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DivorceMate Heading Up LEAP's Family Law Vertical

A New Era of Family Law Innovation

We're pleased to announce that DivorceMate has taken over content development, product innovation and customer support of LEAP Family Law. This development brings together DivorceMate's deep-rooted expertise in family law and software innovation with LEAP's cutting-edge cloud-based legal practice management platform, delivering an unparalleled experience for family law professionals across Canada.

"We're looking forward to delivering a comprehensive, cloud-based solution that supports every aspect of a family lawyer's workflow—from legal research and court forms to time tracking and document management" says DivorceMate CEO Michael Perlman.

"This is truly an all-in-one solution for family law practitioners".

Combining the family law expertise of DivorceMate with the practical tools of LEAP will improve the usability and efficiency of family law software in your practices.

Christine Montgomery, VP Family Law, who has been with DivorceMate for over 20 years and was pivotal in laying the foundation for DivorceMate, will be one of the leaders heading up legal content for LEAP Family Law. She says "we are looking forward to using our expertise to bring positive changes to LEAP's Family Law Software as we take on our new management role."

Experienced developer Simon Knowles, DivorceMate's COO, who started at the company 32 years ago, believes that DivorceMate's success lies in its fundamentals: "We do one thing, and we do it better than anyone else. LEAP Family Law will derive significant benefits from our expertise and only get better as a result."

"DivorceMate has long been the gold standard in Canadian family law software, and we are thrilled to see their leadership now powering LEAP Family Law" says LEAP CEO Malcolm Muthulingam. "Their deep expertise, dedication to the legal community, and relentless pursuit of innovation make them, together with LEAP, the ideal team to take this product to the next level."

DivorceMate will continue to operate as a standalone service. We are the same people offering high-quality products and personalized service that we've come to be known for — and now that support will extend to users of LEAP Family Law as we continue to make both products better year after year.

Comparison of Net Family Property Statement in Alberta

The Comparison of Net Family Property (NFP) Statements, a specialized tool which has been widely used in Ontario for years, is now available in the new DivorceMate Cloud and DivorceMate in LEAP.

The comparative document simplifies complex financial analysis by providing a side-by-side comparison of both parties' NFP statements together with a third column reflecting their agreed upon distribution of property. All three columns are totaled in the Equalization Payments section.

Lawyers can easily compare assets and liabilities in a single, well-organized document, making financial negotiations more transparent and efficient. Users can easily change input numbers throughout the form and with a quick click of the calculate button, the comparison is seamlessly recalculated.

Staff Spotlight

Get to Know the Team!

As DivorceMate employees, we're lucky to be surrounded by smart, hardworking and generally awesome people. DivorceMate has fostered a culture which has resulted in employees staying at the company for many years (lovingly referred to by Mark Harris, founder and former owner of DivorceMate Software Inc., as "Hotel California"). We are proud of our team and we want you to get to know us better so we will be spotlighting one employee in each Newsletter!

Employee: Simon Knowles

Position at DivorceMate: COO (involved in all aspects of business operations, software development and support)

Years at DM: 32 years! There are numerous employees at our office that weren't even born when I started at DM!

What makes DivorceMate such a trusted partner in the family law space for so long?

The core team has been with us for many years, even decades. This continuity - and the commitment it reflects - is what makes DM what it is today. We do one thing and we do it better than anyone else: providing family law professionals with really good software and customer service.

How do you ensure that the customer experience remains personal, even as everything else evolves?

We still answer the phone like we always have and talk through the issues and questions that are raised by our clients. I often end up learning something new from my interactions with clients; at the very least, I strive to solve the immediate issue or answer a pressing question. A premium product deserves a premium customer service experience, and that is what we seek to provide each and every day.

What's something you wish more clients knew about DivorceMate?

Even though the business has seen considerable changes over the past few years, we are still the same team that our clients have relied on for many years, and I strongly believe they can continue to rely on us well into the future.

