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Open letter to Victoria's legal community.

Re: Invitation to Global Climate Strike on Friday, September 27, 2019

Woodward & Company invites you and your colleagues to join lawyers from across Victoria in a demonstration of unity for ambitious climate action. **From 12-1pm on Friday, September 27, we will gather on the lawn of the Legislature under the banner of "Lawyers for Climate Action" and march in the Global Climate Strike.** We will be dressed in business attire.

The week of September 20 to 27 is a global week of climate action. Throughout the week, people of all ages will take to the streets around the world to demand strong action on climate change from our governments. The Global Climate Strike on September 27 is the culminating event and we believe that the legal community should take part - and be seen to take part.

The legal community has the privilege and responsibility of working on issues that affect society at all scales, from the individual to the state. Lawyers have a duty to speak out on important societal issues, especially regarding issues that may be effectively redressed through law. It is no understatement to say that climate change is the most pressing issue of our time, an existential threat to life on earth. Cast in a legal lens, climate change threatens to undermine the very interests that we lawyers seek to protect each day: from the integrity and laws of the state to the equality, rights and freedoms of both human and non-human life. No facet of the law is exempt from the effects of climate change, just as no facet of humanity is exempt.

While there are many actions we can each take to fight this threat, public demonstrations of unity and support are effective and necessary. The participation of the legal community in the Global Climate Strike will make a strong statement to our governments and fellow citizens that we demand action on climate change. The event is posted on Facebook as the "Global Climate Strike: March and Street Party".

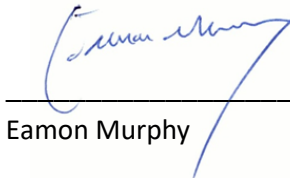
Thank you for your consideration. Please share this invitation with your colleagues in your firm and across the legal community. Let us know if you will join us or if you have any questions. We look forward to marching with you on the 27th.

Yours truly,

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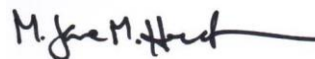
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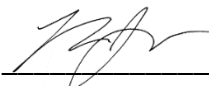
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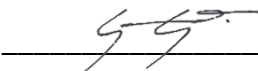
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