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Agricultural Law NetLetter

Frequency: Twice monthly

Description: This unique content comprised of highlights and summaries of recent and significant decisions is offered in conjunction with hyperlinks to the relevant topical fulltext case law. The Agricultural Law NetLetter contains recent decisions relating to agriculture and agribusiness. The cases reviewed touch on various aspects of the law, including contracts, land use, environmental issues, employment law, creditors' rights, corporate and business organization, security issues, sale of goods and torts.

Alan D. Gold's Criminal Law NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: In addition to recent Canadian caselaw, the NetLetter reviews criminal caselaw from the United States, Australia, the UK, South Africa, and other countries. Law journal articles, legislative news and other items of interest to the criminal defence bar are also summarized. Research papers presented at various conferences and seminars are also included. Topics include eyewitness identification evidence, expert opinion evidence, hearsay statements, trial preparation, opening and closing statements, jury selection, repressed memory evidence and junk science.

Carlson Personal Injury Quantum of Damages NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: A weekly review of non-pecuniary damages awarded in personal injury cases by courts in the common law provinces and by the Supreme Court of Canada. It is authored by John and Karen Carlson. The Netletter provides a brief synopsis of the case, including references to the nature and duration of the injury. In addition to providing the reported non-pecuniary damages, the digest also highlights the issues that directly affected the assessment of damages - such as mitigation and pre-existing injuries.

Crown Weekly NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: The Crown Weekly NetLetter is a current awareness source, covering criminal law developments of particular interest to Crown attorneys and prosecutors. The NetLetter was established by Jennifer Ferguson. Cases received by LexisNexis during the previous week and added to All LexisNexis Canadian Judgments collection are reviewed and analyzed. Cases selected for the NetLetter are organized by topic and a highlights feature at the beginning of each issue permits a quick overview of the week's top cases. Commentary items are also included. The views expressed in this NetLetter are solely those of the author and are not necessarily the views of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

Harper Grey Administrative Law NetLetter

Frequency: Bi-weekly

Description: This source contains Harper Grey Administrative Law NetLetter, a semimonthly electronic newsletter covering emerging issues in Canadian administrative law.

Harper Grey Insurance Law NetLetter

Frequency: Semi-monthly

Description: This source contains the Harper Grey Insurance Law NetLetter, A semimonthly electronic newsletter covering emerging issues in Canadian insurance law.

Hill/Wein Criminal Evidence NetLetter

Frequency: Semi-monthly

Description: The Hill/Wein Criminal Evidence NetLetter is a semi-monthly current awareness service providing case summaries and commentary in the area of criminal evidence.

Impaired Driving NetLetter

Frequency: Twice monthly

Description: This source is an electronic current awareness service covering recent cases, commentary, news items and legislative developments related to the prosecution and defence of impaired driving offences.

JSL Labour and Employment Law NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: A weekly current awareness service highlighting new labour and employment decisions from labour boards, arbitrators, human rights tribunals, and courts.

Lancaster House Wrongful Dismissal NetLetter

Frequency: Biweekly

Description: The Lancaster House Wrongful Dismissal NetLetter reports significant recent court decisions and arbitration awards on wrongful dismissal.

LexisNexis Aboriginal Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Aboriginal Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments pertaining to Canada's aboriginal peoples (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis). Topics addressed include treaty rights, land and resource claims, self-government of bands and nations, taxation issues, native justice, and criminal sentencing provisions specific to aboriginal offenders.

LexisNexis Civil Litigation (Atlantic Canada) NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis® Civil Litigation (Atlantic Canada) NetLetter(TM) is an electronic current awareness service covering cases interpreting the civil practice Rules specific to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. This NetLetter(TM) also covers procedural aspects of class actions, limitations of actions and motions. Costs judgments are usually included, but may be excluded if there is little or no discussion of how costs were assessed. Decisions involving motions for summary judgment or an injunction may not appear in this NetLetter(TM) unless there is a novel or unusual application of the legal tests for granting such motions, but will appear in the NetLetter corresponding to the underlying substantive area of law.

LexisNexis Civil Litigation (Ontario) NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: The LexisNexis® Civil Litigation (Ontario) NetLetter(TM) is an electronic current awareness service covering cases interpreting the Ontario Rules of Civil Procedure, the Ontario Court of Appeal Rules and the Judicial Review Procedures Act, and also covers procedural aspects of class actions and motions, as well as limitation of actions. Costs judgments are usually included, but may be excluded if there is little or no discussion of how costs were assessed. Decisions involving motions for summary judgment or an injunction may not appear in this NetLetter(TM) unless there is a novel or unusual application of the legal tests for granting such motions, but will appear in the NetLetter(TM) corresponding to the underlying substantive area of law.

