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# Steps to take after a dog attack

If you have been attacked by a dog in Ontario, it's important to take certain steps to protect your rights and ensure your safety. First and foremost, seek medical attention immediately, even if the injuries seem minor. Dog bites can lead to serious infections and complications, so it's crucial to have a medical professional assess and treat your injuries.

After seeking medical care, gather as much information as possible about the incident. This includes identifying the dog and its owner, obtaining contact information from any witnesses, and taking photographs of your injuries. It's also advisable to report the incident to the local authorities, such as the police or animal control.

Once you have gathered all the necessary information, consult with a dog attack lawyer who can guide you through the legal process. They will help you understand your rights, gather additional evidence if needed, and determine the best course of action to seek compensation for your injuries.

# Compensation for dog attack victims

Victims of dog attacks in Ontario may be entitled to compensation for their injuries and related damages. This can include medical expenses, rehabilitation costs, lost wages, pain and suffering, and even future medical needs. However, obtaining fair compensation can be a complex process, requiring the expertise of a dog attack lawyer.

A dog attack lawyer will work diligently to gather evidence and build a strong case on your behalf. They will calculate the full extent of your damages and negotiate with the responsible party's insurance company to secure a fair settlement. If a settlement cannot be reached, your lawyer will be prepared

to take your case to court and fight for your rights.

It's important to act promptly when seeking compensation for a dog attack, as there are strict time limits for filing a claim. Consulting with a dog attack lawyer as soon as possible will ensure that you don't miss any crucial deadlines and have the best chance of obtaining the compensation you deserve.





# The impact of dog attacks on victims and their families

Dog attacks can have devastating physical, emotional, and psychological consequences for the victims and their families. Physical injuries resulting from a dog attack can range from minor wounds to severe bites and lacerations, often requiring extensive medical treatment and rehabilitation. In some cases, victims may also suffer from permanent disfigurement or scarring. The emotional and psychological impact of a dog attack should not be underestimated. Victims may experience post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and depression, leading to a diminished quality of life. Additionally, the trauma extends to family members who witness or are affected by the incident.



# Common misconceptions about dog attack laws

There are several common misconceptions surrounding dog attack laws in Ontario that can lead to confusion and misinformation. One of the most prevalent misconceptions is that the victim must prove negligence on the part of the dog owner to seek compensation. In reality, the Dog Owners' Liability Act imposes strict liability on dog owners, meaning that they can be held responsible for injuries caused by their pets regardless of negligence. Another misconception is that certain dog breeds are automatically considered dangerous or prohibited. While some municipalities have enacted breed specific legislation, Ontario as a whole does not have a ban on specific breeds. Instead, the focus is on individual dog behavior and the owner's responsibility to prevent attacks.







