#### **Drache Aptowitzer LLP's**

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#### Session 1: How to Continue under the new Act

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## Overview

- 1. What is Continuance?
- 2. Why is Continuance Important?
- 3. Overview of the CNCA
- 4. The Continuance Process
- 5. Question Period



## What is Continuance?

- Federal non-share capital corporations (charities and non-profit organizations) are governed by *Canada Corporations Act* (CCA)
- CCA is being replaced by the new Canada Notfor-profit Corporations Act (CNCA)
- Must actively switch over (continue) to new Act by October 17, 2014

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# Why is Continuance Important?

 CCA corporations that do not switch over to new CNCA will be dissolved

- If a corporation is a charity, dissolution will also lead to losing its charity status
- A good opportunity to make changes



## Overview of the CNCA

- Major structural changes
  - More elaborate requirements
  - Default rules
- Major substantive changes
  - "Soliciting" status
  - No more completely non-voting members

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- No more ex officio directors



- 1. Governing documents and by-laws
  - Gather
  - Review
  - Identify issues
  - Amend



- 2. Form 4031: Articles of Continuance
  - Replaces the Letters Patent as governing document
  - Opportunity to change name, objects, and all other provisions of the corporation

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- Charities beware



- 3. Getting members' approval
  - Prepare a special resolution
  - Call a meeting according to the current bylaws (give proper notice, etc.)
  - Have members vote



- 4. Filing
  - Form 4031
  - Form 4002
  - By-laws



#### Questions



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