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**"Reasonably Unified: The Hidden Convergence of Standards of Review in the Wake of Baker"**



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In the aftermath of *Baker v Canada* (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) in 1999, many scholars saw the potential for the fusion of process and substance in Canadian judicial review. As it transpired, Canadian administrative law doctrine hardened into a bifurcated approach, with procedural matters being reviewed on a correctness standard, and substantive review typically attracting reasonableness.

This article argues that the formal standard of review (correctness) does not match the actual practice of procedural review, which in fact is extremely similar to the judicial method employed in conducting substantive review. The potential fusion signalled by Baker has thus not been as comprehensively abandoned as the standard of review jurisprudence might suggest. This article argues that such a fusion would be beneficial in terms of clarity for potential litigants and in terms of enhancing judicial fidelity to the rule of law.

### **"Review of 'The Scope and Intensity of Substantive Review: Traversing Taggart's Rainbow' by Hanna Wilberg and Mark Elliott"**

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This is a review of an important book which collects work from around the common law world reflecting on the work of the late professor Mike Taggart. Engaging with the generally very high quality contributions in the volume, the review also makes an argument about the difficulty inherent in applying broad administrative law principles to different constitutional contexts: they typically crystallise into quite different expressions of said principles, making comparison and transplant risky. Given the frequency with which such attempts at transplant are undertaken, caution is important.

### **"The Construction of Homosexuality in New Zealand Judicial Writing"**

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This article examines the language used by New Zealand judges to describe homosexuality. It analyses the use of such language in judgments delivered after the decriminalisation of homosexual intercourse in 1986, examining the effect that judicial language has on rights claims made by homosexuals.

The article argues that a significant number of judges are careless or ill-informed in the language they use to refer to homosexuality and that the language used reinforces and repeats a number of negative stereotypes about homosexuality, constructing it as inferior to a heterosexual norm. This article criticises such careless or prejudiced language as incompatible with New Zealand's human rights commitments and argues that this language constitutes a barrier to the full enjoyment of citizenship by homosexual New Zealanders.

### **"The Needs of the Many Outweigh the Needs of the Few: A New System of Public Interest Intervention for New Zealand"**

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The traditional adversarial system sees the courts as simply a means of resolving disputes between private parties. The dispute is thus no one else's concern but the parties'. This view of the courts' role, however, fails to take into account judicial lawmaking. If a person is affected by an act of lawmaking, it is only just that they should have a chance to be heard. Further, before they make a decision the courts should understand the perspectives of those who will be affected by the rule laid down.

This article argues that allowing affected nonparties to make submissions as public interest intervenors will assist both the affected persons and the courts. In order to balance the interests of the parties, the intervenors, and the public at large effectively, a comprehensive system of rules that both welcome and regulate public interest intervention is needed. This article recommends the adoption of such a system of rules, substantially based on the effective and well-established rules on intervention contained in the Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada.

### **"Ex Parte Orders in the Family Court and the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990"**

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The Family Court is frequently in the public eye. Perhaps surprisingly, there is a paucity of cases involving the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA), and a lack of consideration of its public impact.

This paper examines one aspect of the Family Court's operation that raises serious Bill of Rights concerns. The author considers extent to which the practice of granting ex parte orders is consistent with the right to natural justice guaranteed by s 27(1) of NZBORA. The particular focus is on the practice of granting ex parte protection orders under the Domestic Violence Act 1995, with reference to the recent High Court judgements, *D v D* and *Y v X*, which touched on these issues.

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