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**1. \$200,000 Punitive Damages in Franchise Dispute**

In the recent decision in [Halligan v. Liberty Tax Service Inc.](#), 2006 MBQB 75, the court awarded punitive damages of \$200 000 against the franchisor to address the "hardball tactics employed by Liberty in attempting...to bludgeon Halligan into submission." The court states that "punitive damages must be sufficiently significant to bring home to a big franchise operation that egregious breaches of good faith to its franchisees must not be countenanced."

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**2. CLE Today on Construction Project Bonds**

Today at noon, the Manitoba Bar Association's Construction Law Section is presenting the CLE *Construction Project Bonds: What they cover and what they don't* with presenter Len French. Contact the [Manitoba Bar Association](#) for details.

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**3. Businesses to Provide More Information to Consumers**

An [April 18, 2006 news release](#) from the Province announced that effective June 1, 2006 organizations will be required to provide consumers with more detailed information in seeking their consent to personal investigations for credit, employment, insurance or tenancy. The changes are contained in a regulation [The Personal Investigations Act](#).

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**4. Insolvency and Restructuring Forum: CAIRP**

The Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals will be offering a continuing education program, *Insolvency and Restructuring Forum* in Winnipeg on May 11, 2006. Local presenters include: Wayne Leslie, David Jackson and Richard Schwartz. Register online at: [www.cairpforums2006.com](http://www.cairpforums2006.com).

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**5. CLE Materials**

CLE materials from *Avoiding Workplace Human Rights Violations: Protect Yourself, Your Office and Your Clients!* are available now for purchase on [The Law Society of Manitoba's website](#). The program, presented on February 20, 2006, included presentations by Grant Mitchell, Q.C., Naomi Levine, Dianna Scarth and Sharon Cartmill

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