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Case of Note: Judicial Jurisdiction – Arbitration Decisions

The Ontario Court of Appeal in *Inforica Inc. v. CGI Information Systems and Management Consultants Inc.*, 2009 ONCA 642, recently ruled that judicial intervention in the arbitral process is “to be strictly limited to those situations contemplated by the [Arbitrations] Act.” The Court went on to say that to protect the autonomy of the arbitral process, no appeals lie from procedural or interlocutory orders. In this case, the Arbitrator made an order for security for costs against CGI which was dismissed by a Judge, on application. The Appeal Court reversed the Judge’s dismissal order in favour of Inforica, on the basis that the Judge did not have jurisdiction to interfere with the Arbitrator’s order as it was deemed interlocutory in nature.