## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

SC 50/2014 [2014] NZSC 101

BETWEEN CHRISTINE HAMILTON THOMPSON

**Applicant** 

AND MICHAEL LEITH THOMPSON

Respondent

Court: Elias CJ, Glazebrook and Arnold JJ

Counsel: A E Hinton QC and S H Ambler for Applicant

D A Chambers QC for Respondent

Judgment: 5 August 2014

## JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

- A The application for leave to appeal is granted (*Thompson v Thompson* [2014] NZCA 117).
- B The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was right to find that the sum received by the respondent for giving the restraint of trade covenant:
  - (a) was not relationship property under s 8(1)(e) or s 8(1)(l) of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976; and, in the alternative,
  - (b) should not be treated as relationship property under s 9(4)(a) of the Act.

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