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Well, Advice has officially jumped on the social media bandwagon! We're now on [Twitter](#) (with over 700 followers); on [Facebook](#) (with our own business page and over 70 fans); on [FriendFeed](#) (not really sure what the heck this is, but we have about 150 'subscribers'); on [Linkedin](#) (53 connections); and we also joined [wordpress.com](#) with a copy of the ThinSkull Blog entries. By next month who knows what else we'll have to join to stay on top of this social media frenzy!

New Lawyers on the Legal Forum

We had about 10 new lawyers join the forum in the past month. Here are 3 of them:

Gary Jackson

(Dinning Hunter Lambert & Jackson, Victoria, BC)



Gary joined the legal forum in April and then left for a 3-week holiday. He enjoys travelling and has been all over the world. Gary practises mostly in the personal injury field, representing plaintiffs for the most part, but has recently begun to handle some insurance defence cases too. He enjoys staying physically and mentally active. Gary plays hockey, squash and racquetball; and he is a member of the Trial Lawyer's Association of BC—he chairs and organizes seminars on civil litigation issues. He is back from vacation and ready to answer questions any time.



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Jaqueline Horton
(Genesis Law Group, Victoria, BC)



Jackie Horton is another well-travelled lawyer. She was a nurse and midwife before becoming a lawyer; and that job took her all over the world, including the Middle East and Hong Kong. She completed her law degree in England but articulated in Victoria at Cox Taylor. She is a partner at Genesis Law Group, which she co-founded in 2004 with a vision for an all female, full-service law firm supporting women lawyers with the challenges of a busy career and family. Jackie is the founder of the Wills on Wheels service, which brings legal services into the homes of clients. Her practice encompasses many areas of the law, but she concentrates on Elder Law. When she's not busy being a mobile lawyer, Jackie enjoys walking with her dogs, skiing, and spending time with her husband and daughter. She also stays busy as a director of the Victoria Cancer Resource Centre.



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Natalie McFarlane
(McFarlane Desamour LLP, Toronto, ON)



“ McFarlane Desamour is announcing flat-fee pricing for its clients ”

There's another woman lawyer on the forum, and she's not from BC! Lawyers in other parts of the country are beginning to find us. Natalie practices in the area of immigration, business, and entertainment law. She has diverse solicitor experience acting as in-house counsel for major corporations in general corporate/commercial law and corporate governance matters and she is also experienced in immigration law matters. McFarlane Desamour is announcing flat-fee pricing and the upcoming launch of a secure, accessible 24/7, web-enabled interface for potential and existing clients. It is the first law firm in Canada to employ the use of service as a software technology to offer a secure portal where clients can obtain many of the customary professional legal services that are provided, such as discussing file matters and exchanging documents. Natalie hopes to provide a feed of her answers in the AdviceScene legal forum on her firm's webpage. This is something all the lawyers on the forum will soon be able to do, with a little help from Carl, the webmaster. Look for Natalie's answers as they come in.

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Latest Press Release:

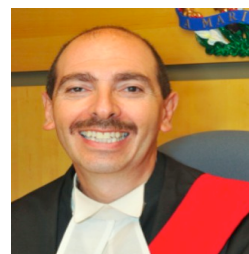
Influential Canadian Judge Goes Online to Democratize Family Law

VICTORIA — April 22, 2009 — Justice Brownstone, from the Ontario Court of Justice and author of *Tug of War*, has joined the online legal forum on www.advicescene.com to provide free information on family law.

“By joining the discussion, Justice Brownstone has proven to be a leader in the expanding new world of democratized law; and demonstrates his commitment to families having equal access to the law,” says Nancy Kinney, President of AdviceScene.com.

In promoting his new book *Tug of War*, a National Best Seller after less than 2 months in release, Justice Brownstone is more convinced than ever that the public deserves to have better access to legal information.

“I am pleased to be moderating the family law portion of AdviceScene. While judges cannot give legal advice or comment on specific cases or discuss political issues, we have a lot of information and insights we can share about the law and the justice system. I have just spent the last two months on an intensive promotional media campaign for *Tug of War*, which included dozens of radio and TV call-in shows throughout the country. This experience has convinced me more than ever, that there is a major hunger and need out there for reliable and understandable information about the law - especially family law...I think that websites such as AdviceScene are a logical extension of the more traditional media outlets such as newspapers, TV and radio, where people turn to for information.” Justice Brownstone encourages other judges and lawyers to join him in democratizing the law on advicescene.com. “In my opinion, lawyers who give of their time and expertise to convey important information about the law are acting in the highest traditions of the legal profession, and are to be commended, because they are enhancing access to justice. I hope other judges will follow my lead and do the same.”





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MoralityMeter

We've finally asked a question that people feel strongly about. When asked how bad it is for a 17-year old to have sex with a 13-year old, voters averaged an 8 out of 10 on the morality scale. It was interesting to see that the first comments on the question involved the age of consent in Canada, and whether a 13-year old could really 'consent' to sex. But the question didn't ask anything about the law in Canada, it asked what you think about it, morally speaking. So, does this mean that people first have to know what the law is to make their decision about a moral issue? Or can they make up their minds independent of the law? How does the law influence the moral fabric of this country? Do we have morals that don't depend on government-sanctioned laws? Or do we need the government to tell us what is right and what is wrong? In other words, does the law reflect what we, in this democratic country think, or do we reflect what the government-made law tells us is right or wrong? What do you think?

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