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Subject *Epstein & Madsen's This Week in Family Law*

Carswell is very pleased to bring you the best of what Canada's legal minds have to offer and welcome Philip Epstein and Lene Madsen to its family of distinguished authors.

Their newsletter *Epstein & Madsen's This Week in Family Law* is now available on **FamilySource**.

Following in the footsteps of Jay McLeod's popular and pithy newsletter, the new authors will certainly make their own unique mark on the family law landscape in Canada.

Mr. Epstein is a recipient of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Law Society Medal and the Family Law Excellence Award from the family law section of the Ontario Bar Association. He is a distinguished family law counsel, lecturer, writer and active participant in numerous legal associations.

Ms. Madsen is a winner of several awards from Osgoode Hall Law School and a recipient of a Dean's Letter Recognizing Cumulative Academic Excellence. She is also a published author of several academic papers.

Philip Epstein summarized his vision for the newsletter as follows:

*"We intend to concentrate on commenting on cases that we think have some significance and further develop family law in this country. We do not intend to comment on every decision. We will look at cases that we think are taking the law in the wrong direction and we will hand out kudos where they are warranted. We will try to produce some hints for loss prevention for lawyers where the case makes it clear as to how the lawyers might have avoided the problem that arose. We will comment on different approaches taken by different judges in similar facts. We cannot be as witty or as pithy as Jay McLeod. We can, however, try to deliver in a timely fashion brief notes of all the important family law cases as they come off the press. We hope that they will be of some considerable use to you and we welcome the readers' comments."*

Mr. Epstein has also assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief of the Reports of Family Law.

As Editor-in-Chief of the Reports of Family Law, he will be ably assisted by his law partners at Epstein Cole LLP: Aaron Franks, Melanie Kraft, Roslyn Tsao, and Ilana Zylberman. Annotations, from time to time, will be produced by the editorial group and other writers who are interested in writing about a particular case.