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1. CBA Task Force on Conflicts of Interest Report & Toolkit

The Canadian Bar Association [Task Force](#) on Conflicts of Interest has released their [Final Report](#) as well as a [Conflicts of Interest Toolkit](#) that includes such useful documents as a conflicts systems checklist, model non-engagement letters, guidelines for multiple representations and waivers.

2. Wage Earner Protection Legislation in Force

The [Wage Earner Protection Program Act](#) and [Regulations](#) were proclaimed in force as of Monday, July 7, 2008.

3. Extension of WCB Coverage

The Province [announced on August 27, 2008](#) that it will extend the number of industries covered by the Workers Compensation Board, effective Jan. 1, 2009. A [list of included industries](#) was provided with the news release.

4. 2009 Residential Rent Guidelines Set

The 2009 guideline for rent increases has been set at 2.5 per cent. As stated in the September 4, 2008 [News Release](#), the guideline applies:

"...to most residential rental properties including apartments, single rooms, houses and duplexes. The guideline does not apply to:

- rental units renting for \$1,095 or more per month as of Dec. 31, 2008;
- personal-care homes;
- non-profit housing with subsidized rent;
- approved rehabilitated rental units; and
- new buildings that are:
 - less than 15 years old, where an occupancy permit was first issued or a unit first occupied after April 9, 2001, or;
 - less than 20 years old, where an occupancy permit was first issued

or a unit first occupied after March 7, 2005."

5. Thank You to Volunteers

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