

Canadian Law: A Subject Guide



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Purpose

Laws and Legislation have a daily impact on the lives of Canadians. The Cape Breton Regional Library is an excellent resource for information regarding Canadian Law. However, the information on this topic is spread throughout various parts of the library and encompasses a number of different areas of the law. The purpose of this subject guide is to assist patrons in locating information on Canadian Laws from the variety of resources available.

Scope

This subject guide will focus on the areas of the law most commonly requested by patrons. It will be divided according to the following areas of the law: [Environmental Law](#), [Family Law](#), [General](#), [Privacy Law](#), [Reproductive Rights](#), [Tax Law](#), [Wills](#), and [Young Offenders](#). Additionally, useful websites have been included at the end of each list (the library is not responsible for the content of external websites). Please note that the Cape Breton Regional Library does have materials on other areas of law not covered by this subject guide. Each citation in this guide will include the location of the item within the library. For an explanation of each section of the library please see [Sections of the Library](#). Staff members will assist with locating information; however, staff cannot provide legal interpretations

Basic Search Tips

The following are some useful terms for subject searches on the topic of Canadian Law. When using our [catalogue](#), either in the library or from home, simply select “subject” from the drop down menu and enter one of the following as your search term. If you cannot locate what you are looking for, please check with a staff member for further assistance. Do not forget that you can place holds or renew books [online](#).

- ◆ Abortion Law Canada
- ◆ Biotechnology Law Canada
- ◆ Canada Law and Legislation
- ◆ Court Rules Nova Scotia

- ◆ Courts Nova Scotia
- ◆ Courts Canada
- ◆ Divorce Law Canada
- ◆ Environmental Law Canada
- ◆ Family Violence Law and Legislation Canada
- ◆ Human Reproduction Law and Legislation Canada
- ◆ Income Tax Canada
- ◆ Juvenile Delinquents Canada
- ◆ Juvenile Justice Canada
- ◆ Law Canada
- ◆ Right of Privacy Canada
- ◆ Wills Canada

Sections of the Library

Reference Tools (REF)

The location of these items is listed as (REF). These items cannot be borrowed from the library, but can be used in the library and photocopied as per conditions under Canadian Copyright Legislation.

Adult Collection (ANF)

The location of these items is listed as (ANF). These items can be borrowed from the library. Look for other books on the same topic to be shelved together according to the Dewey number.

Government Documents (GOVF or GOVP)

The location of these items is listed as (GOVF), (GOVP), or (GOVM). The collection is separated according to the level of government that has published the item: federal, provincial, or municipal. The vast majority of these items can be borrowed from the library.

Vertical File (NSVF or VF)

The location is listed as (NSVF) or (VF). The collection is divided into Nova Scotia specific items in the Nova Scotia Vertical File and generic items in the regular Vertical File. Items from the Nova Scotia Vertical File cannot be borrowed from the library. Many items from the generic Vertical File can be borrowed from the library.

Nova Scotia Collection (NSC)

The location of these items is listed as (NSC). These items cannot be borrowed from the library, but some can be photocopied in part for personal use. The library sometimes has two copies of a book, with one located in the Nova Scotia Collection and one located in the circulating Adult Collection.

Videos and DVDs (VID or DVD)

The location of these items is listed as (VID) or (DVD) depending on if it is in VHS or DVD format. These items can be borrowed from the library. Look for other videos on the same topic, shelved together according to the Dewey number.

Environmental Law

- ◆ Canada. *Enforcing Canada's pollution laws: the public interest must come first!: the government response to the third report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development*, **344.71045 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans. *Fisheries management policies on Canada's Atlantic Coast: a summary of policies, acts and agreements in effect on September 30, 2001 that pertain to the management of the fisheries on Canada's Atlantic Coast*, **333.956 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Environment Canada. *A guide to understanding the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*, **344.71046 GUI** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Environment Canada. *Consultation on amending the list of species under the Species at Risk Act*, **346.71046 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. *Sustainable development and environmental assessment: beyond Bill C-9: Ottawa, June 2003, 37th Parliament of Canada/Canada*, **344.71046 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. *Pesticides: making the right choice for the protection of health and the environment: report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development*, **344.71046 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Dupuis, Sylvie. *Directory of environmental assessment practices in Canada*, **363.7 DIR** (GOVF)
- ◆ Pardy, Bruce. *Environmental law: a guide to concepts*, **344.06 PAR** (ANF)

