

Update on Mugford v. Weber

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In Issue #28, which came out in the fall of 2004, we discussed the Alberta Court of Appeal's decision in *Mugford v. Weber*, which placed heavy responsibilities on employers with company vehicles. In short, the *Mugford* decision made employers responsible for the actions and consequences of persons given permission to drive company vehicles. The fact that the employer had placed limits on the uses the person could make of the vehicle, or stated that the person must obey the law, would not lessen the employer's liability in the event of an accident. At the time we wrote the article, the employer had applied to the Supreme Court of Canada for leave to appeal the Alberta Court of Appeal's decision. On January 6, 2005, the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal, which means the Court of Appeal's decision stands.



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