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## **Re:** Proposed National Instrument 52-107 – Acceptable Accounting Principles and Auditing Standards – Request for Comments

This submission is made by the Business Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association ("OBA") in respect of the request by the Canadian Securities Administration ("CSA") for comments on Proposed National Instrument 52-107 – *Acceptable Accounting Principles and Auditing Standards*.

The OBA consists of 18,000 lawyers from a broad range of sectors, including those working in private practice, government, non-governmental organizations and in-house counsel. Our members have, over the years, analyzed and provided comments to the Ontario government on numerous legislation and policy initiatives. More than 1,640 of these lawyers belong to our

active Business Law Section. The views expressed herein are the views of the OBA and its Business Law Section as a whole, and are not necessarily the views of each individual member or other organizations with which they may be involved.

We refer to the three questions raised in the Request for Comments relating to Ontario's proposal in respect of acquisition statements which diverge from the proposal of other Canadian jurisdictions.

The OBA believes that market participants and capital markets generally benefit from a harmonized approach among each of the Canadian jurisdictions with respect to the presentation of acquisition statements where mandated under NI 52-107. We do not comment on whether permitting the preparation of acquisition statements in accordance with Canadian GAAP for private enterprises "would result in investors not receiving sufficient and comprehensive financial information for making investment decisions" as is submitted by the Ontario Securities Commission. However, the OBA urges the CSA to adopt common standards so as to ensure that reporting issuers are subject to a consistent set of rules notwithstanding that they may or may not be reporting issuers in Ontario.

The above is respectfully submitted. If you have any questions, please direct them to Philippe Tardif (416-367-6060; ptardif@blgcanada.com).

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