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### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

#### Update on Use of Relational Provisions by Ontario Non-Share Capital Corporations

by Jacqueline M. Connor and Terrance S. Carter in Charity Law Bulletin No. 22, June 26, 2003.

For charitable corporations that are closely related to each other, there is frequently a need to include some form of relational provisions in the corporate documents of one or more of these corporations. However, the ability of non-share capital corporations under the *Corporations Act* (Ontario) - the "Act" - to establish and/or utilize relational provisions may now be in jeopardy as a result of a recent position taken by the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Business Services, Companies and Personal Property Security Branch - "Companies Branch". Specifically, Companies Branch has advised that Ontario non-share capital corporations wanting to implement certain relational provisions in their Letters Patent are not able to do so under the Act. As a result, the ability of both existing and future Ontario non-share capital corporations to either establish and/or rely upon relational provisions in their constating documents is now in question. This Charity Law Bulletin provides a brief explanation of the types and purpose of the relational provisions that are often utilized by charitable corporations, a summary of the recent position taken by Companies Branch, and a commentary in response.

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Charity lawyers Terrance S. Carter from the law firm of Carter and Associates and Maria Elena Hoffstein and Adam M. Parachin from the affiliated law firm of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP are Consulting Editors of "Charities Law, 2003/2004 Edition", a one-stop source for researching key Federal and Ontario statutes applicable to charities. Copies can be obtained through Butterworths at http://www.lexisnexis.ca/bookstore/bookinfo.php?pid=605.

[PDF] www.carters.ca/news/2003/newbook.pdf

### The Law of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations - 3rd Edition

by Donald Bourgeois

This book provides an overview of the laws governing charitable and not-for-profit organizations. Copies can be obtained through Butterworths at www.lexisnexis.ca/bookstore/bookinfo.php?pid=12.



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New links added to www.antiterrorismlaw.ca.

New links to International Resources on anti-terrorism law regarding:

- the US "Patriot Act II" www.antiterrorismlaw.ca/intterr.htm#USLegislation,
- Amnesty USA, www.antiterrorismlaw.ca/intterr.htm#amnesty,
- the Financial Action Task Force www.antiterrorismlaw.ca/intterr.htm#FATF, and
- NGO Watch www.antiterrorismlaw.ca/intterr.htm#NGOwatch.

### **IN THE PRESS**

"U.K. anti-terrorism policy has implications for Canadian charities" by Sean S. Carter and R. Johanna Blom was published in **The Lawyers Weekly**, June 20, 2003.

[PDF] www.carters.ca/news/2003/lawyerwkly/June%2020%202003.pdf

**The Lawyers Weekly** coverage of Carter & Associates, "Small-town firm has national reputation", June 13, 2003.

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### **RECENT EVENTS AND PRESENTATION MATERIALS**

"Key Legal Responsibilities of Charities in Planned Giving" presented by Terrance S. Carter at the **Canadian Cancer Society Professionals' Seminar on Charitable Gifts**, June 5th, 2003.

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"Selected Tax Aspects of Planned Giving" presented by Elena Hoffstein at the **Canadian Cancer Society Professionals' Seminar on Charitable Gifts**, June 2003.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The 2003 Annual Church & the Law<sup>™</sup> Seminar to be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2003. Held every year since 1994, The Annual Church & The Law<sup>™</sup> Seminar is designed to provide churches & religious charities with practical information on current legal issues in order to assist them in avoiding unnecessary exposure to legal liability. While the topics presented are directed at churches & religious charities, they also have general application to non-religious charities and not-for-profit organizations. More than 560 people attended the 2002 Church & The Law<sup>™</sup> Seminar (www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/c hrchlaw/2002/index.html). Registration details to follow.

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"Anti-Terrorism Legislation in Canada" to be presented by Terrance S. Carter at the **SUMMER LAW INSTITUTE** on Wednesday, August 27, 2003. A program of the Ontario Justice Education Network, this series is for High School Teachers only and is being held at Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. W. in Toronto.

Presentation on "Employment Issues for Non-Profit Organizations" to be presented by Mark J. Wong of Carter & Associates on September 17th, 2003 for the non-profit communities of Peel, Halton and Toronto. This Presentation is sponsored by the **United Way of Peel Region** and is to be held at 5170 Dixie Road, Suite 300 in Mississauga, Ontario. For more information contact Ken Auden at 905-602-3622 or kauden@unitedwaypeel.org.

"Good Governance" to be presented by Donald J. Bourgeois at the Manulife Sports Centre in Rim Park, Waterloo, on Saturday, October 4th, 2003. This event is part of an all day workshop put on by the **Volunteer Centre for Kitchener Region** designed primarily for volunteer board directors and senior staff members of charities and not-for-profit organizations. For more information contact Robin Herrington at 519-742-8610 or admkwvac@on.aibn.com. Space is limited.

"Recent Changes under the Income Tax Act Affecting Charities" to be presented by Terrance S. Carter at the **Law Society's 6th Annual Estates and Trusts Forum** being held on November 19th & 20th, 2003.



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