

What's in LawSource®

CASE LAW

Common Law Jurisdictions

Westlaw Canada's mandate is to provide coverage of unreported court decisions from 1986 forward and reported court decisions from 1977, as well as decisions published in Carswell Law Reports from their inception. You will also find that Westlaw Canada includes an extensive collection of decisions predating 1977 from key courts and law report series. For details of coverage of particular law report series or courts, please refer to the following lists.

Full-text Decisions from Carswell Law Report Series

Coverage of court and tribunal decisions published in Carswell law reports dates back to the inception of these report series. Reporters are listed below along with their abbreviation and start date.

- Administrative Law Reports (Admin. L.R.) 1983-
- Alberta Law Reports (Alta. L.R.) 1908-33 *
- Alberta Law Reports (Alta. L.R.) 1977-
- British Columbia Law Reports (B.C.L.R.) 1977-
- Business Law Reports (B.L.R.) 1977-
- Canada G.S.T. Cases (G.S.T.C.) 1992-
- Canada Tax Cases (C.T.C.) 1917-
- Canadian Bankruptcy Reports (C.B.R.) 1920-
- Canadian Cases on Employment Law (C.C.E.L.) 1983-
- Canadian Cases on the Law of Insurance (C.C.L.I.) 1983-
- Canadian Cases on the Law of Securities (C.C.L.S.) 1994-98 *
- Canadian Cases on the Law of Torts (C.C.L.T.) 1976-
- Canadian Cases on Pensions and Benefits (C.C.P.B.) 1994-
- Canadian Environmental Law Reports (C.E.L.R.) 1987-
- Canadian Intellectual Property Reports (C.I.P.R.) 1984-90 *

- Carswell's Practice Cases (C.P.C) 1976-
- Construction Law Reports (C.L.R.) 1983-
- Canadian Reports, Appeal Cases (C.R.A.C.) 1871-78; 1912-13 *
- Coutlee's Canada Supreme Court Cases (Cout. S.C.) 1875-1906 *
- Criminal Reports (C.R.) 1946-
- Eastern Law Reporter (E.L.R.) 1906-14 *
- Estates and Trusts Reports (E.T.R.) 1977-
- Fox Patent Cases (Fox Pat.C.) 1940-71 *
- Immigration Law Reporter (Imm.L.R.) 1987-
- Maritime Provinces Reports (M.P.R.) 1929-68 *
- Motor Vehicle Reports (M.V.R.) 1977-
- Municipal and Planning Law Reports (M.P.L.R.) 1976-
- New Brunswick Reports (N.B.R.) 1867-1929 *
- Northwest Territories Reports (N.W.T.R.) 1983-98 *
- Nova Scotia Reports (N.S.R.) 1886-1929 *
- Ontario Practice Reports (P.R.) 1896-1904 *
- Ontario Reports (O.R.) 1935-56
- Ontario Weekly Reporter (O.W.R.) 1902-16 *
- *Personal Property Security Act Cases (P.P.S.A.C.) 1977-*
- Real Property Reports (R.P.R.) 1977-
- Reports of Family Law (R.F.L.) 1971-
- Reports of Family Law, Reprint Series (R.F.L. Rep.) 1824-1970 *
- Saskatchewan Law Reports (Sask. L.R.) 1916-31 *
- Tax Appeal Board Cases (Tax A.B.C.) 1949-71 *
- Western Law Reporter (W.L.R.) 1905-16 *
- Western Weekly Reports (W.W.R.) 1911-
- Alberta Labour Relations Board Reports (Alta. L.R.B.R.)
- British Columbia Appeal Cases (B.C.A.C.)
- Canadian Criminal Cases (C.C.C.) 1970-
- Canadian Human Rights Reporter (C.H.R.R.)
- Canada Industrial Relations Board (C.I.R.B.)
- Canadian Labour Law Cases (C.L.L.C.)
- Canadian Labour Relations Board Reports (C.L.R.B.R.)
- Canadian Native Law Reporter (C.N.L.R.)
- Canadian Patent Reporter (C.P.R.)
- Canadian Rights Reporter (C.R.R.)
- Dominion Law Reports (D.L.R.)
- Dominion Tax Cases (D.T.C.)
- Federal Trial Reports (F.T.R.)
- Insurance Law Reporter (I.L.R.)
- Labour Arbitration Cases (L.A.C.)
- Land Compensation Reports (L.C.R.)
- Manitoba Reports (Man. R.)
- New Brunswick Reports (N.B.R.)
- National Reporter (N.R.)
- Nova Scotia Reports (N.S.R.)
- Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island Reports (Nfld. & P.E.I.R.)
- Ontario Appeal Cases (O.A.C.)
- Ontario Labour Relations Board Reports (O.L.R.B. Rep.)
- Ontario Municipal Board Reports (O.M.B.R.)
- Ontario Reports (O.R.) 1935-
- Saskatchewan Reports (Sask. R.)
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal Reporter (W.S.I.A.T.R. – formerly W.C.A.T.R.)
- Yukon Reports (Y.R.)