Websites

- ◆ Clean Air
<http://www.cleanair.ca/>
- ◆ Environment Canada's Enforcement Branch. <http://www.ec.gc.ca/ele-ale/default.asp?lang=En&n=10F80F39-1>
- ◆ Finding Legal Information on the Web
<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/resources/topic/envir.htm>
- ◆ Freshwater Website
http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/en/policy/e_policy.htm
- ◆ Legislation and Rules
http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/013/index_e.htm
- ◆ Recycling and Waste
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/waste/>

Family Law

- ◆ Bala, Nicholas C. *Spousal violence in custody and access disputes: recommendations for reform*, **346.7101 SPO** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Justice. *Marriage and legal recognition of same-sex unions: a discussion paper*, **346.71016 MAR** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Justice. *Custody, access and child support in Canada: putting children's interests first*, **346.71017 CUS** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Justice. *Divorce law: questions and answers*, **346.710166 DIV** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Justice. *Federal child support guidelines: a workbook for parents*, **346.710172 FED** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Justice. *Federal child support guidelines: a guide to the new approach*, **346.710172 FED** (GOVF)
- ◆ Cochrane, Michael G. *Surviving your divorce: a guide to Canadian family law*, **346.71 COC** (ANF)
- ◆ Greig, David R. *Separation agreement*, **346.71 GRE** (ANF)
- ◆ Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia. *Child support guidelines: you can help: information for service provider*, **346.710172 CHI** (VID)
- ◆ Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. *Response to Bill C-22: an act to amend the divorce act*, **346.710166 NOV** (GOVP)
- ◆ Nova Scotia. Supreme Court. Family Division. *Your day in court: representing yourself in the Family Division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia*, **347.9716035 YOU** (VID)
- ◆ Payne, Julien D. *Canadian family law*, **346.71 PAY** (ANF)
- ◆ Sawyer, Alison. *Divorce guide for Canada*, **346.710166 SAW** (ANF)
- ◆ Wu, Zheng. *Cohabitation: an alternative form of family living*, **306.84 WU** (ANF)

Websites

- ◆ Applying the Law to Your Case
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/FLIC/lawApplies.asp>
- ◆ Child Support
<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/sup-pen/index.html>
- ◆ The Courts of Nova Scotia.
<http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/links.htm>
- ◆ Divorce Act
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/D-3.4/>
- ◆ Divorce Law in Canada
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/PRBpubs/963-e.html>
- ◆ Divorce Law: Questions and Answers
<http://canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pad-rpad/res/divorce/index.html>
- ◆ Family Law Legislation and Regulations
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/FLIC/regulations.asp>
- ◆ The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia - Family Law
http://www.legalinfo.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=51
- ◆ Nova Scotia Family Law Information Centre
<https://www.nsassessment.ca/just/flic/>

- ◆ Terms and Definitions
www.courts.ns.ca/self_rep/family_terms&defs_06.pdf

General

- ◆ Celap, Milena. *Small claims court for the everyday Canadian*, **347.7104 CEL** (ANF)
- ◆ Demakos, Antree. *Your guide to Canadian law: answers to the most frequently asked questions*, **349.71 YOU** (ANF)
- ◆ Dranoff, Linda Silver. *Every Canadian's guide to the law*, **349.71 DRA** (ANF)
- ◆ Dranoff, Linda Silver. *Everyone's guide to the law: a handbook for Canadians*, **349.71 DRA** (ANF)
- ◆ Dukelow, Daphne A. *The dictionary of Canadian law*, **349.97103 DUK** (REF)
- ◆ Fitzgerald, Maureen F. *So you think you need a lawyer: how to screen, hire, manage or fire a lawyer*, **340.02371 FIT** (ANF)
- ◆ Gall, Gerald L. *The Canadian legal system*, **349.71 GAL** (REF)
- ◆ Horner, Jessie J. *Canadian law and the Canadian legal system*, **349.71 HOR** (ANF)
- ◆ *Law: Canada* (VF)
- ◆ *Law for lay people* **345.74 LAW** (VID)
- ◆ Levitan, Jerry. *The complete idiot's guide to winning everyday legal hassles in Canada*, **349.71 LEV** (ANF)
- ◆ Nova Scotia. Dept. of Justice. *Tips for representing yourself in the courts*, **347.1009716 NOV** (GOVP)
- ◆ Nova Scotia. Dept. of Justice. *Nova Scotia Small Claims Court*, **347.71604 NOV** (GOVP)
- ◆ Roach, Kent. *Criminal law*, **345.71 ROA** (ANF)
- ◆ Ross, Norman A. *You be the judge: the complete Canadian guide to resolving legal disputes out of court*, **347.7109 ROS** (ANF)
- ◆ Rutherford, Alice Philomena. *Reader's Digest legal problem solver: a quick-and-easy action guide to Canadian law*, **349.71 REA** (ANF)
- ◆ Sussel, Terri A. *Canada's legal revolution: public education, the Charter, and human rights*, **344.71 SUS** (ANF)
- ◆ Tarantino, Bob. *Under arrest: Canadian laws you won't believe*, **349.71 TAR** (ANF)
- ◆ Vandor, Les. *Legal counsel: frequently asked questions about the law*, **349.71 VAND**