LexisNexis Civil Litigation (Western Canada) NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: The LexisNexis® Civil Litigation (Western Canada) NetLetter(TM) is an electronic current awareness service covering cases interpreting the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court of Appeal Rules, the Judicial Review Procedures Act, and similar rules and legislation specific to British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Territory, and Nunavut. This NetLetter also covers procedural aspects of class actions and motions. Costs judgments are usually included, but may be excluded if there is little or no discussion of how costs were assessed. Decisions involving motions for summary judgment or an injunction may not appear in this NetLetter(TM) unless there is a novel or unusual application of the legal tests for granting such motions, but will appear in the NetLetter(TM) corresponding to the underlying substantive area of law.

LexisNexis Commercial Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis® Commercial Law NetLetter(TM) is an electronic current awareness service covering a broad range of cases involving sale of goods, warranties, banking, consumer protection, leasing, trade regulation, negotiable instruments and franchises.

LexisNexis Construction Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Construction Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering all aspects of construction law practice, including the bidding process, contracts, liens, and liability of contractors and subcontractors.

LexisNexis Copyright & Trade-mark Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis® Copyright and Trade-mark Law NetLetter / Bulletin LexisNexis® Droit d'auteur et marques de commerce is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments in copyright and trade-mark law. Copyright topics addressed include the criteria for copyright protection, protected subject matter, the registration, ownership, licensing and transfer of copyright, and infringement of copyright. Trade-mark topics addressed include the criteria for trade-mark registration, what constitutes registrable subject matter, registration and opposition to registration, expungement, prohibited marks, and infringement of trade-mark.

LexisNexis Corporations and Business Associations Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Corporations and Business Associations Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering cases dealing with all areas of corporate practice, including corporate or partnership structure, directors and officers, sale of business, and shareholders' remedies. This NetLetter does not cover credit unions or insolvency/CCAA matters.

LexisNexis Creditors and Debtors Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Creditors and Debtors Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments pertaining to the rights and obligations of creditors and debtors. Topics addressed include security, garnishment, seizure or attachment of property, execution, guarantee and indemnity, and credit cards.

LexisNexis Economic Damages NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Economic Damages NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering awards of damages arising from commercial transactions and torts, and providing cases dealing with substantive discussions of damages principles. This NetLetter does not include cases dealing solely with liability, personal injury awards, damages for wrongful termination, or claims against insurers.

LexisNexis Employment Law NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: The LexisNexis Employment Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments concerning non-union employees. For cases specific to unionized workplaces, please refer to the LexisNexis Labour Law NetLetter. The LexisNexis Employment Law NetLetter contains recent decisions concerning workplace issues, including dismissal or termination, employment standards legislation, workplace discrimination and vicarious liability of employers for acts of employees.

LexisNexis Environmental Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Environmental Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments in environmental regulation and protection. Topics addressed include land, air, and marine pollution, waste management, environmental impact assessments and approvals, the disposal of hazardous materials, and prosecution of environmental offences.

LexisNexis Health Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Health Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering cases dealing with all aspects of health care matters, including mental competency, medical negligence, discipline and professional responsibility for medical professionals, patients' rights, medical privacy, public health, hospitals, nursing homes, and health care financing and insurance. This NetLetter does not include cases dealing with medical experts, or labour relations involving nurses or other health care providers.

LexisNexis Immigration Law NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: LexisNexis® Immigration Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering court cases and selected administrative board proceedings covering cases dealing with all aspects of immigration practice, including admission, exclusion and expulsion, naturalization, and offences.

LexisNexis Labour Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Labour Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering cases dealing with labour relations, including collective bargaining, unfair labour practices, union governance, and labour relations boards. This NetLetter does not include employment law related cases involving non-union workplaces.

LexisNexis Municipal Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Municipal Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments relative to municipal governance and structure. Topics addressed include municipal councils, mayors and councillors, municipal elections, municipal taxation, the creation and enforcement of bylaws, municipal boundaries, the amalgamation and dissolution of municipalities, and municipal powers and liabilities.

LexisNexis Natural Resources NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Natural Resources NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments pertaining to the regulation and protection of Canada's natural resources. Topics addressed include hunting and fishing, forestry and logging, mining, oil and gas, electricity, waters, agriculture, Crown lands, and conservation and protection of these resources.

