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Ashley Madison hack a bonanza for family lawyers: ‘Christmas in September’



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Family lawyers are expecting a flurry of divorce proceedings after the Ashley Madison data leak.

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U.S. family lawyers see the leak of 37 million names from Ashley Madison’s membership list as a boom to divorce practices.

“We’re all saying, ‘It’s going to be Christmas in September,’” said Steve Mindel of Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt, and Klein in Los Angeles during an interview with Global Legal Post. “Pretty soon all this stuff is going to surface and there’s going to be a lot of filings for divorce directly as a result of this.”

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Other lawyers are calling the hack their “Black Friday,” and the fallout has already started. According to the Daily Mail, a London, U.K., wife whose husband was outed, has hired family law firm Mills and Reeve to start the first divorce proceedings linked to the infidelity website.

So far, there’s no reason to believe Canadian lawyers won’t be at the party.