

## **BELIZE**

### **CONSTITUTION OF BELIZE, 1981 BELIZE CONSTITUTION ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

#### **PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**

12.--(1) Except with his own consent, a person shall not be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of expression, including freedom to hold opinions without interference, freedom to receive ideas and information without interference, freedom to communicate ideas and information without interference (whether the communication be to the public generally or to any person or class of persons) and freedom from interference with his correspondence.

(2) Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this section to the extent that the law in question makes reasonable provision-

- a. that is required in the interests of defence, public safety, public order, public morality or public health;
- b. that is required for the purpose of protecting the reputations, rights and freedoms of other persons or the private lives of persons concerned in legal proceedings, preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, maintaining the authority and independence of the courts or regulating the administration or the technical operation of telephony, telegraphy, posts, wireless broadcasting, television or other means of communication, public exhibitions or public entertainments; or
- c. that imposes restrictions on officers in the public service that are required for the proper performance of their functions.