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Maureen Littlejohn Quoted in *Lexpert* about the Supreme Court of Canada's Rulings on Solicitor-Client and Litigation Privilege

In *Lexpert Magazine*'s recent [article](#) about the top business decisions of 2017, Davies partner [Maureen Littlejohn](#) spoke about the cases of *Alberta v. University of Calgary*, 2016 SCC 52 (*Alberta*) and *Lizotte v. Aviva Insurance*, 2016 SCC 53 (*Lizotte*), which broadened even further the protection afforded to solicitor-client and litigation privileges in Canada.

Speaking to the Court's finding in *Alberta* that the provincial *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* did not reflect a clear and unambiguous intent to override solicitor-client privilege, Maureen commented, "Given the statutory language, the court's conclusion is a striking one and shows just how specific lawmakers will have to be if they want to override the privilege."

She added that the extension of those principles to litigation privilege in *Lizotte* is "a big step forward in this area of the law."