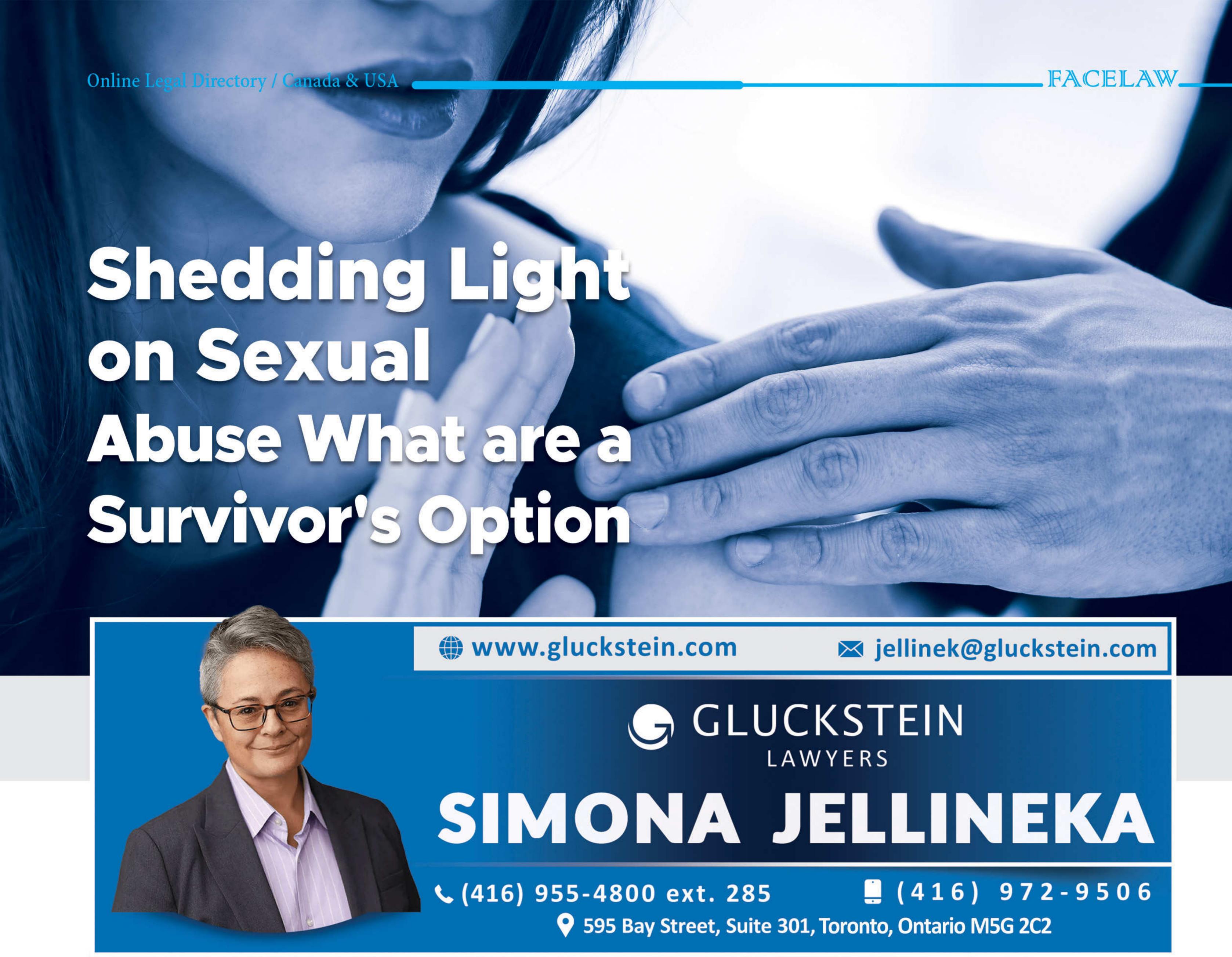
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**Sexual abuse** and sexual assaults are crimes where one or more perpetrators engage in unwanted sexual activity with a person who does not or cannot consent to it.

One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before the age of 18. The majority of these children and youth will know their abuser. Adults who experience a sexual assault also frequently know the perpetrator - it may even be their own spouse. Yet whether you've been hurt by someone you know or a stranger, it can be a traumatic and life-shattering experience.

It's very important to remember that every survivor's story and circumstances are different, and each survivor must be empowered to choose what, if anything, they want to do about the harm they suffered. Whether you are considering

taking steps now or at some point in the future to address what occurred, this blog post will give you some general information about sexual abuse and sexual assaults, and outline some of the options you have.

Sexual abuse and sexual assault are crimes of power and control. An abuser's non consensual, unwanted sexual contact with another person is a violation of that person's bodily autonomy.

Canada's Criminal Code (sections 271-273) defines sexual assault as "an assault committed in circumstances of a sexual nature such that the sexual integrity of the victim is violated." The penalties for sexual assault vary depending on the type and extent of a person's injuries and whether the person harmed is under the age of 16.

Establishing whether there is consent for sexual activity, whether consent was given but is later withdrawn, or whether there are circumstances that make it impossible for a person to consent are critically important elements for understanding how the law applies.

For example, implied consent (from silence or not saying "no") is not considered a valid defence.

Moreover, consent cannot be given if a person is unconscious, incapacitated, will suffer bodily harm from the sexual activity, or if consent has been obtained through an abuse of power or authority. Finally, generally the age when a person is deemed capable of consenting to sexual activity is 16 years, but there are exceptions which raise the age of consent (prostitution, pornography, a relationship of authority / trust / dependency) or lower it (consensual relationships involving people close in age).

