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Release Highlights

This release features updates to the case law and commentary in Chapters 3 (Procedure) and 4 (Sentencing).

- **Procedure — Pre-Trial Matters — The Preliminary Inquiry — Quashing a Committal or Discharge** — According to the Court of Appeal for Alberta, upon granting *certiorari* as a remedy, a committal would be quashed in its entirety — it would not be possible to issue the writ and either quash only part of the committal order or quash one or more decisions, made by the court in the preliminary inquiry, underlying the committal order: *R. v. Perdomo Lopez*, 2020 ABCA 404, 2020 CarswellAlta 2130 (Alta. C.A.).
- **Sentencing — Aggravating Factors — Abuse of Child: s. 718.2(a)(ii.1)** — The Supreme Court of Canada delivered a strong message that sentences for sexual offences against children, including the ranges and maximums of the past, must

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increase — by enacting s. 718.01, Parliament has so mandated, by prescribing the relative ordering of sentencing objectives and by limiting sentencing judges' discretion to vary the weight and priority given to such objectives: *R. v. Friesen*, 2020 SCC 9, 2020 CarswellMan 122 (S.C.C.).