Websites

- ◆ Canada Legal Info
<http://www.canadalegal.info/prov-novascotia/index.html>
- ◆ Canadian Information By Subject - Law
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/caninfo/ep034.htm>
- ◆ Cape Breton Regional Municipality - By-Laws
<http://www.cbrm.ns.ca/portal/civic/bylaws/default.asp>
- ◆ Department of Justice -Consolidated Statutes and Regulations
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/index.html>
- ◆ How a Government Bill becomes a Law

- ◆ <http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Reference/queens-e.html>
- ◆ Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia
<http://www.legalinfo.org/>
- ◆ Legislative Council Office - Nova Scotia Legislation
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc//index.htm>

Privacy Law

- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Justice. *The protection of personal information: building Canada's information economy and society*, **342.71085 PRO** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. *Rights, limits, security: a comprehensive review of the Anti-terrorism Act and related issues: final report of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security*, **344.710532 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Privacy Commissioner of Canada. *Your privacy responsibilities: Canada's Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act: a guide for businesses and organizations*, **342.71 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Desroches, Frederick John. *Policing in the post 9/11 era*, **303.625 DES** (GOVF)
- ◆ Kardash, Adam. *A compendium of Canadian legislation respecting the protection of personal information in health research*, **342.710662 KAR** (GOVF)
- ◆ National Archives of Canada. *Guidelines for the disclosure of personal information for historical research at the National Archives of Canada*, **027.571 NAT** (GOVF)
- ◆ Owens, Richard C. *Privacy and financial services in Canada*, **342.710858 OWE** (GOVF)
- ◆ *Right to Privacy* (VF)
- ◆ Rozovsky, Lorne Elkin. *Canadian health information: a practical legal and risk management guide*, **344.71 ROZ** (ANF)

Websites

- ◆ Canada's Federal Privacy Laws.
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/PRBpubs/prb0744-e.htm>
- ◆ Fact Sheet: Privacy Legislation in Canada
http://www.privcom.gc.ca/fs-fi/02_05_d_15_e.asp
- ◆ FOIPOP: The Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office
<http://www.foipop.ns.ca/>
- ◆ Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/freedom.htm>
- ◆ Nova Scotia Department of Justice - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/Divisions/IM/FOIPOP/foisvcs.asp>
- ◆ Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/P-8.6/258031.html>
- ◆ Privacy Act
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/P-21/index.html>

- ◆ Privacy Commissioner of Canada
http://www.privcom.gc.ca/index_e.asp

Reproductive Rights Law

- ◆ *Abortion* (VF)
- ◆ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. *Standing Committee on Health. Assisted human reproduction: building families*, **344.7104196 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies. *Overview of legal issues in new reproductive technologies*, **344.7104196 OVE** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canada. Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies. *Legal and ethical issues in new reproductive technologies: pregnancy and parenthood*, **344.7104196 LEG** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee. *Patenting of higher life forms and related issues: report to the Government of Canada Biotechnology Ministerial Coordinating Committee*, **343.71078 CAN** (GOVF)
- ◆ Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Ad Hoc Working Group on Stem Cell Research. *Human stem cell research: opportunities for health and ethical perspectives: a discussion paper*, **174.28 HUM** (GOVF)
- ◆ Law Reform Commission of Canada. *Crimes against the foetus*, **345.71 LAW** (GOVF)
- ◆ Law Reform Commission of Canada. *Medically assisted procreation*, **344.710419 LAW** (GOVF)
- ◆ Martin, Sheilah L. *Women's reproductive health, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canada Health Act*, **344.710419 MAR** (GOVF)
- ◆ Morton, F. L. *Morgentaler v. Borowski: abortion, the charter and the courts*, **345.71 MOR** (ANF)
- ◆ Persky, Stan. *The Supreme Court of Canada decision on abortion*, **344.710419 SUP** (ANF)