Often a person who has been sexually abused or sexually assaulted will not immediately disclose what happened to them. There can be many reasons why a person would want or need to wait before coming forward.

It is essential to understand that deciding when and if to come forward is entirely up to a survivor. There are no statutory limitations for sexual abuse and sexual assaults. In other words, generally there are no laws that prevent a survivor from seeking criminal charges or advancing a civil lawsuit after a certain period of time has passed.

This means that even if the abuse or assault you suffered was months, years, or even decades ago, it may still be possible to seek justice from the courts.



If the sexual abuse or assault happened very recently or is ongoing, however, you should consider going to a doctor as soon as possible. Even if you have no intention of reporting the assault to the police at the time, the evidence a doctor collects may be extremely important if you change your mind in the future.

If you plan to pursue justice through the courts or professional regulatory bodies, it's advisable to first contact a lawyer with a practice focused on personal injuries.

Once you have received independent legal advice, depending on the facts in your case and your own level of comfort, you may have several options available.

Many sexual abuse lawyers work on a contingency basis, meaning you will only pay legal fees if you receive compensation from the defendant.

While obtaining compensation is one of the aims of this type of action, no amount of money will ever truly compensate a survivor for the harm done to them. Rather, many people consider whatever compensation they receive (from a settlement or court judgement) as symbolic recognition that they have been wronged.

#### These include:

- Reporting the abuse or assault to the police
- Filing a civil claim for damages
- Making a report or complaint to a professional body

In some cases, survivors who hear about these options elect not to pursue any of them. The knowledge that they could take these actions is enough for them.



There are many paths a survivor can take as they heal. Discovering that there are no or limited legal avenues available to you can be a form of closure in itself.





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# Cohabitation Agreements & Marriage Contracts - Prenuptial Agreements

No one enters a marriage in the hopes of divorcing. Cohabitation Agreements and Marriage Contracts are akin to disability insurance: people do not purchase disability insurance in the hopes of becoming disabled; rather, people purchase such insurance as a precautionary measure to assist them if and when the unmentionable happens.

Cohabitation Agreements and Marriage contracts can be crucial in protecting one's assets in case of divorce. Marriage contracts can also deal with spousal support. Cohabitation Agreements and Marriage Contracts can be especially useful in terms of protecting assets for your children from a prior relationship, and protecting the equity a person holds in his or her home (the matrimonial home) on the date of marriage.

Marriage contracts cannot deal with matters involving one's future children. If a marriage contract addresses the issues of child custody, primary residence or access, the court can and will on application ignore the agreement set out in the Marriage Contract in favour of an analysis of what is in the children's best interest.

You can enter into a Cohabitation Agreement before you start living with someone or after you are already living with a person. Similarly, you can enter a Marriage Contract before you marry, or after you are already married.

It is important to keep in mind that Cohabitation Agreements and Marriage Contracts are binding contracts. Do not enter into a marriage contract without independent legal advice.



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# Seeking Justice and Healing: Victory in the Ukraine Airlines Trial

A historic trial has brought justice and healing to the victims of the Ukraine Airlines tragedy. We are proud to announce that we have won the Ukraine Airlines Trial on behalf of the loved ones of those who perished on flight PS752 in January 2020.

This landmark case sought accountability for the shoot down of the civilian plane, claiming the lives of all 176 passengers and crew members on board.

This trial was not only about obtaining justice but also about healing and closure. We hope that this verdict will bring some measure of peace and solace to the families of flight PS752, who have suffered immeasurably. We stand in solidarity with them, offering our support during this challenging time.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice recently delivered this significant ruling against Ukraine International Airlines (UIA) in the case involving Flight PS 752, a tragedy that unfolded over Tehran on January 8, 2020.

The court's decision marks a crucial moment in seeking accountability for the downing of the civilian aircraft, which resulted in the loss of all 176 passengers and crew members on board.