LexisNexis Patent Law NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis® Patent Law NetLetter / Bulletin LexisNexis® Brevets is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments in patent law, including criteria for patentability, what constitutes patentable subject-matter, applications for and registration of patents, the ownership, licensing and assignment of patents, delisting, and infringement of patent.

LexisNexis Personal Injury NetLetter

Frequency: Biweekly

Description: The LexisNexis Personal Injury NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering assessments of liability and damages in the personal injury context, including product liability, medical malpractice, defamation, and motor vehicle accidents. This NetLetter does not include cases dealing with property damage, insurance, or wrongful dismissal.

LexisNexis Securities Regulation NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Securities Regulation NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments involving the acquisition and disposition of securities as well as regulation of the individuals and entities involved. Cases discussing the jurisdiction and powers of regulatory commissions are included in this NetLetter, and may also be included in the LexisNexis® Administrative Law Netletter(TM). Topics addressed include trades (including insider trading), prospectuses, mergers and acquisitions, offences, and punishments.

LexisNexis Supreme Court of Canada NetLetter

Frequency: As received from Court

Description: The LexisNexis® Supreme Court of Canada NetLetter(TM) on Quicklaw(TM) is a current awareness service providing comprehensive coverage of all new Supreme Court of Canada decisions and rulings on applications for leave to appeal recently added to Quicklaw(TM). Issues will be added when the Supreme Court of Canada releases decisions on appeals and/or rulings on applications for leave to appeal. Issues will be updated over the course of a week so that users can keep track of a case from the time the Court announces that a decision or ruling will be released to the time it is added online and summarized.

LexisNexis Tort Law NetLetter

Frequency: Weekly

Description: The LexisNexis Tort Law NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments in tort law, including property torts, torts affecting the person (including defamation), torts by and against the Crown, passing off, and negligence, including professional negligence by medical, legal and other professionals.

LexisNexis Workplace Health, Safety, and Compensation NetLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: The LexisNexis Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation NetLetter is an electronic current awareness service covering recent judicial developments pertaining to workers' compensation, including claims for benefits, compensable injuries, recovery of overpayments, and interpretation of relevant legislation. Appeals and judicial reviews of board and tribunal decisions are included in this NetLetter.

Milligan's Criminal Law Advisor

Frequency: Monthly

Description: Milligan's Criminal Law Advisor provides expert analysis on current issues of interest to criminal practitioners across Canada. It features summaries of key legislative developments, case comments and summaries of important decisions covering a wide range of matters.

Epstein's This Week in Family Law

Frequency: Weekly

Description: Text of This Week in Family Law, a weekly electronic newsletter edited by Philip Epstein that reports on recent court decisions and other developments in Canadian family law.

LawSource Case Notes

Description: LawSource Case Notes is a newsletter service providing readers with summaries of significant or interesting decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada cases, Federal courts (trial, appeal and tax), as well as provincial courts from across the country.

Mack's Criminal Law Bulletin

Description: This bi-weekly newsletter offers commentary on current issues in criminal law. A must-have for practitioners and judges alike, each bulletin focuses on a particular criminal law issue, highlighting recent developments in that area.

Police Powers NewsLetter

Frequency: Monthly

Description: Text of the Police Powers Newsletter, by the Honourable Madam Justice Michelle Fuerst, Defence Counsel Scott Fenton, and Crown Counsel Susan Magotiaux. Provides expert analysis of current legislative and case law developments in the law relating to police powers in Canada.

Segal's Motor Vehicle and Impaired Driving Newsletter

Frequency: Biweekly

Description: Text of Segal's Motor Vehicle and Impaired Driving Newsletter, by Deputy Attorney General Murray Segal, which discusses motor vehicle and impaired driving cases of currency, interest and relevance across Canada. The newsletter features case comments and summaries covering a wide range of motor vehicle offences including impaired driving, dangerous driving, criminal negligence, failing to remain, and driving while disqualified. The newsletter also discusses new legislation and regulations, policies, and practice directives.

Watt's Criminal Law and Evidence Newsletter

Frequency: Biweekly

Description: Text of the Criminal Law Newsletter, by the Honourable Mr. Justice David Watt, which provides expert analysis of current developments in Canadian criminal law including highlights of important new case law and legislation.

WeirFoulds Estates & Trusts Newsletter

Description: Reports and comments on recent court decisions and other developments in Canadian estates and trusts law.

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