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LONNY WINS CITY AWARDS!

Lonny Balbi, Q.C., was recently recognized by the City of Calgary for his work in the community. This was the first time ever that one individual has won two awards in the same year.



The first award was for Community Advocate. This was awarded to an individual Calgarian who made a significant volunteer contribution to the community. Lonny was recognized for his leadership in implementing the Court of Queen's Bench Dispute Resolution Officer Project. He was instrumental in providing separating parents with free and early legal information to help resolve disputes quickly. He was also recognized for organizing and volunteering special events with the Mustard Seed for homeless Calgarians, and for his several pro bono initiatives.

The second award was the Environmental Achievement Award given to a Calgarian whose actions and achievements have shown

dedication to protecting and/or enhancing the environment. Lonny won this award for his initiatives surrounding the Suit Pursuit and Calgary's Bike to Work Day. Four years ago, Lonny thought of a program to encourage Calgarians to ride their bikes more often to work in order to reduce the environmental impact. The Suit Pursuit was developed as a lead-up to Bike to Work Day in order to raise awareness of the event. Bike to Work Day has proven to be a huge success in reducing Calgary's environmental footprint.

The awards were presented in a lavish ceremony at City Hall on June 9th, 2010.



Mayor Dave Bronconnier presenting the Community Advocacy Award to Lonny Balbi, Q.C., with Alderman Druh Farrell

GETTING THE NUMBERS RIGHT

The wife came to us after several years of separation indicating that her husband finally agreed it was time to get a divorce. They had no children and each party had been working throughout the marriage.



The wife had no idea of her financial circumstances and really did not understand money. She did not even have a chequing account.

We obtained proper disclosure from the other side and then hired a financial expert to help our client understand where she stood. We were also able to provide spreadsheets and tax calculations to help our client achieve appropriate independence.

In the end, our client received several million dollars and she was counselled on how to manage her money long after the divorce.





BALBI & COMPANY'S WEB SITE

An overview of www.familylaw-balbi.com follows:

- The **About Our Team** page allows you to read a brief summary about each of our firm's lawyers and learn about their area of expertise.
- From Divorce to Step-Parent Adoption, the **Area of Law** section lists the areas of law our firm deals with.
- If you need information about the Parenting After Separation Seminar, you can check out our **Resources** page. You will find the telephone numbers, as well as links to help you find contact information or documentation from a variety of resources.
- One of the best ways to keep your legal costs down is by having all questions for your lawyer ready before making a telephone call. Check out our **FAQ** page. Frequently asked questions are posted and answered by our lawyers.
- Schedule too busy to take part in Balbi L.A.W. Seminars? Maybe you've misplaced our last Newsletter? Our web site takes care of that too. Archived **Newsletters** and **Balbi L.A.W. Seminars** are available on the web site. (See more on **Balbi L.A.W. Seminars** below).
- **Balbi on TV** – see recent clips from our lawyers on TV.
- Our **Contact Us** page provides our location and how to get in touch with us.
- If you, or someone you know, are looking for an exciting career in Family Law and are looking to join a fantastic group of people, join us on our **Careers** page to see what current opportunities are available.



BALBI L.A.W. (LEGAL ADVISORY WORKSHOP) SEMINARS

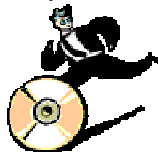
Recent Balbi L.A.W. (Legal Advisory Workshop) Seminars include the following:

“Parental Alienation–How Parents are Screwing Up Their Kids” with Guest speaker: Dr. Gary Kneier-Psychologist

“When Does It End – Do I have to keep paying for my kids after they are 18?”

What is Collaborative Law and Will It Work For You?

If you missed any of our recent seminars, we have posted these archived recordings on our web site at www.familylaw-balbi.com.



Go to the **Balbi L.A.W. Seminars** page to listen to any of the saved seminars.

Information about the Seminars, including dates, topics and call-in numbers, is sent to you via email. If we don't have your email address and you'd like to be added to our distribution list, please forward your email address to balbico@familylaw-balbi.com, or call 403.269.7300.

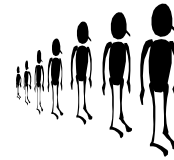
NEWS!!



We are pleased to welcome Ms. Kelly Wright to our team. Kelly left her career as a nurse to pursue a career in Family Law. When she is not practicing law, she loves to ski, garden and cook. We are excited to have Kelly's enthusiasm and warm demeanor in the office.

WELCOME KELLY!

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