IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA IN BANKRUPTCY

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District of Nova Scotia Division No. 01 - Halifax Court No. B-32631 Estate No. 51-810205

In the Matter of the Bankruptcy of Joanne Marie Ford

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Registrar: Richard W. Cregan, Q.C.

Heard: February 6, 2009

Written Decision: April 16, 2009

Subject: Whether the caregiver amount, a non-refundable tax credit

under the *Income Tax Act*, should be considered as property under s. 67 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* or as income

under s. 68.

Summary: A bankrupt after being discharged learned of her entitlement to

a caregiver amount and sought reassessment of her income tax

assessment over several years ending in the year of her bankruptcy. A cheque was sent by the Canada Revenue

Agency for the resulting refunds for those years to the Trustee who treated the refunds as property of the estate. The bankrupt brought this application to have the refunds characterized as income to the bankrupt which should be distributed according

to s. 68.

Held: The refunds shall be characterized as income under s. 68.

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