer licensing process generally, and racialized licensees. Read these reports here:

[Law Society of Upper Canada: Professional Development & Competence Committee – Pathways Pilot Project Evaluation and Enhancements to Licensing Report](#)

[Law Society of Upper Canada: Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee – Working Together for Change: Strategies to Address Issues of Systemic Racism in the Legal Professions](#)

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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.