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I am writing in response to your invitation seeking input from the legal profession on its consideration of Trinity Western University's application to open a law school in British Columbia. I urge the Society, through Council, to take a position within the Federation of Law Societies that would deny Trinity Western final approval to open an accredited law school.

Trinity Western requires its students and faculty members to execute a Community Covenant Agreement to abstain from "sexual intimacy that violates the sacredness of marriage between a man and woman". In my opinion, this covenant is discriminatory and stands in violation of our Charter and of the Nova Scotia *Human Rights Act*. To support the accreditation of the law school would condone this. It would be disappointing if the Society did anything less than actively oppose it.

Regards,  
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