



## **Boughton Law Corporation assists in making \$450-million casino a reality in Vancouver, BC**

On March 26, 2010 the British Columbia Provincial Government announced that a major entertainment complex will be built in Vancouver. The complex will be built next to BC Place Stadium by Paragon Developments, based in Las Vegas, Nevada. The development will house two hotels, 5 restaurants, other retail and a casino with up to 1,500 slot machines and 150 gaming tables. Paragon also developed and operates the River Cree casino in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Negotiations for a project of this magnitude are highly complex. Despite the expectation that the casino will generate millions of dollars, it will also change a community. The announcement on March 26 represented the culmination of over a year's consultation with B.C. Pavilion Corp., the owner and operator of B.C. Place and B.C. Lottery Corporation respecting all aspects of the development. Boughton Law Corporation's team, led by George Cadman, Q.C., worked closely with Jack Agrios, Q.C. of Edmonton, Paragon's Senior Counsel and the Paragon project team to assist Paragon in concluding all aspects of the negotiations which will now allow them to proceed with this project. As the project moves ahead, there will be broad consultation with all community stakeholders, the City of Vancouver and provincial Gaming regulators.

More than 8,500 jobs will be created, directly and indirectly during construction, and in connection with the ongoing operations of the complex. At more than 110,000 square feet, the new casino will supplant the 70,000 square foot River Rock casino in Richmond as the largest in British Columbia. Construction is scheduled to commence in early 2011.