Websites

- ◆ Assisted Human Reproduction
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/reprod/index-eng.php>
- ◆ Assisted Human Reproduction Act
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/A-13.4/>

Tax Law

- ◆ DioGuardi, Paul. *The taxman is watching: what every Canadian taxpayer needs to know and fear*, **336.242 DIO**
- ◆ Doulis, Alex. *Tackling the taxman: how to keep the CRA from controlling your investments and your life: a tax empowerment guide*, **336.242 DOU**
- ◆ Cestnick, Timothy J. *101 tax secrets for Canadians: smart strategies that can save you thousands*, **343.71 CES** (ANF)
- ◆ Henderson, Christie. *Taxes for Canadians for dummies*, **343.71052 TAX** (ANF)
- ◆ Jacks, Evelyn. *Make sure it's deductible: little known tax tips for your Canadian small*

- ◆ *business*, **343.71052 JAC** (ANF)
- ◆ Jacks, Evelyn. *Tax secrets for tough times*, **343.71052 JAC** (ANF)
- ◆ Jacks, Evelyn. *201 easy ways to reduce your taxes*, **343.7105 JAC** (ANF)
- ◆ Thompson, Stephen. *Beat the taxman!: easy ways to save tax in your small business*, **343.71052 THO** (ANF)
- ◆ Townson, Monica. *Tax facts: what every woman should know*, **343.7105 TOW** (GOVF)

Websites

- ◆ Canada Revenue Agency
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html>
- ◆ Finding Legal Information on the Web - Taxation
<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/resources/topic/tax.htm>

Wills

- ◆ Carter, Tom. *Have you made your will? : complete kit*, **364.7105 CAR** (ANF)
- ◆ Fish, Barry. *The family fight: planning to avoid it*, **346.7305 FIS** (ANF)
- ◆ Georgas, M. Stephen. *Power of attorney kit: a do-it-yourself guide*, **347.71 GEO** (ANF)
- ◆ Gray, Douglas A. *The Canadian guide to will & estate planning: everything you need to know today to protect your wealth and your family tomorrow*, **346.7105 GRA** (ANF)
- ◆ Howell, John Cotton. *How to write your own will*, **346.73054 HOW** (ANF)
- ◆ International Self-Counsel Press. *Have you made your will?: will and estate planning kit for Canadians*, **346.5 HAV** (REF)
- ◆ McIntyre, W. A. *Practical wills drafting*, **346.713054 MCI** (ANF)
- ◆ Wills (VF)

Websites

- ◆ The Courts of Nova Scotia - Probate Court
http://www.courts.ns.ca/Probate/prob_info.htm

Young Offenders

- ◆ Bala, Nicholas C. *Young offenders law*, **345.71 BAL** (REF)
- ◆ Besserer, Sandra. *A profile of youth justice in Canada*, **STATS CAN 85-544 XIE** (GOVF)
- ◆ Caputo, Tullio. *Police perceptions of current responses to youth crime*, **364.36 CAP** (GOVF)
- ◆ Doob, Anthony N. *Youth crime and the youth justice system in Canada: a research perspective*, **364.36 DOO**
- ◆ Sangster, Joan. *Girl trouble: female delinquency in English Canada*, **364.36 SAN** (ANF)
- ◆ Vandergoot, Mary Ellen. *Justice for young offenders: their needs, our responses*, **364.36 VAND** (ANF)
- ◆ *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (VF)

Websites

- ◆ Justice Learning Centre
<http://jlc.nsc.ns.ca/YCJA/>
- ◆ Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia - Youth and the Law
<http://youthjustice.ns.ca/>
- ◆ RCMP - Youth Criminal Justice Act
http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ycja/index_e.htm
- ◆ Young Offenders Act
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/Y-1/index.html>
- ◆ Youth Criminal Justice Act
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/Y-1.5/>
- ◆ Youth Criminal Justice Act
<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/yj-ji/ycja-lsjpa/ycja-lsjpa.html>
- ◆ Youth Justice
<http://www.justicecanada.ca/eng/pi/yj-ji/>