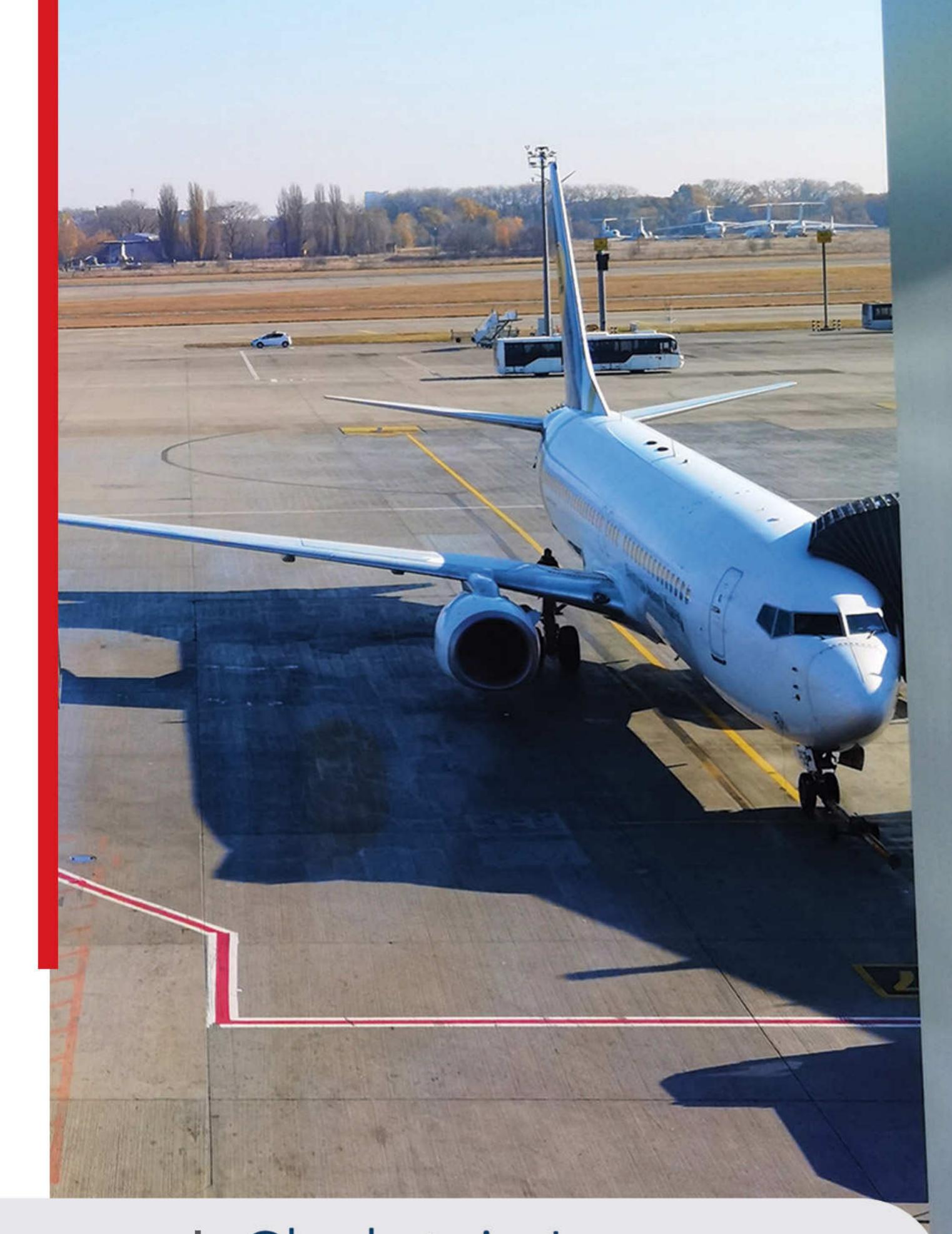
This ruling, following an exhaustive 18 day trial that concluded in January 2024, emphasized that UIA failed to implement necessary precautions given the volatile circumstances surrounding the incident.

Justice Jasmine Akbarali, presiding over the trial, highlighted UIA's lack of action despite heightened tensions following Iran's missile strikes on U.S. forces in Iraq. The detailed ruling can be accessed here.

This verdict holds immense significance as it enables the affected families to pursue damages exceeding the limits set by the Montreal Convention, offering them a path to seek further justice and closure.

In commending Justice Akbarali's empathetic and diligent approach throughout the trial, we acknowledge her trauma informed methodology and dedication to ensuring a fair and respectful process for the victims and their loved ones who endured immeasurable pain and sorrow.

