

# **The Boissoin v. Lund Decision: If Alberta's Hate-Speech Law is Constitutional, What Does It Actually Prohibit?**

On December 3, 2009, the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta issued its decision in Boissoin v. Lund. This decision is a judicial review of a 2007 ruling of the Human Rights Panel of Alberta, and of the panel's 2008 decision on

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## **Reference Case to Confirm Constitutionality of Federal Securities Regulation**

On October 16, 2009, the federal Minister of Justice announced the Government of Canada's next step in its project to establish a federal regime for regulation of securities. Its plan is to submit a draft bill, the Federal Securities Act, to the Supreme

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## **Top Court Rejects Re-hearing of Alberta Hutterites Photo-ID Case**

The Supreme Court of Canada rendered judgment on October 15, 2009 on a motion to re-hear the dispute between the Hutterian Brethren of Wilson Colony and the Government of Alberta. Wilson Colony had sought to argue the case again in a new

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# **The Issues in Boissoin v. Lund: Expression and Discrimination under Alberta Human Rights Law**

On September 16-17, 2009 the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench heard arguments about the constitutionality of a controversial section in Alberta's human rights code. This article fills in the background to the dispute and outlines the constitutional arguments, based on

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## **Federal Court Rules on P.M. Harper's Premature Election**

On September 17, 2009 – just nine days after it heard arguments in court – the Federal Court issued its decision in *Conacher v. Canada (Prime Minister)*. The outcome is a victory for Prime Minister Harper, a disappointment for Democracy Watch (the

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## **Senator Hugh Segal on Citizenship, Parliament and the Charter Override Taboo**

On August 12, 2009, the Centre for Constitutional Studies interviewed Conservative Senator Hugh Segal. Earlier this year, the senator introduced Bill S-225. This private member's bill would invoke section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to protect the citizenship oath's pledge

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# **Supreme Court to Hear Appeal of Omar Khadr Repatriation Order**

On November 13, 2009, the Supreme Court of Canada will hear the Government of Canada's appeal of a high-profile constitutional case: Prime Minister of Canada, et al. v. Omar Ahmed Khadr. The Court issued its decision on the Prime Minister's application

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## **Repatriating Omar Khadr: Prime Minister Asks Supreme Court to Consider Final Appeal**

On August 25, 2009, the Government of Canada applied for leave to appeal the latest court decision in the case of Canadian citizen and Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr. Eleven days earlier, the Federal Court of Appeal had upheld an order

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## **Supreme Court Declines to Hear B.C. Unions' Freedom-of-Expression Appeal**

The Supreme Court of Canada has denied two public-sector unions leave to appeal a decision which upheld British Columbia legislation prohibiting mid-contract strikes. Following its usual practice, the Supreme Court did not give reasons for dismissing the application; its refusal to

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# **Supreme Court Declines to Hear Terrorist's Charter Appeal of Denied Passport**

On August 20, 2009, the Supreme Court of Canada decided not to hear an appeal from a convicted terrorist living in Canada who had applied for a Canadian passport. Earlier this year, in *Canada (Attorney General) v. Kamel*, the Federal Court of