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1. New Legislation re: Family Property on Reserve

On March 4, 2008, <u>Bill C-47</u>, An Act respecting family homes situated on First Nation reserves and matrimonial interests or rights in or to structures and lands situated on those reserves was introduced to address issues relating to matrimonial real property on reserve. The News Release of March 4, 2008 and backgrounder (as well as other information) are available on Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's <u>website</u>.

2. New Family Law Resources

Justice Canada has posted some new materials on its *Parenting After Divorce* web page:

- *Topics in Family Law: A Collection of Articles* (including one about inter-jurisdictional support cases by Tracy Morrow)
- an informative <u>Resources for Children</u> databank
- <u>What happens next? Information for kids about separation and divorce</u>

3. Collaborative Law Training

<u>Collaborative Practice Manitoba</u> is offering a multi-disciplinary collaborative training on April 12th and 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The cost is \$300.00 payable to Collaborative Practice Manitoba. Registrations should be sent to Rhonda Hercus, Monk Goodwin LLP, 800 - 444 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3T1.

4. Powerful Non-Defensive Communication Training

Mark your calendars for a two-day workshop on May 20 & 21 with <u>Sharon Ellison</u> on *Innovative Strategies For Effective Communication*. The skills Sharon Ellison teaches are valuable to lawyers in all settings. The workshop is jointly presented by <u>Collaborative Practice Manitoba</u> and the Manitoba Bar Association. Watch for further details to be posted in an upcoming issue of *Headnotes and Footnotes* or <u>contact the Manitoba Bar Association</u> for further information.

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