Her commitment to upholding the highest legal standards and evidence based decisions resonates profoundly with the pursuit of justice.





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# Ontario's Legal Changes to Address Impaired Driving

Both the federal (e.g. in the Criminal Code of Canada) and provincial governments have laws that prohibit impaired driving. Impaired driving is an offence that involves the use or care and control of a vehicle while impaired. Impairment can be drug or alcohol induced impairment.

A vehicle encompasses not only cars, trucks and jeeps, but also boats, snowmobiles, off road vehicles, aircraft and railway equipment. Use and care and control of a vehicle is broader than putting it in motion and includes, e.g., being in the driver's seat while impaired. Impairment can be determined following a drug recognition evaluation or breath sample measuring blood alcohol content (BAC).

10,000 impaired driving charges were laid by the OPP in 2023. Polling suggests many Canadians believed cannabis legalization would lead to an increase in drug impaired driving incidents.

The Ontario government is planning to implement new changes to address impaired driving:

A requirement to install an interlock ignition device (e.g. an alcohol breath screening device that prevents a vehicle from starting if the presence of alcohol is detected) and mandatory remedial education for first and second time drug or alcohol related offences;

A lifetime driving license suspension for impaired driving causing death;

An increase in immediate roadside license suspensions for first and second time impaired driving offences from three to seven days and from seven to 14 days, respectively;

Investment in a campaign to educate the public, particularly youth, about the dangers of impaired driving, particularly involving cannabis use.



The purpose of the legislation is to decrease impaired driving by increasing penalties for those who drive while intoxicated, according to Ontario's Transportation Minister.

Ontario's Energy Minister said that the changes are intended to deter impaired driving across the province. The changes are welcomed by public interest groups, like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

It is an ongoing debate how best to confront this societal issue. General legislative approaches have included: impaired driving enforcement (e.g. traffic stops such as the Reduced Impaired Driving Everywhere or RIDE program), investment in training of police on techniques to detect signs of impairment, legal driving age, legal age to buy cannabis or alcohol, graduated driver's licensing, lowering legal BAC, restricting alcohol's availability (e.g. to licensed establishments), public education and imposing sanctions for impaired driving offences.

In some cases, the government introduces legislative changes that are later struck down by courts as being unconstitutional. In a constitutional challenge, an accused argues that a law violates their constitutional right. The court determines constitutionality by balancing individual rights and public interests (e.g. road safety). Some of the impaired driving legal changes may be challenged.

It is a fact that any drinking, even moderate drinking, can impair driving tasks, such as by decreasing one's reaction time and slowing one's decision making processes. Impairment also depends on many individual factors (such as metabolism, drinking pace, food consumption, age and gender). When attending social occasions and consuming alcohol, one should have a plan for a safe way to get home just in case oneself, or a designated driver, becomes impaired. A backup plan may include calling a friend, arranging for a taxi or taking the bus.

¹Think Insure, "Impaired Driving in Ontario" (July 27, 2022) (https://www.thinkinsure.ca)

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# Canada Revenue Agency Audit Triggers: Common Red Flags Leading to an Audit

The Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") administers and enforces tax laws in Canada. A key part of this role involves conducting audits to ensure compliance with tax laws and accuracy in tax reporting.

# 66 Common Red Flags Leading to CRA Audits

## 1. Discrepancies in Reported Income

Discrepancies between reported income on tax returns and information from third parties, such as employers and financial institutions, are common triggers for a CRA audit.

# 2. Large Deductions or Credits

Claiming unusually high deductions or credits, such as large business expenses or charitable donations can attract the CRA's attention. It's essential to keep detailed records and receipts to support any large deductions or credits you claim.



## 3. Self Employment and Cash Businesses

Self employed individuals and businesses that deal primarily in cash transactions often face closer scrutiny by the CRA. Inconsistent income reporting, like significant year to year fluctuations without reasonable explanations, can also trigger an audit

## 4. Foreign Income and Assets

Failing to report foreign income or assets is a significant red flag. Participation in offshore tax shelters or holding accounts in foreign countries without proper reporting can lead to an audit. The CRA has agreements with many countries to share information about foreign income and assets, making it easier to identify discrepancies.

