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V.W. Wong is extremely well known to the legal community as an individual who would commence legal action against any individual she perceived as doing her wrong. She would also get involved in litigation not related to her if she thought an unrepresented person was being treated unfairly. She had a long history of suing lawyers, insurance companies and insurance adjusters and then suing the lawyers defending said parties when the Court would dismiss her action. It was one such lawsuit which gave rise to our application to declare Ms. Wong to be a vexatious litigant.

Section 23.1 of the Judicature Act of Alberta allows for an application to be made against an individual using the court's procedures in a vexatious manner. On June 29, 2011, Chomicki Baril Mah LLP made application against Ms. Wong before the Court of Appeal pursuant to section 23.1 before the Honourable Justice F.F. Slatter. On July 5, 2011, Justice Slatter released his written Reasons for Judgment in [Wong v. Giannacopoulos](#) granting the application declaring V. (Victoria) W. Wong to be a vexatious litigant and placing numerous conditions on her ability to commence or continue any appeal, action, application or proceeding in the Court of Appeal, the Court of Queen's Bench, or the Provincial Court of Alberta on her own behalf or on behalf of any other person or estate without first obtaining an order from the Court authorizing her to do so. The conditions attached are quite detailed, but simply ensure Ms. Wong has the opportunity to access the judicial system for legitimate reasons while prohibiting her from commencing frivolous and vexatious lawsuits against innocent parties.

Not surprisingly, V. W. Wong appealed the decision of Justice Slatter. To do so, the Rules of Court of Alberta require her to make an application for leave to appeal from a decision of a single Justice of the Court of Appeal to a panel of three Justices. The leave application is made before the Justice who rendered the decision, in this case, Justice Slatter. On October 3, 2011 Justice Slatter released his Reasons for Judgment in [Wong v. Giannacopoulos](#) denying leave to Ms. Wong. To be successful in a leave application certain criteria must be met which are set out fully in the judgment with the most important being whether the proposed appeal raised any issue of general importance and had a reasonable chance of success. Ms. Wong failed to meet any of the criteria leaving the Court no basis upon which to grant her application.

Due to the dismissal of the leave to appeal application, the Order of Justice Slatter declaring V.W. Wong a vexatious litigant stands.

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