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.

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

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)
- The Canadian Law of Unjust Enrichment and Restitution (McInnes)

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

- Annotated Youth Criminal Justice Act, 2nd Ed.
- Manning, Mewett & Sankoff: Criminal Law
- Castel & Walker: Canadian Conflict of Laws, 6th Ed.
- Federico and Rondinelli: The Genetic Witness
- Sentencing, 9th Ed. (Ruby, Chan, Hasan)
- Sopinka, Lederman & Bryant: The Law of Evidence in Canada
- The Law of Search and Seizure, 10th Ed. (Fontana and Keeshan)
- The Practitioner's Criminal Code, 2019 Ed. (Gold)

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

Forms

- British Columbia Court Forms (Family Law Proceedings) - Canadian Forms and Precedents

Textbooks

- British Columbia Family Law Practice, 2019 Ed. (Huddart, Brown)
- 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

Forms

- British Columbia Court Forms, 2nd Ed.
- Ontario Court Forms: Williston & Rolls, 3rd Ed.

Textbooks

- British Columbia Practice, 3rd Ed.
- Canadian Civil Procedure Law, 2nd Ed. (Abrams, McGuinness)
- Canadian Federal Courts Practice
- Canadian Federal Courts Practice, 2019 Ed. (Hughes, Renaud and Horne)
- Class Actions Law and Practice
- Executive Employment Law
- Expert Evidence, 3rd Ed. (Anderson)
- Federal Limitations Manual
- Ontario Courtroom Procedure, 4th Ed (Fuerst, Sanderson)
- Ontario Limitations Manual, 3rd Ed.
BUSINESS LAW

Digests

- Ontario Superior Court Practice, 2019 Ed. (Archibald, Sugunasiri)
- Procedural Strategies for Litigators in Alberta, 2nd Edition (Cascadden)
- Procedural Strategies for Litigators, 3rd Ed. (Morton)
- Solicitor-Client Privilege
- The Doctrine of Res Judicata (Lange)
- The Law of Civil Procedure in Ontario
- The Law of Limitations, 3rd Ed. (Mew)

Legal Encyclopedia

- Canada Civil Procedure Digest

Textbooks

- A Practical Guide to Outsourcing Agreements (Vereshack)
- Bidding and Tendering - What is the Law? (Sandori, Piggott)
- Canada Corporations, Partnerships and Associations Digest
- Canadian Business Corporations Law, 3rd Ed
- Canadian Franchise Law - A Practical Guide (So)
- Counselling Corporations and Advising Businesses (Iacovelli and Lan)
- Director and Officer Liability in Corporate Insolvency (Sarra, Davis)
- Sale and Operation of a Business - Canadian Forms & Precedents
- Shareholder Remedies in Canada

Forms and Commentary

- Corporations - Canadian Forms & Precedents
- Sale and Operation of a Business - 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

Textbooks

- Canadian Collective Bargaining Law (Rayner)
- Canadian Collective Bargaining Law: Principles and Practice, 3rd Ed. (Rayner, Rayner, Knight, MacDonald)
- Canadian Construction Labour and Employment Law
- Employment Law in Canada
- Employment Litigation Manual
- Palmer & Snyder: Collective Agreement Arbitration in Canada
- Wrongful Dismissal Practice Manual

Digest

- Canada Labour Arbitration Digest
- Canada Employment Digest

Quantums

- Canada Wrongful Dismissal Digest
- 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