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INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE



After a lovely overseas romance, the parties separated, coincidentally when our client was pregnant. Our client returned to Canada, and raised her child alone, for 17 years. As her daughter prepared to go to university, our client was concerned about the costs of this education and she sought out financial support from the father. The father, who was living overseas, was initially quite surprised to hear from us. He provided his financial information. It turned out that the once successful entrepreneur she had dated had run into hard times (at least according to his tax returns?). We faced the dire prospect of the costs involved to try to investigate the father's income and assets overseas, what jurisdiction (location) to bring the Court Application, and how to enforce overseas (against no assets) even if we were successful at imputing an income and obtaining a Judgment. Through friendly negotiation and a practical and dignified settlement, we were able to reach an agreement

totalling \$40,000, which met our client's need to help pay for her daughter's university costs and avoid lengthy, expensive and stressful ongoing Court for both parties.



FLOOD LESSONS



The June 20, 2013 Calgary flood affected our office in a significant way. We had seven feet of water in our basement and some files were damaged (and ultimately, recovered). But we had some of our client's original Wills stored in our safe.

In 1988, when we opened our office, we purchased a state-of-the-art safe. It did an excellent job of storing Wills and was **fireproof**. After the flood, we discovered that our beautiful safe was **not waterproof**.

Because original Wills are extremely valuable documents, we went through the process of having them dried out. We are happy to report that all of the Wills were saved.

This is a good reminder to not only check your current Will to see if it is updated, but if we are storing your Will for you, you may want to store it in your own safe!



Husband/Wife Discussion:



W: You just don't care anymore!

H: You're upset. Let's buy you something to make you feel better.

W: Like what?

H: How about a trip to the Orient?

W: No.

H: A BMW?

W: No.

H: Well, what do you want?

W: A divorce.

H: I wasn't planning on spending that much.



Ha ha

During the cross-examination of a coroner at a murder trial, the prosecution asked, "Did you take the victim's pulse before you pronounced him dead?"

"No."

"Did you check his breathing?"

"No."

"So you didn't make any of the usual tests to be sure the man was dead?"

"Look at it this way: All I had to examine was a brain in a jar, but for all I know, he may still be out there somewhere practicing law."



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

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

“Not Just for the Rich & Famous.” A discussion about pre-marriage/cohabitation agreements. Hosted by Ceri Chwieros with guest speaker Norm Picard, QC.

“Can I Move With The Kids?” A discussion of mobility in Family Law. Hosted by Tera Yates with guest speaker Professor Rollie Thompson.

“Put A Ring On It?” A discussion of living common law vs. marriage. Hosted by Ceri Chwieros with guest speaker Aaron Franks.

“Til Death Do You Part.” A presentation of the new *Wills & Succession Act*. Hosted by Kelly Wright with guest speaker Sherrilynn Kelly.

“Innovative Ways to Solve Your Divorce.” Hosted by Lonny Balbi, QC, with special guest Dinyar Marzban, QC.

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.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Provincial Court of Alberta, 601-5th St. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 5P7.

General Info for Court of Queen's Bench: 403.297.5653

General Info for Provincial Court: 403.297.3471

Family Law Information Centre, Family Justice Services, 7th

Floor, 601-5th St. SW, Calgary

General Info: 403.297.6981

Information can also be accessed through the internet under Court of Queen's Bench Calgary.

Calgary Legal Guidance, 100, 840-7th Ave. SW. 403.234.9266

Lawyer Referral Service

403.228.1722 or toll free 1-800-661-1095

Parenting After Separation Seminar

Info: 403.440.7743

Mustard Seed (shelter & food)

102 - 11th Ave. SE. 403.269.1319

Inter Faith Food Bank

403.253.2055

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