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1. Supreme Court Hearing Webcasts and Appeal Factums Now Online

The Supreme Court of Canada implemented its new Policy for Access to Supreme Court of Canada Court Records on February 9, 2009 and is now providing online access to webcasts of appeal hearings and appeal factums filed on or after February 9, 2009. For details on how to access records and the applicable restrictions see the SCC announcement.

2. Ten Years of the Supreme Court of Canada

A special edition of the Supreme Court of Canada's <u>Bulletin of Proceedings</u> provides a statistical overview of the court's work from 1998 to 2008. The summary is broken down into five categories: cases filed, applications for leave submitted, appeals heard, appeal judgments, and average time lapses.

3. Annual Trust Account Report Deadline

The Annual Trust Account Report Form D with Accountant's Review is due April 30, 2009. Those members who are required or have chosen to use this reporting option are reminded to make arrangements with their accountants now to ensure sufficient lead time to meet the deadline.

4. New Canada Gazette Website

The Canada Gazette has launched a new <u>website</u> as of March 1, 2009. The aim of the updated website is to increase accessibility to a broader range of information and to facilitate searches. The new address for the site is <u>www.gazette.gc.ca</u>.

5. New Legislation Publication System

As <u>announced</u> March 5, 2009, CanLII's new legislation publication system is now live, allowing point-in-time searches, version comparison and section note-up of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and Federal legislation. CanLII plans to add the remaining provincial legislation

to the new database by the summer of 2009.

6. Legal Technology and Marketing Tips

In a salute to the spirit of the upcoming <u>ABA Techshow</u>, the latest edition of <u>Law Practice</u> magazine features several articles on legal technology tips including:

- 10 Ways to Stretch Your Research Dollars
- Tips and Tools for Easy Collaboration: Six Ways to Work Better with Others Online
- Costly Technology Gotchas: A Dozen Tips for E-mail Security and More
- Remote Access Tools and Tips for Solo and Small Firm Lawyers

And, the February 2009 edition of <u>Law Practice Today</u> focuses on marketing, with articles on networking, client surveys and marketing tools.

7. Managing Digital Documents

The article <u>Document Management in the Digital Law Office</u> by Steve Best and Debbie Foster examines the concept of document management in all its forms. It includes a summary of what to look for in document management software and links to the websites of several systems.

8. Managing Your Brand: MBA program

The Law Practice Management and Technology section of the Manitoba Bar Association is presenting a program on brand management with Jim Kingdon, Managing Partner & CEO of ChangeMakers Marketing Communications. *Get on the Brandwagon* will be held at the Law Society classroom on Thursday, April 2, 2009, from 12 noon until 1:30 pm. And, because April is bring a buddy month, members are encouraged to invite a non-member buddy to attend. Contact the Manitoba Bar Association for further details and to register.

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