

Supreme Court Of Canada Finds Alberta's Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) Invalid

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The Supreme Court of Canada released their decision in **Information and Privacy Commissioner, et al. v. United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 401** today **declaring Alberta's Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) invalid on the basis that it** infringes the right to freedom of expression enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Supreme Court of Canada has suspended the declaration of invalidity for twelve months to allow the Alberta legislature time to revise PIPA. The complete decision can be found online <u>here</u>.

Look for further updates on this important decision and the coming changes to Alberta's privacy regime and how they may impact your business, on the BLG website.

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