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## **HARPER GREY PROUDLY ACCEPTS BENCHMARK CANADA'S 2016 NATIONAL MEDICAL DEFENCE / HEALTH LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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We are delighted to announce that Harper Grey has received the **2016 National Medical Defence / Health Law Firm of the Year** award from Benchmark Canada. The award was accepted by Andrew Brine and Cameron Elder on behalf of Harper Grey at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Benchmark Litigation Canada Awards Gala held in Toronto on February 18, 2016.

In addition, Harper Grey was shortlisted for the BC Provincial Firm of the Year award and both [Kim Jakeman](#) and [Nigel Trevethan](#) earned “Litigator of the Year” nominations for Medical Defence/Health Law and Insurance, respectively.

“Harper Grey is honored to receive this award”, said Richard Bereti, Managing Partner. “We have a longstanding commitment to the medical and health professions. Our Health Law Group brings unparalleled depth and expertise to every case. We thank Benchmark Canada for this recognition, and we thank each of our health law lawyers, paralegals and staff members to whom our firm proudly and directly dedicates this award.”

Held annually by Benchmark Canada, the Awards Gala brings together leading litigators and litigation law firms from across the country to honour and recognize excellence in a range of practice areas.

Harper Grey is the leader in civil litigation defence for health practitioners in British Columbia and the Yukon. Our lawyers defend physicians, surgeons and health specialists in civil litigation matters and have been counsel on the leading cases addressing the standards of medical care, consent, medical malpractice, limitation defence, and liability for medical products.

Our firm also represents clients in professional regulation matters, such as hearings before the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, the Medical Services Commission and hospital administration boards.

### **ABOUT BENCHMARK**

The Benchmark Canada Guide is a publication dedicated to covering litigation trends, firms and practitioners across Canada. The rankings and awards shortlists result from the culmination of a six-month research period where researchers conduct extensive interviews with litigators and their clients to identify the leading litigators and firms. During these interviews, researchers examine recent casework handled by law firms and ask individual litigators to offer their professional opinions on peers. Firms cannot pay to be recommended for the Guide. Recommendations are based on interviews with the nation’s leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel.

In addition to its Awards Gala, Benchmark Canada honours Canada's top litigators and litigation firms in its annual Benchmark Canada Guide. **In 2015, Benchmark Canada recognized one of Harper Grey's lawyers as a Future Star and 11 lawyers as Litigation Stars in a variety of practice areas**, either exclusively or as a specialty component of their general practice, including construction, defamation, environmental, general commercial, health, insolvency, insurance, medical malpractice, personal injury, product liability, professional liability, and securities. Benchmark Canada is the only publication on the market to focus exclusively on Canadian litigation practices.