

# British Columbia Court has Jurisdiction over Claim for Tobacco Damages

The latest decision in the attempt by the government of British Columbia to sue several tobacco companies for damages and health care costs is *British Columbia v Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd* [2006] BCJ No 2080 (CA) (available [here](#)). The decision provides a good review of the enacting of the *Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* by the government and the litigation thereunder. The British Columbia Court of Appeal rejects several jurisdictional challenges by the defendants and also rejects a motion for a stay based on *forum non conveniens*.