



NORTHERN BC CHAPTER

February 5, 2013

The BCCLA has hired one of BC's leading human and environmental rights campaign lawyers to lead the organization. Josh Paterson, former Aboriginal and Natural Resources lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law, is the new Executive Director of the BCCLA. Paterson is replacing David Eby, who ended his term as Executive Director of the BCCLA on December 31, 2012.

The Northern Chapter of the BCCLA is hosting a casual gathering to introduce (and re-introduce) Josh to people in the community, in his new role. We are especially excited to work with Josh because he has several years' experience working in the north and interior with both First Nations and non-First Nations communities, especially in Prince George in the Bulkley-Nechako Region.

Josh Paterson was recently featured on the cover of Lexpert magazine for his work on legal issues related to the Enbridge pipeline project. Fluently bilingual in English and French, he has a Masters and a Law degree from the University of Toronto.

Paterson formerly led the Freedom of Expression, Equality and Dignity Project of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association in Toronto. He spent several years working in employee-side labour law in British Columbia spending much of his time on one of the largest racial-discrimination cases in B.C. history.

He has an extensive background in defending and protecting the rights of individuals and communities whose dignity or autonomy is being threatened by government or powerful private interests. He brings skills gained in the environmental and labour fields, and experience working for northern communities and First Nations, to the Association's work protecting the rights of people in every corner of BC.

We hope you can join us.

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*Please join us at a casual
gathering to meet
Josh Paterson,
Executive Director,
BC Civil Liberties Association
Friday, February 15, 2013
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Copper Pig BBQ & Social House
363 George St.*