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## 1. Doing Business with First Nations

The agenda for the Canadian Bar Association's National Aboriginal Law Conference that takes place in Winnipeg on March 9 and 10, 2007 includes a session on how the Supreme Court of Canada's recent decision in *McDiarmid Lumber Ltd. v. God's Lake First Nation*, 2006 SCC 58 will impact First Nations and those who do business with First Nations. For complete details and to register, visit the <u>CBA website</u>.

#### 2. Reductions in Provincial Small Business Taxes

Effective January 1, 2007, Manitoba saw some important changes with respect to tax. Firstly, Manitoba's General Corporate Income Tax rate was reduced from 14.5% to 14%. Also effective January 1, the Manitoba Small Business Income Tax Rate was reduced from 4.5% to 3%. For details on the cuts, see the Province's website.

### 3. Accommodating Disabilities in the Workplace: CLE

Employers and those who represent employers need to be familiar with the law on accommodation of employees with mental or physical disabilities or other medical conditions. *Accommodation of Disabilities in the Workplace: Protect Yourself, Your Office and Your Clients* is a half-day CLE program co-sponsored by the Law Society of Manitoba's Equity Ombudsperson and the MBA's Constitutional Law/Human Rights Law Section. Visit our website for more details and to register online.

#### 4. Property Registry on the Move

The Property Registry is moving. Effective February 12, 2007, the Registry (Winnipeg Land Titles Office, Personal Property Registry and Surveys Branch) will be located at 276 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3C 0B6. For complete details, visit the <u>website</u>.

### 5. Resources for Business Lawyers

Some recent articles that will be of interest to business lawyers:

• Top Cases of 2006: Conflicts of Interest hot topic for bar in 2006, January 15, 2007, Law Times

# Winnipeg's legal economy steady as she goes, January 8, 2007, Canadian Lawyer

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