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1. Application for Dependents Relief: QB

The applicant in [Dickinson v. Woodiwiss](#), 2008 MBQB 136 (CanLII) sought relief under [The Dependents Relief Act](#), C.C.S.M. c. D37, for provision to be made for his support out of the estate of his late wife, Arlin Dickinson who left all of her estate to her two children. Mr. Dickinson, however, received the benefit of his surviving interest in the two primary assets of the marriage - the home and a joint bank account. On the basis that he had not established financial need under s. 8(1) of the Act, the court refused the application.

2. Right of Way Easement by Prescription: QB

The court in [Stokes et al. v. Composite Holdings Ltd.](#), 2008 MBQB 124 (CanLII) considered (and granted) an application for a declaration that the plaintiffs acquired a right-of-way easement by prescription, and in doing so provided a concise summary of the applicable law.

3. Execution of Documents by Corporations

The Registrar General (of Land Titles) issued a directive entitled [Execution of Documents by Corporations](#) on May 1, 2008 which provides that "Effective immediately, all documents issued by corporations may be signed in the same fashion as set out for discharges in the [January 20, 2003 notice](#)."

4. Disinterment Policies Considered: ABCA

The Alberta Court of Appeal in [Johnston v. Alberta \(Director of Vital Statistics\)](#), 2008 ABCA 188 (CanLII) upheld the decision of the Director of Vital Statistics granting an application by the spouse of the deceased for a permit for disinterment of the remains to allow for burial in Regina, instead of at Lac la Biche. The court found that the surviving spouse had priority over the parent of the deceased in this application, both by law and by policy. Toronto Estate Law Blog entry [Battle over Mountie's Remains Likely to Continue](#) by Megan F. Connolly notes that the unsuccessful applicant is expected to seek leave to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

