



## **Turmel v CBC (Dragon's Den): Leave to SCC Denied**

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Following up on a story we discussed earlier this year ([Turmel v CBC \(Dragons' Den\) - Enforceability of Depiction Releases](#)), the Supreme Court of Canada has denied leave to appeal to the plaintiff in the case of *Turmel v CBC (Dragon's Den)* (trial decision here: [2011 ONSC 2400](#); court of appeal decision here: [2011 ONCA 519](#)). That caps what is an important decision for Canadian entertainment lawyers, as it confirms the enforceability of signed "depiction releases", particularly the enforceability of clauses which waive any right to sue for depictions which might be "disparaging, defamatory, embarrassing or of an otherwise unfavourable nature which may expose me to public ridicule, humiliation or condemnation".

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