Our team is always looking for ways to enhance your Lexis Practice Advisor Canada experience. We want to encourage you to continue sharing your feedback and suggestions, to help us meet your needs. And if you have any feedback or requests for future newsletters, drop us a line!

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1. MEET SUZANNA GASPARETTO

   Suzanna Gasparetto is the Content Lawyer for the Wills, Trusts & Estates modules for Ontario and British Columbia of Lexis Practice Advisor Canada and is responsible for their development and maintenance. Prior to joining LexisNexis Canada, Suzanna operated her own legal practice in downtown Toronto, focusing on Wills, Trusts & Estates.

   FUN FACT!
   Suzanna is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Romanian. In another life she would have liked to be a simultaneous interpreter.

2. PRACTICE AREA SPECIFIC UPDATES

   BUSINESS LAW
   - New subtopics on Cryptocurrency and Crowdfunding under the Topic E-Commerce and IP.
   - New Topic on Cannabis Regulation that includes Legal Framework and Business Issues Surrounding Cannabis.

   COMMERCIAL
   - New content added to the "Municipal Law and Land Use Development" topic, with unique instructional documentation on such issues as “Expropriation” in the Municipal Administration, Procedures and Practices section.

   CORPORATE
   - New Private Equity and Venture Capital topic which provides an overview of private equity and venture capital transactions, including Initial Considerations and Material Agreements.
   - New topic on the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, including subtopics for Incorporation and Organization, Directors and Officers, Members, and Fundamental Changes and Dissolution.
   - New topic on the B.C. Societies Act, starting with a subtopic on Transition from the Society Act.

   EMPLOYMENT
Ontario: make sure your policies regarding the use of social media in the workplace are up to date. Check out our precedent Social Media Policy.

BC: new information about the minimum standards for leave respecting the death of a child or the disappearance of child.

**FAMILY LAW**

- Ontario: Learn about important changes to the Family Law Rules which came into effect on July 1, 2018 in our Legislative Update (June 2018).
- BC: Find out how to assist clients to reach amicable out-of-court resolutions with our Collaborative Family Law subtopic.

**FINANCE**

- The Finance Quarterly Report – Q1 2018 was recently released and the associated QR Deal Comparator and QR Key Provision Comparator Smart Charts updated to include these deals.
- New E.U. Banking & Finance and Stream Financing toolkits were recently added
- New Market Trends practice notes were recently added

**IN-HOUSE COUNSEL**

- New Topic on “The Legal Department” which includes relevant subtopics such as Leading and Managing the Legal Department and Leading Change: How to Influence Senior Management
- New subtopics under the Business Skills for In-House Counsel on Effective Written Communications and Techniques and Purpose of Plain Language
- Listen to the 2-part Tax Podcast on the CRA's Voluntary Disclosures Program located on the module’s home page.

**INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING**

- The Construction Lien Act is getting an overhaul with a slew of amendments, some of which come into force on July 1, 2018. See our Legislative Update and practice note on What You Need To Know About the July 1, 2018 Amendments to the Ontario Construction Lien Act.
- Three new subtopics have been added to the Personal Bankruptcy topic, focusing on family law issues and bankruptcy and include the Intersection of Bankruptcy and Family Law, Bankruptcy and Support Claims, and Bankruptcy and Property Claims.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECHNOLOGY**

- Consult our Software as a Service (“SaaS”) Agreement, which includes detailed drafting notes to assist in your drafting and negotiations.

**LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- Don't miss anything litigation-related by reviewing our regular Legal Updates, written by our in-house lawyers and found in the What's New subtopic!

**MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS**

- New M&A Disclosure Toolkit geared specifically to the types of disclosure needed in M&A transactions.
- Public M&A Quarterly Report for Q1 2018 and QR Deal Comparator and QR Key Provision Comparator Smart Chart updates released.

**PERSONAL INJURY**

- Ontario: Find out what you need to know when commencing an action against the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund in our Starting a Claim subtopic
- British Columbia: Keep up to date with the recently updated mediation subtopic

**SECURITIES**

- Updates to Cannabis Regulation topic for recent legislative updates on Canadian legalization
- New Market Trends document covering Investment Grade Debt Private Placements over the past three years

**WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES**

- Ontario: Quickly find that specific will drafting clause in our new, easy to search Clause Bank made up of over 200 clauses, and stay up to date with important topics by accessing Hull & Hull’s Solicitor's Tip of the Month and The Probator ©Hull & Hull LLP 2017. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.
- British Columbia: Access our Precedent Bank for will samples, reporting letters, retainer letters, trusts and much more; and use our Will Drafting Toolkit for step-by-step guidance on drafting wills for your clients.

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- Browsing Using the Topic Tree
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