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# 1. Changes to Workers Compensation Coverage

Regulation 153/2006 under *The Workers Compensation Act* increases the number of industries covered by the Act effective January 1, 2007. The new industries covered are:

- outside window cleaning;
- aviation and air transport including the operation of an aircraft, provision of air transport services and the operation of an airline;
- exploration and prospecting including assaying, archaeological, environmental, geological, geophysical or mapping services;
- mushroom plants;
- taxidermy;
- testing laboratories including product manufacturing, development and testing;
- land surveying;
- landscape architecture and design, landscaping and yard maintenance; and
- property management.

# 2. 2007 Rent Guidelines

The Province of Manitoba has set the 2007 rent increase guideline at 2.5% effective January 1, 2007. For further details, see the September 13, 2006 news release.

### 3. Advising on Securities Issues

The <u>Manitoba Securities Commission</u> is presenting two continuing education programs in October. <u>The Professional Adviser and the Regulatory Landscape</u> will take place in Winnipeg on Monday, October 16, 2006. <u>Doing it Right: Compliance and Liability</u> will take place in Brandon on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. Contact the Manitoba Securities Commission to register.

### 4. CLE on Corporations Act Amendments

A CLE program on the recent amendments to <u>The Corporations Act</u> will be held at The Law Society of Manitoba at lunch on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. For complete details and to register, visit our <u>website</u>.

### 5. Show Me the Money!

The upcoming Law Society CLE program <u>Show Me the Money! 21st Century Collections Law in Manitoba</u> will provide a comprehensive review of collections law and practice in Manitoba, including the potential impact of <u>Bill C-55</u> (the <u>Wage Earner Protection Program Act</u>, which is passed but not yet proclaimed.) The program will take place at The Law Society of Manitoba on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 and is chaired by David Jackson. Presenters include Senior Master Rick Lee, Douglas Ward, Q.C., Richard Schwartz, Catherine Howden, David Wright and others. <u>Click here</u> for complete details and to register.

### **6. Municipal Law Resources**

Check out these recent articles by local lawyers published in the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' <u>Municipal Leader</u> magazine:

- Limited Liability for Municipalities, by Bernice R. Bowley of Fillmore Riley LLP
- *Don't Take Granting Grants for Granted*, by John D. Stefaniuk of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP
- *The Municipal Assessment Act Penalty Provisions*, by Mark Newman of Fillmore Riley LLP

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