



## **INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS AND LAWYERS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR INCORPORATING A PSYCHOLOGY BUSINESS**

The following information is provided to registrants who are considering forming a professional company, or lawyers who have been retained by a registrant for that purpose.

Part 4 of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) pertains to health profession corporations. Section 41 of the HPA specifies that Part 4 applies to a designated health profession only if the relevant regulation under section 50(2)(a) provides that it applies. The Psychologists Regulation does not contain such a provision, and thus Part 4 of the HPA does not apply to psychology corporations. Therefore, the College does not have application forms or processes related to granting consent to registrants to incorporate their practices. Registrants are not required to seek the College's consent to incorporate.

The College does specify requirements for naming a psychology company. These specifications are outlined in two documents available on the College website at [www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca](http://www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca). Registration Committee policy 2003-RC04 may be found on the College website under the Documents tab by selecting Names for Incorporation Policy. Draft Practice Advisory #17, which addresses use of reserved titles in business names, may also be found on the College website under the Registrants tab by selecting the Draft Practice Advisories option. Draft Practice Advisory #17 provides information on naming private corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships. Of note, registrants are also expected to select a company name that is consistent with the general requirements for advertising and public statements specified in Section 10.0 of the 2009 Code of Conduct.

An application form for seeking College consent to use a specific company name may be found at the end of Draft Practice Advisory #17, and may be submitted to the College for the purpose specified.