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Canadian Domain Name Disputes - The Cointreau Example

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A recent decision handed down on February 8, 2012 on behalf of the Canadian Internet Registration Authority sheds some light on the revised Canadian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy which was amended in August 2011 in order to attempt to bring the Canadian Policy in line with the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) which applies to .com domain names. The decision involved a domain name registration for the domain name cointreau.ca, registered by Netnic Corporation which was being disputed by Cointreau S.A., a company based in France. [More...](#)

Patents in the Oil Patch

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The Canadian oil and gas industrial has not historically paid much attention to protecting its technology through patents. For example, only one oil and gas company is listed among the top ten Canadian patent filers. But this is beginning to change as global demand for energy increases and extraction and processing techniques become more sophisticated in response. The push to make extraction techniques less intensive in terms of energy and environmental impact is also spawning advances in innovation. [More...](#)

Ontario Superior Court Certifies Class Action for Infringement of Copyright

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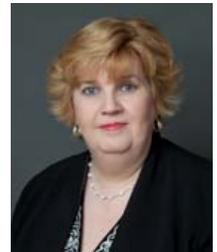
The certification process for certifying the class in a class action matter is a rigorous one. On February 21, 2012 the Ontario Superior Court of Justice certified the class for the class action regarding the plaintiff's action against Thomson Reuters. Thomson, through its legal publishing branch known as Carswells, publishes copies of Court documents that have been authored by lawyers and reproduces them on an electronic database and search and retrieval service known as "Litigator". Certain documents authored by the plaintiff, who is a lawyer, were included in Litigator without his express permission. [More...](#)

English Language Trademarks in the Province of Quebec

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Significant changes may be under way in the manner in which business is carried on in the Province of Quebec. On November 13, 2011, the Office Québécois de la Langue Française (OQLF) launched a new campaign entitled "A Sign of Respect for the Law" ("Une Marque de Respect de la Loi"). Backed up by a high profile television and online promotion, the Office is attempting to educate the business community about its interpretation of the *Charter of the French language* and its Regulation. [More...](#)

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