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Bound by the legal chain of events

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"A decision late last year of the Court of Appeal has confirmed that the court will defer to an arbitrator to decide his or her own jurisdiction. The decision in *Ontario Medical Assn. v. Willis Canada Inc.* [2013] O.J. No. 5732, affirmed that actions are properly stayed and remitted to an arbitrator where it is arguable that either the action itself or a party to the action is governed by an existing arbitration agreement. The unanimous decision signals that arbitration agreements could have broad application, even where a party is not a signatory to the original arbitration agreement..."