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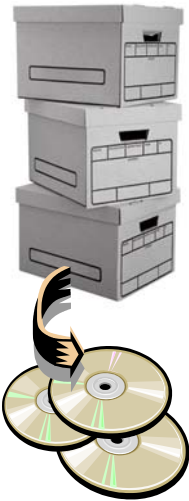
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DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. Launched! Precedents+ 2004 Shipping Late October Spousal Support Guidelines Delayed

For over 17 years, our DIVORCEmate News & Views has been an important source of information for our 6,000+ software users - productivity hints, seminar schedules, update and new product announcements, Family Law and technology information, humour and more. Please ensure that it is circulated to all family law professional staff including support staff, law clerks, justices, judges, mediators, professors, accountants and lawyers.

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc.

Electronic Archiving and E-Discovery Software



DIVORCEmate Software Inc. is pleased to announce the formation of a new company, DOCUdavit Solutions Inc.

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. brings the advantages of “electronic document management” down to small and mid-sized Canadian law firms. From the voluminous and cumbersome Affidavit of Documents to the archival storage of closed client files, DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. has the answers!

And best of all, DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. is supported from beginning to end by **DIVORCEmate Software Inc.** Our own **Sid Soil** will run DOCUdavit Solutions Inc.

1. DOCUdavit Electronic Archiving Services

Electronic document imaging for archival purposes is used extensively around the legal world; it is fast becoming common practice in Canadian law firms.

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. will

1. **Pick up** your paper-filled boxes of closed client files;
2. **Scan and index** your documents;
3. **Return** a searchable document database with which you can quickly access an electronic copy of any client document on your personal computer;
4. **Teach** you to use our DOCUdavit viewing software;
5. **Keep** an exact electronic duplicate of your document database as an off-site back up;
6. **Arrange** for the audited destruction of your closed client files (at your specific request).

Each time you require an “archived” client document, it is available...no additional cost... no delay!

And this service can save you \$100's of dollars per month in reduced storage fees!

Our vision is to put all client documents at your fingertips, any time, simply, over and over again!

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc.:

- Guarantees to save you money on your existing storage of files whether you store off-site or on-site;
- Eliminates your need for expensive, hard-to-access, off-site storage or the hassle, expense and potential risks of on-site storage;
- Provides you with our free, easy-to-use “DOCUdavit” viewing software to access your documents when you need them.

2. DOCUdavit Electronic Case Management

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc.'s “DOCUdavit” software can also be used to create electronic Affidavits of Documents, or Electronic Briefs, the beginning of e-litigation.

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. will

1. **Pick up** your paper discovery documents;
2. **Scan, index, categorize and describe** your discovery documents;
3. **Load** your searchable Affidavit of Documents database onto your personal computer, laptop or network computer;
4. **Return** your original documents;
5. **Teach** you to use our DOCUdavit viewing software;
6. **Keep** an exact electronic duplicate of your Affidavit of Documents database as an off-site back up.

This service includes, at no additional charge, our new easy-to-use DOCUdavit viewing software. This product allows you to view, annotate, search, manage and even print your scanned electronic documents.

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. can also do “**full text searches**” based on key words or phrases (also known as “OCR” or Optical Character Recognition). Quickly view all scanned documents in your database containing

certain key words. This is a powerful feature with numerous benefits!

There is no large investment in scanning equipment or operator training because we do the scanning for you.

No more cerlox-bound photocopies to search through... just a quick efficient retrieval of documents... truly, *information at your fingertips! Simply, anytime, anywhere... think of the possibilities.*

By using DOCUdavit, you will amaze your client with technological savvy; awe the other side with your preparation and presentation and impress the court with your organization and readiness.

"We want to bring the numerous benefits of e-Discovery to small and medium sized law firms; ease-of-use, cost and time-to-learn are now within the reach of even the sole-practitioner", says Mark Harris, President of DIVORCEmate Software Inc.

"Our target market is the smaller law firm that does not have the time or resources to purchase and learn the complicated and expensive products currently available to the mega firm marketplace."

DOCUdavit Solutions Inc. is your affordable source for document imaging, management, storage and litigation support services in southern Ontario.

If you, *or one of your partners*, would like to learn more about DOCUdavit Solutions Inc., please contact Sid at (416) 718-3461 x420, ssoil@divorcemate.com, or complete and fax the enclosed survey today.

DIVORCEmate Launches Precedents+ 2004 Separation Agreement Software for British Columbia



At the end of October, we will begin shipping our B.C. version of our hugely successful Precedents+ Separation Agreement software.

With the assistance of B.C. family lawyers **Trudi Brown** and **Eugene Raponi** (and their support staff), we have modified our Precedents+ software clauses and commentary in order to meet the specific needs of B.C. family law practitioners and their clients.

B.C. Precedents+ 2004 contains the most comprehensive clauses and commentary, yet uses a simple checklist interface to build "plain English" draft separation agreements.