* Start and end dates are provided for discontinued report series published by Carswell or its licensors.

Full-text Decisions from non-Carswell Law Report Series

Unless otherwise stated, our case law collection covers court decisions appearing in the following reporters back to 1977 and tribunal decisions appearing in these reporters back to 1997.

Note:

i) Decisions from non-Carswell law report series have either been published in Carswell's own law reports, collected from our own archives, or gathered directly from the courts by Carswell before they are entered into Westlaw Canada.

ii) Carswell's editorial staff classifies these cases, and adds our own headnotes and other value-added information to them.

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Full-text Decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada and Privy Council

Coverage includes decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada since its establishment in 1875, as well as Privy Council decisions arising out of Canadian courts.

Full-text decisions from Federal Courts

Coverage includes decisions reported in the Federal Court Reports from 1971 forward (with coverage of reported decisions of the Exchequer Court from 1875 to 1970), decisions unreported in the Federal Court Reports from 1986 and decisions reported in Federal Trial Reports from 1977.

Case law enhancements

Decisions going onto Westlaw Canada are editorially enhanced by adding the following information:

- Subject assignment: Carswell's editorial staff assigns one or more of the following broad subject areas to each decision as soon as it is loaded onto Westlaw Canada
 - Churches and Religious Institutions
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 - Constitutional
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 - Insurance
 - International
 - Labour and Employment
 - Natural Resources
 - Property
 - Public
 - Restitution
 - Securities
 - Tax
 - Torts

Canadian Abridgment topical classification and summary information: Each decision is summarized and organized by legal issue according to the Canadian Abridgment classification.

- Lists of Authorities: Each decision provides a list of cases, legislation and particular Words or Phrases referenced in the decision
- Statements of Proceedings and Disposition

Québec

Coverage of Québec cases is as follows:

- Court of Appeal cases reported by Soquij in Jurisprudence Express from 1986-1996; complete coverage from 1997.
- Superior Court cases reported by Soquij in Jurisprudence Express from 1986-2002; complete coverage from 2003.
- Court of Quebec cases reported by Soquij in Jurisprudence Express from 1986-2002; complete coverage from 2003.

The Canadian Abridgment Case Law Digests

The Canadian Abridgment Case Digests is a comprehensive collection of more than 750,000 digests of Canadian case law that is organized by legal issue according to a single taxonomy (The Canadian Abridgment Key Classification System). This collection is exclusive to Carswell, and covers virtually every case reported in Canada since 1803, and every reported or unreported case received from the courts since 1986, with the exception of Quebec civil law cases. New case digests are added to Westlaw Canada every day. Abridgment Digests are written by lawyers and adhere to strict editorial standards.

Abridgment Digests are more than just a general summary of the facts and proceedings in a particular case. They are written on an issue-by-issue basis, and a single judgment may have several case digests; one for each legal issue considered in the case. Standard classification phrases derived from the Abridgment Key Classification System are used to identify the legal issue, and to ensure that all Digests on a particular issue are gathered together. Most Digests also include a brief summary of the facts and ratio of the case. The case citation following the Digest includes the direct appellate history of the case as it pertains to the particular legal issue being digested.