## 5. Unusual or Complex Transactions

Engaging in complex financial transactions or tax planning schemes can attract the CRA's attention. Large or unusual transactions lacking proper documentation or appearing structured to avoid taxes can trigger an audit. Maintaining detailed records and ensuring tax planning strategies comply with tax laws is essential.

# Steps to Minimize the Risk of a CRA Audit

# 1. Ensuring Accurate and Complete Reporting of Income and Expenses

Discrepancies between reported income on tax returns and information from third parties, such as employers and financial institutions, are common triggers for a CRA audit.

## 2. Maintaining Thorough and Organized Records

Keeping detailed and organized records of all income, expenses, and deductions is essential. This includes maintaining receipts, invoices, and bank statements to support your tax return.

## 3. Seeking Professional Advice

If you have a complex tax situation, such as foreign income or significant deductions, seek professional advice from a tax professional to reduce the risk of an audit.

# How the CRA Uses Technology to **Identify Red Flags**

The CRA uses advanced data analytics and algorithms to detect anomalies and identify potential red flags in tax returns. By cross referencing information from various sources, the CRA can spot discrepancies and patterns indicative of non compliance, efficiently targeting high risk tax returns for audit.

# Conclusion

Understanding common red flags that can lead to a CRA audit is essential for compliance and minimizing audit risks. Accurate reporting, thorough record keeping, and professional advice for complex situations can reduce the likelihood of being audited.



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Mazinani Divorce Lawyers



# Introduce yourself and tell us more about the areas of your practice?



My name is Elena Mazinani. I am a family and divorce lawyer. Mazinani & Associates is a family and divorce firm in Ontario. We represent clients who are going through a separation and divorce in relation to child custody and support, spousal support, and division of assets.



# What inspired you to pursue a career in law?

I became a lawyer because I started working in courts and tribunals as a Certified Farsi and Spanish interpreter and fell in love with the profession. I am passionate about advocating for individuals and solving their legal problems. I enjoy diving into cases to find the weaknesses of my opponent's argument. I like the challenge and enjoy the adversarial system.

# What is your competitive advantage in your field of practice?



My competitive advantage in family and divorce law is my ability to speak various languages and understand different cultures. Also, I only practice in the area of family law and divorce, which gives me the opportunity to specialize in one are of law to serve my clients better. I am dedicated, disciplined, organized and take ownership of the case as I do not see it as a file sitting on my desk but someone's life.

# Where do you see yourself in about 5 years?



I see myself doing more complex family law cases in the next five years. I intend to focus on high income, high net worth and high conflict cases. At the same time, I have been doing pro bono work to give back to our community and help underprivileged individuals in need of legal advice.



# Share one of your memorable experiences practicing as a lawyer.



One of the most devastating experiences in my career was when my client's daughter committed suicide during the parties' divorce, as she found out that her father, who was sexually abusing her, was not her biological father. This experience has scarred me for life.

