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**Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta v.
Board of Governors of the University of Calgary Appeal**

Calgary, Alberta - The Law Society is pleased with the Supreme Court of Canada's decision to uphold the right of clients to have private and privileged communications with their lawyers. Preserving solicitor-client privilege is fundamental to the effective operation and administration of our legal system.

The Court confirmed that solicitor-client privilege is "a substantive right that is fundamental to the proper functioning of our legal system. Without that assurance of privacy between a client and a lawyer, clients will not be able to have honest and candid conversations with their lawyers, and receive the kind of legal advice they need."

The Law Society will continue to take an active role in litigation to defend solicitor-client privilege. The assurance of privacy between a client and a lawyer is the foundation of effective lawyer and client relationships, and an effective legal system. Preserving this fundamental principle of justice is part and parcel of the Law Society's mandate.

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