

## ***Influential Canadian Judge Goes Online to Democratize Family Law***

**VICTORIA — April 22, 2009 —** Justice Brownstone, from the Ontario Court of Justice and author of *Tug of War*, has joined the online legal forum on [www.advicescene.com](http://www.advicescene.com) to provide free information on family law.

“By joining the discussion, Justice Brownstone has proven to be a leader in the expanding new world of democratized law; and demonstrates his commitment to families across the country having equal access to the law,” says Nancy Kinney, President of AdviceScene.com.

AdviceScene.com democratizes the law by providing a free exchange of legal resources in a fully moderated, social networking community that links practising lawyers with the public.

*Tug of War: A Judge's Verdict on Separation, Custody Battles, and the Bitter Realities of Family Court*

### **MR. JUSTICE HARVEY BROWNSTONE:**



Currently presides at the North Toronto Family Court. He was appointed a provincial judge in 1995, after serving as Director of the Support and Custody Enforcement Program of the Ministry of the Attorney General (now the Family Responsibility Office). He received his LL.B. from Queen's University in 1980, and after working as a full-time Legal Aid duty counsel



in the criminal courts, he joined the Legal Aid research facility, focusing primarily on Family Law.

In promoting his new book *Tug of War*, a National Best Seller after less than 2 months in release, Justice Brownstone is more convinced than ever that the public deserves to have better access to legal information.

“I am pleased to be moderating the family law portion of AdviceScene. While judges cannot give legal advice or comment on specific cases or discuss political issues, we have a lot of information and insights we can share about the law and the justice system. I have just spent the last two months on an intensive promotional media campaign for [Tug of War](#), which included dozens of radio and TV call-in shows throughout the country. This experience has convinced me more than ever, that there is a major hunger and need out there for reliable and understandable information about the law - especially family law. That is why *Tug of War* entered the National Best Seller List after less than 2 months in release. I think that websites such as AdviceScene are a logical extension

of the more traditional media outlets such as newspapers, TV and radio, where people turn to for information.”

Justice Brownstone encourages other judges and lawyers to join him in democratizing the law on advicescene.com. “In my opinion, lawyers who give of their time and expertise to convey important information about the law are acting in the highest traditions of the legal profession, and are to be commended, because they are enhancing access to justice. I hope other judges will follow my lead and do the same.”



### **About AdviceScene.com**

Founded in 2009, AdviceScene.com was established to provide a fully moderated, social networking community linking lawyers and the public to provide a free and democratic exchange of legal resources. A key differentiator between other legal forums and advicescene.com is that AdviceScene.com provides legal information from practicing lawyers; answers don't come from anonymous sources. The site offers lawyers a credible method to join the online world of public discussion on legal matters in a manner that conforms to their professional code of ethics. AdviceScene.com assists lawyers that want to contribute legal information online by providing FREE marketing services such as a free lawyer directory, free banner ad, free profile in the monthly newsletter, and soon free website templates, including free SEO and hosting. AdviceScene Enterprises Inc. donates 5% of gross advertising revenues to pro bon legal services societies.

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