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### 1. Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines: Final Version

The final version of the [Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines](#) has now been posted to the [Justice Canada website](#). The authors of the Guidelines, Professors Carol Rogerson and Rollie Thompson have also prepared [A User's Guide to the Final Version](#).

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### 2. Unrepresented Litigants & Access to Justice: CLE

Supreme Court Justice [Marshall Rothstein](#) will be the keynote presenter for the upcoming Law Society of Manitoba CLE program, [Unrepresented Litigants & Access to Justice: Today's Reality and a View to the Future](#). This full-day CLE program will take place on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the Fort Garry Hotel and features [presenters](#) from both the Bench and Bar. [Contact](#) Legal Studies at the Law Society for more information and to register.

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### 3. The Family Way

The August 2008 issue of [The Family Way](#), the newsletter of the Canadian Bar Association's Family Law Section, is now available online. Articles of interest include:

- [A New Code of Conduct for Family Law Lawyers?](#) by Cori McGuire
- [Children's voices, children's interests and children as litigants in family matters](#) by Elizabeth Greene

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### 4. Guide to CPP Credit Splitting

Earlier this year, Human Resources and Social Development Canada released a new publication entitled [Canada Pension Plan Credit Splitting: A Guide for the Legal Profession](#).

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### 5. Legal bill slashed to \$50,000 from \$200,000

The September 8, 2008 issue of [Law Times](#) reports on a case in which the Ontario Superior Court reduced a legal bill of over \$200,000 for a divorce case to \$50,000 after finding that the lawyer

claiming the costs "lost focus" that her client wanted a quick resolution, not a big pay day from her wealthy ex-husband.

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## **6. Information on Hague Convention Compliance**

The U.S. State Department maintains [a web page](#) that reviews the State Department's experiences in dealing with signatory countries to the Hague Convention.

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## **7. Thanks to Volunteers**

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