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### 1. Change of Address

Effective February 12, 2007, the Property Registry (Winnipeg Land Titles Office, Surveys Branch and Personal Property Registry) will be located at 276 Portage Avenue (the old Birks Building). The mailing/courier address is 276 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3C 0B6. For complete details on the move, see the [Property Registry website](#).

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### 2. More on *Porter v. Henry*

Supplementary reasons to the decision in [Porter v. Henry](#), 2006 MBQB 218 (CanLII), reported on in our October 2006 issue of this Update were provided by The Honourable Mr. Justice Jewers on December 6, 2006 and can be found at [2006 MBQB 283](#) (CanLII).

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### 3. Special Authority Clauses Under *The Homesteads Act*

The Property Registry has posted a notice regarding wording of a "special authority clause" under [The Homesteads Act](#) on their [website](#). The notice states that many such clauses "are lacking in one of essential element. Specifically, these clauses do not provide for the execution of a disposition of jointly held homestead property." The site includes an example of the suggested wording for a clause acceptable for registration in [Schedule XVI](#).

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### 4. Mortgage Fraud Resources

Mortgage fraud is an issue that remains on the radar for law societies across the country. If your practice includes real property transactions, you need to know how to spot a suspicious transaction. Check out the resources below for more information (and save these to your favourites file for future reference):

- [http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca/communique\\_sept05.htm#fraud](http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca/communique_sept05.htm#fraud)
- [http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca/communique\\_june06.htm#notice](http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca/communique_june06.htm#notice)
- <http://mrc.lsuc.on.ca/jsp/fightingRealEstate/index.jsp>
- [http://www.practicepro.ca/LawPROmag/LawPROmagazine3\\_2\\_Jun2004.pdf](http://www.practicepro.ca/LawPROmag/LawPROmagazine3_2_Jun2004.pdf)
- [http://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/publications\\_forms/iissues/05-03\\_risk.html](http://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/publications_forms/iissues/05-03_risk.html)
- <http://www.lawsocietyalberta.com/files/reports/mortgagefraud.pdf>

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