The B.C. Precedents+ 2004 software enables family law professionals to create better and more inclusive separation agreement drafts in less time.

The draft agreement is then reviewed, completed and customized using the lawyer's experience and skills.

B.C. Precedents+ 2004 Features

- Uses your Word or WordPerfect word-processing software and familiar B.C. Forms+ interface.
- Uses the Forms+ Client Merge File to merge repetitive information into the separation agreement draft.
- Uses a simple checklist format in order to select relevant clauses.
- Builds index or table of contents of all selected clause headings on screen.
- "Document Preview" shows draft separation agreement prior to actual merge in word-processor.
- Commentary or annotation for most clauses discusses associated legal issues.
- Based on updated and reorganized content, including Miglin, Hartshorne and others.
- Separation Agreement draft is simply a Word or WordPerfect document, formatted and set-up for automatic paragraph and sub-paragraph numbering.
- Ability to add your own clauses into draft document using "cut" and a special "paste" function.

"We are excited to produce a B.C. specific version of this important and successful Precedents+ software version," says Mark Harris, President, DIVORCEmate Software Inc. "Working with Eugene and Trudi, using today's technology, has resulted in a superb work of art, science and law!"

"The B.C. Precedents+ Separation Agreement project is a huge opportunity for DIVORCEmate to bring timely knowledge and information 'off the page' and into the lawyer's mind and electronic environment."

"The release of B.C. Precedents+ 2004 Separation Agreement software is an important step in helping lawyers provide better service to their clients. We believe that proactive software solutions, which guide and educate the user, will improve the proficiency of the family law professional."

The original Precedents+ separation agreement clauses and commentary are based on Separation Agreement Annotated, (Epstein, Grant, Sadvari), LSUC, 2002.

Special Introductory B.C. Precedents+ Pricing

Registered Forms+ 2004 users (to Nov 30/04): \$249.00, extra licenses \$49.80/ea, + taxes.

Supreme subscribers (to Nov 30/04): \$224.10, extra licenses \$44.82/ea, + taxes.

If no B.C. Forms+ module: \$499.00, extra licenses \$99.80/ea, + taxes.

How good is your Separation Agreement?

No Obligation 30-day Trial Offer: All B.C. DIVORCEmate users are invited to order or download (after 11/1/04) and try the B.C. Precedents+ 2004 for 30 days. If you like it, keep it, pay for it and register!

Please visit our website → Downloads → Trial Software, http://www.divorcemate.com/download_trial.asp, and download Forms+/Precedents B.C. Supreme Court, use CD key: 195-7BP during installation. (after 11/1/04)

NOTE: Current B.C. Supreme All-In subscribers will receive their 30-day trial version of B.C. Precedents+ 2004 software automatically by mail. The cost is \$201.69 (an additional 10% discount over plain Supreme subscribers), extra licenses \$40.39/ea, plus taxes.

Ontario Precedents+ 2004 Update

We will be shipping the Ontario version of Precedents+ 2004 to all registered Precedents+ 2003 users at the end of October.

All registered Precedents+ 2003 users who are Supreme All-in subscribers will receive this update free of charge; all other registered users will receive an invoice for \$149.00, and \$29.80 for additional user license updates, plus taxes.

New, Added and Improved Features

- Updated clauses and commentary consistent with recent family law changes.
- Added an "Interim Separation Agreement" precedent (Ontario only).
- Added the ability to save previous agreement's checklist as templates for future use.

- Improved and much easier-to-use "Clause Inserter", with numbered clauses.

Further Ontario Forms+ 2004 Update Available on Website

IMPORTANT: All Ontario Forms+ 2004 Users: Please note that there is a further update available for Forms+ 2004. If you have not done so already, please update Forms+ 2004 v.7.1.04 to v.7.1.04b. For details see http://www.divorcemate.com/download_sr1.asp.

NOTE: All 2004 DIVORCEmate software updates have now been shipped. Please make sure that you are using the latest releases of our Forms+ (v.7.1.04b), Tools+ (v.7.1.04) and Precedents+ (v.10.15.04) (shipping end of October).

Spousal Support Guidelines Delayed

Here is the latest word regarding the Spousal Support Guidelines:

"We had hoped that the Draft Proposal would be released in the early fall. Completion of the Draft Proposal is taking longer than originally anticipated, a not surprising result given the complexity of the project. We continue to work on revising the Draft Proposal and we now expect a likely release either in early December 2004 or early January 2005." **Rollie Thompson and Carol Rogerson**

From what DIVORCEmate has heard, even in their final form, the Spousal Support Guidelines will be simply "advisory guidelines" for spousal support calculations. There are no plans for the federal government to make these guidelines "law".

However, the Spousal Support Guidelines, even in draft form, will immediately give the family law bar and judiciary another thoughtful method for calculating spousal support.

Once the final draft guidelines are released, DIVORCEmate Software will bring you a simple "Spousal Support Guideline Calculator" based on these guidelines.

