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1. More on Costs Above Tariff: QB

Rolls v. Whittaker-Rolls, 2006 MBQB 67, is another recent decision on costs that considers the *Friesen v. Cascisa*, 2006 MBQB 34 decision referred to in last month's Update. In *Rolls*, the court considers:

...the fact that if there is too much drift from Tariff levels of costs when awards are made, there may be more rather than less litigation on issues of costs in future. In most cases, costs ought to admit of perfunctory resolution, at most requiring taxation not a contested hearing.

The decision also reviews the law on making costs orders in favour of unrepresented litigants.

2. No Jurisdiction for Case Conference: QB

In *Leskiw v. Leskiw*, 2006 MBQB 84, the court determines that there is no jurisdiction to conduct a case conference and award costs after final judgment has issued where no post-judgment proceeding has been commenced.

3. Reopening to Admit Fresh Evidence: QB

The recent decision in [Fritschij v. Bazan](#), 2006 MBQB 82 reviews the law on when it is appropriate to reopen a hearing to consider fresh evidence. In this case, an order was pronounced in July 2005 on a motion heard in April 2005, but the Order was never submitted for signing. In January 2006, one of the parties brought a motion to reopen the case and admit fresh evidence. On the facts, the motion is dismissed with costs.

4. Family Mediation Conference in June

Family Mediation Canada and Family Mediation Manitoba are hosting Interaction 2006 on June 7-10 in Winnipeg. Contact [Conflict Resolution Network](#) for full details and registration information.

5. Reminder: May 1 Changes to CSG

Don't forget that the changes to the Federal Child Support Guidelines take effect on Monday, May 1, 2006. For more information on the changes to the Guidelines, visit the [Department of Justice](#)

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