

## Lawyer speaks out against an antiquated family law system



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It is a common refrain among regular Canadians, “I’m not sure I can afford to get divorced.”

Even lawyers are fed up with a process that at times appears to be designed to create conflict rather than solve problems efficiently.

Toronto divorce lawyer, Andrew Feldstein, has taken his views to the public in a new paper. “In *It’s Time For Justice*, I ask the politicians responsible for divorce law to recognize their obligations to all Canadians,” he says. “Just because 9-year-olds can’t vote doesn’t mean the local MP, MPP, or MLA does not represent them when laws about their parents’ split are being improved, stalled, or ignored,” he says.

Mr. Feldstein has mailed to every federal Member of Parliament, to every Ontario MPP, and to dozens of other politicians across Canada *It’s Time For Justice*, the first in a six-edition series of white papers examining the processes that make separations take too long and cost too much. The report is posted at [www.itstimeforjustice.ca](http://www.itstimeforjustice.ca).

“For 20 years, we have been talking about improving access to justice in Canada and we have made barely any progress,” says Mr. Feldstein, pointing out that everyone in Canada is affected directly or indirectly by family law. “We need to reduce both the time and costs to get divorced.”

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