Contest to Name DIVORCEmate's Future "Spousal Support Guideline Calculator" Software

We are looking for a "snappy" name for our Spousal Support Guideline Calculator software once it is released. As mentioned above, we are expecting to have this new software module just after the release of the Spousal Support Guidelines.

However, we need a product name that fits with the names of all our other Tools+ products – SUPPORTmate, VARYmate, PENSIONmate, The DIVORCEmate Guideline Calculator, SOLmate, LIFE mate... well, you get the idea. One possible name is "CHECKmate Spousal Support Calculator!"

The author of the winning product name will receive their original single user **Tools+ update FREE for 3 years** – a possible value of over \$1,250!

Send your original Spousal Support Guideline Calculator software product name to markharris@divorcemate.com.



Fall Software Training Schedule

We will be holding training sessions for Forms+ 2004 /Precedents+ 2004 and Tools+ 2004 during November and December. The training locations will include Vancouver, Victoria, London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa only. Please see the enclosed training registration form for times and dates.

Rejected Forms at the Courthouse

From time to time, our DIVORCEmate forms get **rejected** at the courthouse. Most times, the forms have been completed incorrectly, however sometimes the clerk is unfamiliar with the style of our court forms.

In order to facilitate acceptance of our Forms+ court forms, we are in contact with the Civil/Family Policy and Programs Branch, Court Services Division, Ministry of the Attorney General. Ministry staff have been very helpful in resolving any filing problems.

If you experience rejected DIVORCEmate forms at the courthouse, it would be useful if you could let us know the case file number and circumstances in which the form was not accepted. It would also be helpful to know the clerk's name and court location.

DIVORCEmate Software Inc. Reorganization



Sid Soil leaves DIVORCEmate sales to become General Manager for DOCUdavit Solutions Inc.

Michael Perlman adds DIVORCEmate sales to his responsibilities as Operations Manager.

Emil Constantenescu moves from junior programmer to software help desk. Emil can be reached at ext 417.

Did You Know That ...

- ☑ Mark Your Calendars - **Technology for Lawyers 2004** will take place on November 11 and 12/2004 at the OBA Conference Centre in Toronto. Come and meet all the vendors and find out what is new; plenty of educational seminars, beginner and advanced.
- ☑ We get a few telephone calls from Ontario Forms+ users who are trying to enter amounts directly into "**Part 9 PROPERTY, DEBTS AND OTHER LIABILITIES ON DATE OF MARRIAGE**" of Form 13.1. The result is \$0.00's once the form 13.1 is recalculated. Do not input amounts in Part 9; Part 9 is automatically calculated from the input in Part 7 under the "Date of Marriage" columns.

- ☑ Forms+ users – **You MUST remove the shading** from documents prior to printing and FAXING them. (Click the "Turn shading on/off" icon on your toolbar) The shaded forms do not fax well; in fact, they are very unprofessional! Orders, in particular, look awful! Thanks to Brenda Mortimer, Michael F. Sirdevan law office for this information.
- ☑ **Who won what, at Toronto's "Family Law Academy Awards Night"** Best Actress in a Leading Role - **Martha McCarthy** (same sex marriage); Best Actor in a Losing Role – **Phil Epstein** (Miglin); Best Animated Short – **Avra Rosen** (for obvious reasons); Best Special Effects – **Mme. Justice Kiteley** (reasons in Pakka v. Nygard); Most Imaginative Production – **Rodica David** (for Tauber budget); Best Editing – **Risa Sheriff** (rules & forms); Best Costume – **Paul McInnis** (best dressed); Best Choreography – **Mme. Justice Benotto** (New Family Law Rules). **Barbara Gordon** knocked everyone out with the very melodic "Sometime Long After Bracklow" (sung to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"); **Mr. Justice Brownstone** was outstanding as the witty MC with no fear. A must attend for next year! Awesome!

What They're Saying About DIVORCEmate...

*DIVORCEmate's Judge's Net Family Property Statement showing equalization payment. **Smith J., Lampron v. Lampron**, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, 12/16/03, 98-FL-57763. **Ingram J.**, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, *Da Silva v. Da Silva*, 2/23/04, Docket 14685/02.*

Thank you guys for your help last Friday. Truly exceptional. Thank you for your skills and your patience.
- Ron McClelland, lawyer

And a Bit of Humour...

A middle-aged fellow was out to dinner with his wife to celebrate her fortieth birthday.

He says, "So, Honey, what would you like for your birthday? A Jaguar automobile? An Italian spa vacation? Perhaps further renovations to the house?"

Honey replies, "I want a divorce."

To which he replies, "I wasn't planning on spending that much."

Returned DIVORCEmate "Quick Survey" To Benefit Gilda's Club

Ontario Only - Please complete the enclosed survey and fax it back to us at 416 498-0059, or e-mail your response by question number and answer to ssoil@divorcemate.com. This survey will help us fine-tune our DOCUdavit products and services to your needs. *And Gilda's Club will get a donation for each returned survey.*