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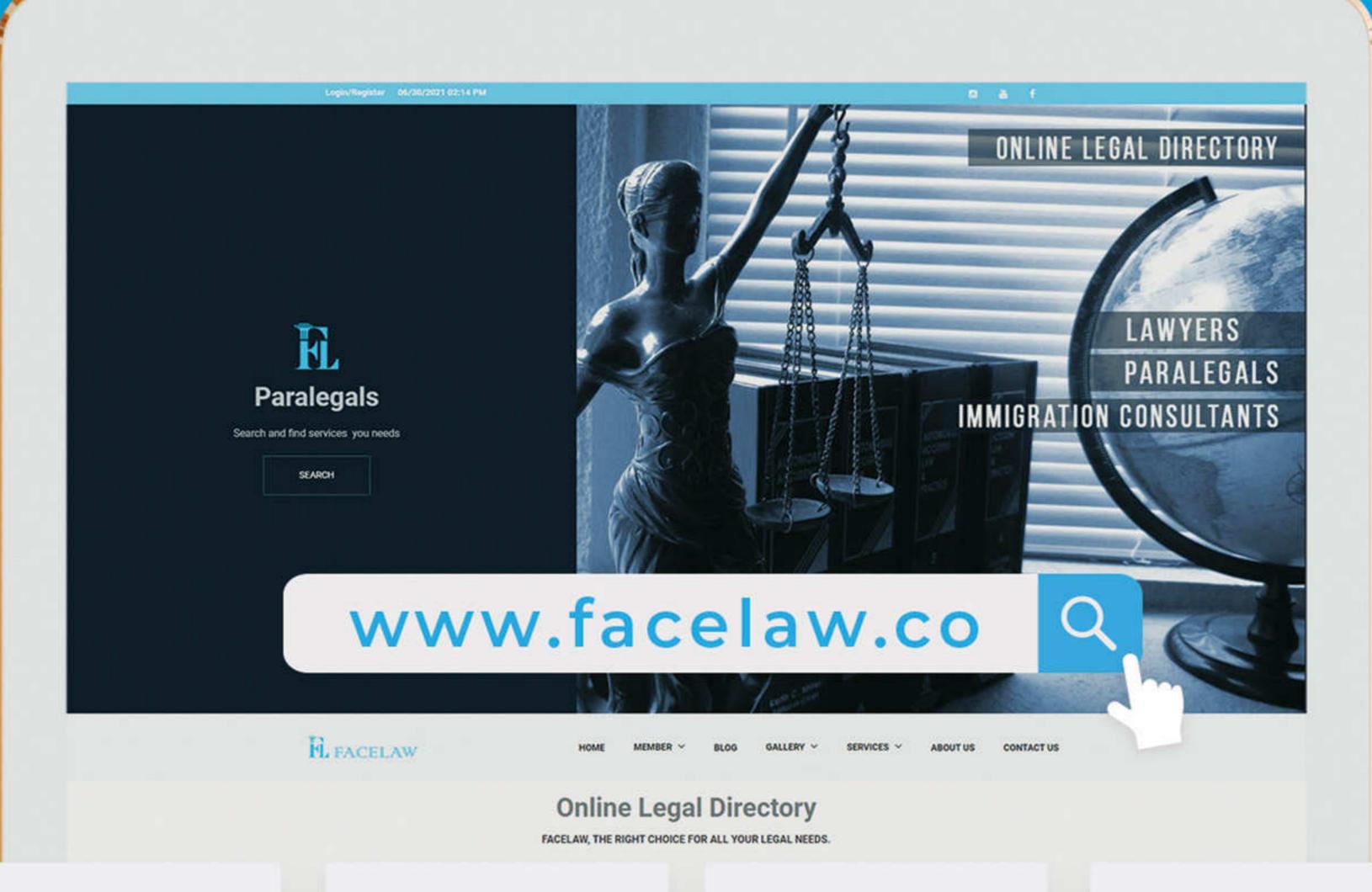


I have a personal trainer, hairstylist, and manicurist who always make me feel better specially after winning or losing a case. I like salsa dancing and attend many social events. Socialization is my forte. However, the biggest joy of my life is spending time with my two sons ages 6 and 4. Their unconditional love gives me strength, happiness and hope.