Reminder: DivorceMate Desktop is Sunsetting

As of September 30, 2025, there will be no further software updates or support for our legacy DivorceMate Desktop software. The transition to our new DivorceMate Cloud platform is straightforward and seamless. It's easy to use and navigate, and shares many similar features to the desktop, ensuring there is almost no learning curve using the Calculations, or the Forms and Agreements, which are now fully integrated with Microsoft Word. We are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for you. There is no additional charge for the new DivorceMate Cloud platform. It is included in your Annual Subscription. Use the summer to make the move! To get started click here or contact our support team at 1.800.653.0925 x2 or support@divorcemate.com.

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Are you a Legal Professional Looking for a Career in Legal Tech?

LEAP Legal Software Canada has two exciting roles on their Content team:

- **Director of Canadian Content Development**
- **Estates Content Development Specialist**

View Current Opportunities

Lunch On Us Contest – Caption This Photo

Thank you for all your entries for our Spring Contest! Congratulations to Kelly Furneaux from McHugh Whitmore LLP who won for her caption.

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Here's your chance to play again!
Caption the image below and email it to us. The winner will receive a $150 Uber Eats gift card. Your caption will be judged based on humour, creativity and relevance, so think outside of the box and have fun with it! The winner will be selected by a majority vote of DivorceMate employees.

The fine print: You must email your caption to Faith Feldman at ffeldman@divorcemate.com by no later than 5pm on Friday, July 11th, 2025 to be considered. Winner will be notified by email by end of July. Good luck!

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Update Notes

Forms Added

British Columbia

- BC Provincial Court Requisition Form
- Adoption Forms
  - Affidavits (Petitioner(s), Consents to Adoption, Adopting Parents, Birth Mother), Petition to the Court, Requisition for Order and Order Made Without Notice
- Child Protection Forms
  - CFCSA Forms 1, 2, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 11

Alberta

- CTS 1460 Notice to Attend as a Witness

Forms Updated

Ontario:

- 12 font and double spacing applied for long input fields in all motion and conference forms (i.e. Forms 14s, 15s and 17s)
- General formatting changes applied to all forms
- Continuing Record - Cover Sheet - Corrected the positioning of the Children's table that was located the top of the form

British Columbia

- SCFR 71 - Bill of Costs General Formatting Changes and version footer on PCFR forms
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 39, 45

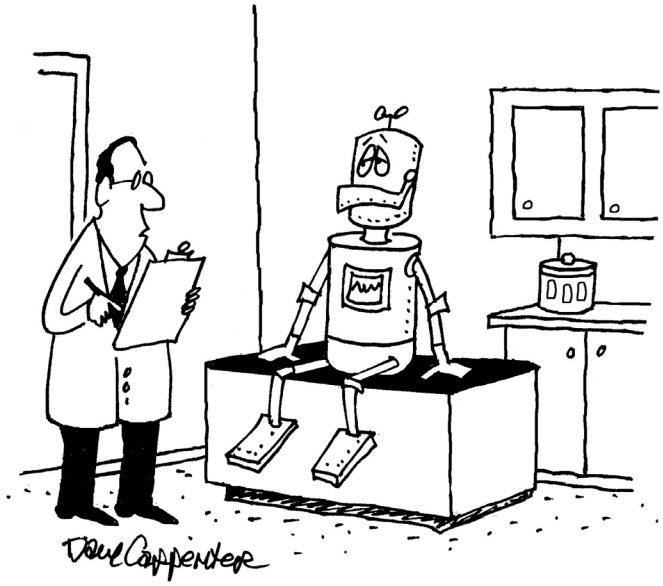
Calculations Updated

April 18, 2025

- Removed Canada Carbon Rebate & BC Low Income Climate Action Credit as they have officially ended
- Implemented new 8% tax bracket in Alberta
- Removed 2025 indexation factor for tax brackets and Personal amount in Manitoba
- Adjusted a number of non-refundable tax credits for NS
- Increased Personal and Spouse amounts/ thresholds for PEI
- Increased threshold for Low Income Tax Reduction in PEI
- A further update for current year indexation of various federal/provincial benefit schemes will follow in June 2025

June 16, 2025

- Reduced lowest federal tax rate to 14.5% for 2025 tax year (new 14% rate effective July 1st)
- Implemented indexation of applicable federal/ provincial benefit programs for July 2025-June 2026 benefit year
- Added Canada Disability Benefit



"IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, YOU JUST NEED A REBOOT IS ALL."