The Student’s Guide

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**Legal Encyclopedia:** Halsbury’s Laws of Canada is the basic black-letter statement of the law written by a subject matter expert. It is highly respected secondary source material that is frequently updated by well-known authors and provides an excellent place to start your research. The collection allows you to rapidly obtain a broad legal overview on a specific subject.

**Textbooks:** Specialized secondary material usually published on an atypical schedule that gives a much more detailed analysis of your legal issue. Courts usually cite textbooks that are legal authorities on a specific legal topic.

**Digests:** The Digests are a collection of the most important and leading cases that have been indexed and organized by specific topics. A great place to rapidly access the most relevant case law without having to launch a search. Most digests will compile and divide case law according to provinces.

**NetLetters (current awareness):** Stay updated about the latest developments in case law. NetLetters assemble the most relevant case law summaries pertaining to an area of practice and deliver by email or via an alert. Often with commentary by a legal expert.
**DICTIONARIES** to quickly find the definition of a word or a legal phrase

- Barron's Canadian Law Dictionary
- Canadian Legal Words and Phrases
  - Bilingual and international source - Lists when a term or phrase has been defined in a case or statute.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Constitutional Law (Division of powers)
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Constitutional Law (Charter of Rights)
- Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Crown
- Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Legislatures

Cases

- Supreme Court of Canada Judgments

Legislation

- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Constitutional Acts of Canada

Digest

- Canada Constitutional Law Digest

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**CONTRACT LAW**

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Contracts
- Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Damages

Textbook

- Canadian Contract Law, 4th Ed. (Swan, Adamski, Na)

Digest

- Canada Contracts Digest

Quantums

- Canada Breach of Contract Quantums
TORT LAW

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Negligence and other Torts
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Limitation of Actions
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Defamation

Textbooks

- Canadian Tort Law
- The Law of Libel in Canada
- The Law of Nuisance in Canada

Digest

- Canada Tort Law Digest

CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Criminal Offences and Defences
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Criminal Procedure
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Evidence

Textbook

- Manning, Mewett & Sankoff: Criminal Law
- Sopinka, Lederman & Bryant: The Law of Evidence in Canada

Legislation

- Criminal Code, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46
- Youth Criminal Justice Act, S.C. 2002, c. 1

Digest

- Canada Civil Evidence Digest
- Canada Criminal Digest
FAMILY LAW

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Family
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Infants and Children

Textbooks

- Canadian Family Law Guide
- The Family Dispute Resolution Handbook, 6th Ed.
- Wilson on Children and the Law

Digest

- Canada Family Law Digest

Legislation

- Divorce Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. 3 (2nd Supp.)

CIVIL PROCEDURE

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Civil Procedure

Textbooks

- Solicitor-Client Privilege
- The Law of Civil Procedure in Ontario
- Class Actions Law and Practice
- Canadian Federal Courts Practice

Digest

- Canada Civil Procedure Digest

BUSINESS LAW

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Business Corporations

Textbooks

- Canadian Business Corporations Law, 3rd Ed

Forms and Commentary

- Corporations - Canadian Forms & Precedents

Legislation

- Canada Business Corporations Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-44
LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Labour
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Employment

Legislation / Cases

- Canadian Labour Law Reporter

Textbooks

- Employment Law in Canada
- Canadian Collective Bargaining Law (Rayner)
- Palmer & Snyder: Collective Agreement Arbitration in Canada

Digest

- Canada Labour Arbitration Digest
- Canada Employment Digest

Quantums

- Canada Wrongful Dismissal Quantums

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Legal Encyclopedia

- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Administrative Law
- Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Public Inquiries

Textbooks

- Administrative Law in Canada

Digest

- Canada Administrative Law Digest