LEGISLATION

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- Federal - English and French
- Alberta - includes the R.S.A.1980, as amended, and R.S.A. 2000, as amended, consolidations
- British Columbia
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- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- Québec (complete in French; major statutes available in English)
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon – includes the R.S.Y. 1985, as amended, and R.S.Y. 2002, as amended, consolidations

Regulations

LawSource contains approximately 2,500 of the most frequently consulted regulations relating to any area of law from all Canadian jurisdictions. All the regulations Carswell publishes in its bound series of annotated and consolidated legislation are incorporated, as well as many other regulations that are found in Carswell publications, or have been frequently requested. In addition, LawSource has comprehensive regulations in the following specialty areas: criminal law, family law, securities, insolvency and intellectual property.

Regulations from the federal jurisdiction, Ontario, B.C. and Alberta are updated daily. Regulations from other jurisdictions are updated weekly.

Rules of Practice

Rules of practice are provided for every court in Canada except Québec.

Rules Concordance

A topical concordance to the rules of practice enables you to find equivalent rules in other jurisdictions.

Law Report Articles, Journals and Law Reviews

Carswell Law Report Articles and Case Comments

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- Administrative Law Reports 1983-
- Alberta Law Reports 1984-
- Business Law Reports 1977-
- Canadian Bankruptcy Reports 1960-
- Canadian Cases on Employment Law 1984-
- Canadian Cases on the Law of Insurance 1986-
- Canadian Cases on the Law of Torts 1978-
- Canadian Environmental Law Reports 1978-
- Carswell's Practice Cases 1982-
- Construction Law Reports 1983-
- Criminal Reports 1972-
- Estates and Trusts Reports 1977-
- Immigration Law Reporter 1987-
- Motor Vehicle Reports 1979-
- Municipal and Planning Law Reports 1976-
- Real Property Reports 1979-
- Reports of Family Law 1971-

Journals and Law Reviews

LawSource contains the following Canadian journals and law reviews:

- Banking and Finance Law Review (Canada) 1997-
- Canadian Criminal Law Review 1998-
- Canadian Family Law Quarterly 1996-
- Canadian Journal of Administrative Law & Practice 1997-
- Canadian Journal of Family Law 1991-
- Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence 1994-
- Canadian Journal of Law & Society 1993-
- Canada-United States Law Journal 1983-
- Education and Law Journal (Canada) 1995-
- Indigenous Law Journal 2002-
- Insolvency Institute of Canada materials 1992-
- Intellectual Property Journal (Canada) 1997-
- Journal of Business Valuation (Canada) 1997-
- Journal of Environmental Law and Practice (Canada) 1997-
- Journal of International Law and International Relations 2005-
- Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law 2008-
- Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers 2009-
- McGill Journal of Law & Health 2007-
- McGill Law Journal 1993-

- National Journal of Constitutional Law (Canada) 1997-
- Osgoode Hall Law Journal 2000-
- Queen's Law Journal 1996-
- Revue de droit de l'Université de Sherbrooke 2002-
- Revue juridique Thémis 1999-
- Saskatchewan Law Review 1993-
- University of New Brunswick Law Journal 1993-
- University of Ottawa Law & Technology Journal 2003-
- University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review 2001-
- University of Toronto Law Journal 1996-
- Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues 2004-
- Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice 1993-

THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA DIGEST

The Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (C.E.D.) is a comprehensive statement of Ontario and Western law – provincial, federal and common law – as derived from legislation and case law. More than 225 subject titles on every aspect of Canadian law and practice are included, referencing tens of thousands of case law authorities and statutory provisions. Titles are regularly supplemented and updated. For a complete list of titles, authors, and currency information, please see the Currency Notes for the CED.

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All interpretations of a word or phrase appear in a single document, making it easy to browse through several interpretations at one time. (Cross-references appear both in the Result List and on each document to link you to related entries).

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