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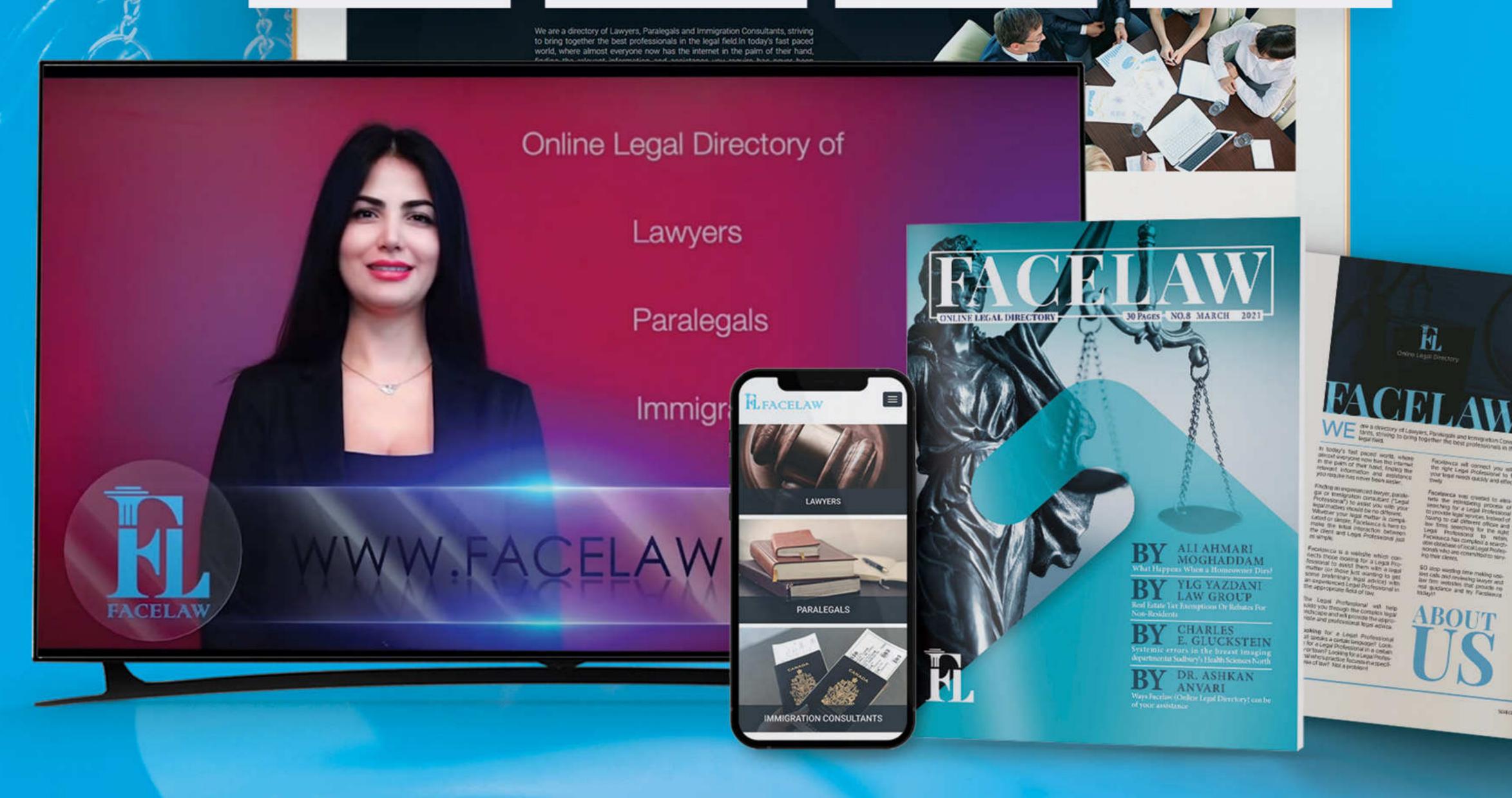












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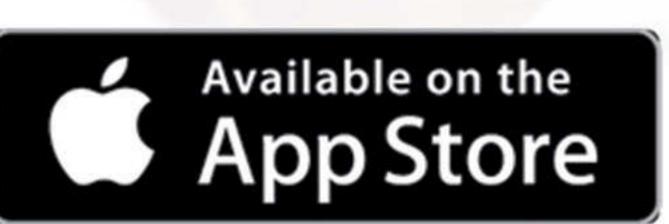
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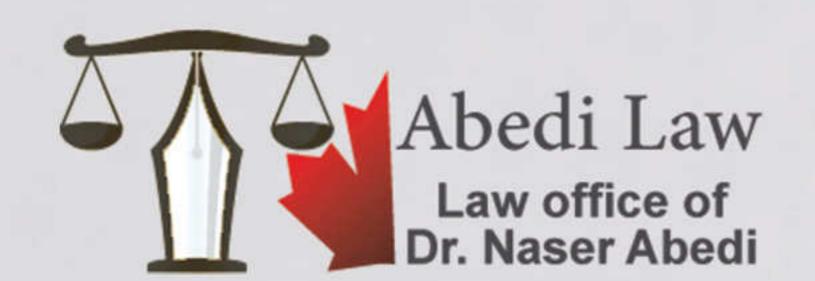
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