

**SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**(FAMILY DIVISION)**

**Citation:** Lyttle v. Bourget 2013 NSSC 346

**Date:** 20131023

**Docket:** 1201-050331 (SFHD-045078)

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Laura Lee Lyttle

Petitioner

v.

Louis Andre Bourget

Respondent

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice Beryl A. MacDonald

**Final Written  
Submissions:**

August 21, 2013 from the counsel for Louis Bourget  
September 9, 2013 from the counsel for Laura Lyttle  
September 17, 2013 from the counsel for Louis Bourget

**Keywords:** Family, Costs

**Rules:** *Civil Procedure Rule 77.03(1)*

**Summary:** Mother maintained unreasonable suspicion about corporate structures created by the Father to reduce income tax. This resulted in her inability and unwillingness to accept any of the offers to settle or enter into meaningful negotiations until the second day of the hearing. The final proposal accepted was very similar to previous offers. The Father was the successful party and entitled to a cost award. The “rule of thumb” approach was applied but the tariff amount was considered inadequate. Costs of \$15,000.00 were awarded.

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