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Speaker Profile

Mr. Geoff Plant was the attorney general of British Columbia and Minister responsible for treaty negotiations from 2001 to 2005. He was first elected to the BC legislature in 1996 and from 1996 to 2001 was opposition justice critic, as well as serving on a number of legislative and caucus committees. As attorney general, Mr. Plant was the chair of the Legislative Review Committee and the minister responsible for the creation and oversight of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.

Prior to his election to the legislature, Mr. Plant was a partner in another Vancouver law firm, where he practised as a litigation lawyer with particular emphasis on aboriginal and public law. He was counsel in a number of leading aboriginal rights and title cases, including the landmark case of *Delgamuukw v. British Columbia*. He has lectured and written extensively on aboriginal law and law reform.

Since joining Heenan Blaikie in 2005, Mr. Plant has been appointed senior advisor to the Government of British Columbia in land and resource negotiations with the Council of Haida Nation, has undertaken more than two dozen successful mediations in a dispute between investors and a major Canadian mutual fund company, and has provided strategic advice to BC Hydro in relation to the design and implementation of its power acquisition processes. He has also provided advice to a number of private sector businesses on establishing effective relations with First Nations.

In 2006, Mr. Plant was appointed as a special advisor to the premier and minister of advanced education to lead a project called Campus 2020: Thinking Ahead, the first comprehensive review of post-secondary education in BC in over 40 years. His report, *Access and Excellence: The Campus 2020 Plan for British Columbia's Post-Secondary Education System*, was released in April 2007.

From May 2007 until February 2009, Mr. Plant served as Vancouver's civil city commissioner. In 2010, he was appointed chair of the Board of Directors of Providence Health Care.

Mr. Plant has been recognized as a leading practitioner in the area of aboriginal law in the 2013 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory and in the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Woodward/White).

Medical marijuana – future options for regulating or decriminalizing

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013
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