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**A GUIDE TO THE LEGAL  
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## LEGAL SYSTEM

Canada is a constitutional monarchy, although recognition of the Queen as head of State is largely symbolic. It is an independent sovereign democracy consisting of 10 predominately self-governing provinces and three territories, administered by the central government.

The Canadian legal system consists of a federal government, provincial governments and various court systems. The federal Parliament has two divisions: the House of Commons and the Senate.

This guide is not exhaustive, and is intended to provide a brief overview of the major resources in the Canadian collection. For further assistance in locating Canadian law resources, please contact a member of staff, or check OLIS, the library catalogue.

## PRIMARY SOURCES

### Legislation – Federal

<i>Statutes of Canada</i> (1841- )	Cw Can 5 – 10
<i>Consolidated Regulations of Canada</i> 1978	Cw Can 94 1978
<i>Revised Statutes of Canada</i> 1985 (R.S.C. 1985)	Cw Can 30 1985

### Legislation – Provincial

#### Alberta

<i>Statutes of Alberta</i> (1906-1998)	Cw Can Alb 10
<i>Revised Statutes of Alberta</i> 1980	Cw Can Alb 30 1980

#### British Columbia

<i>Statutes of British Columbia</i> (1875-2002)	Cw Can BC 10
<i>Revised Statutes of British Columbia</i> (1979)	Cw Can BC 30 1979

#### Manitoba

<i>Statutes of Manitoba</i> (1891-2000)	Cw Can Man 10
<i>Re-enacted Statutes of Manitoba</i> 1990	Cw Can Man 30 1990

## **New Brunswick**

*New Brunswick Acts (1857/58-2002)* Cw Can NB 10  
*Revised Statutes of New Brunswick 1973* Cw Can NB 30 1973

## **Newfoundland**

*Statutes of Newfoundland (1923-1933, 1937, 1949/50-1989)* Cw Can Newf 10  
*Revised Statutes of Newfoundland 1990* Cw Can Newf 30 1990

## **Novia Scotia**

*Statutes of Nova Scotia (1901-2000)* Cw Can NovS 10  
*Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1989* Cw Can N.S. 30 1989

## **Ontario**

*Statutes of Ontario (1867/68-2000) [formerly Statutes of Upper Canada 1831/36, 1837/40]* Cw Can Ont 10  
*Revised Statutes of Ontario 1980* Cw Can Ont 30 1980  
*Revised Regulations of Ontario 1980* Cw Can Ont 94 1980

## **Prince Edward Island**

*Laws of Prince Edward Island (1875/76-1993)* Cw Can P.E.I 10  
*Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island 1998* Cw Can P.E.I 30 1988

## **Quebec**

*Lois refondues du Québec (1979- )* Cw Can Qu 30  
*Statutes of Quebec (1867/68-1999)* Cw Can Qu 10

## **Saskatchewan**

*Statutes of Saskatchewan (1907-2004)* Cw Can Sask 10

## **Yukon Territory**

*Republished Statutes of the Yukon 1986-1990* Cw Can Yukon 30 1990

## **| CODES AND COMMENTARIES**

*Civil Code of Québec (1997)* Cw Can 610 K55a

## TREATIES

*Treaties in force for Canada: A list of treaties of Canada in force as of January 1, 1988* Internat 018 C212 (1988)

## DIGESTS

*Canadian Abridgment* (2nd / 3rd eds., 1967 - ) Cw Can 200 C12a  
*Canadian Current Law* (current year & preceding 2 years) Cw Can 200 C30

## REPORTS - FEDERAL

*Canadian Criminal Cases* (1898 - ) Cw Can 100 C50  
*Criminal Reports* (1946 - ) Cw Can 100 C180  
*Canada Federal Court Reports* (1971- ) Cw Can 100 F20  
*Canada Supreme Court Reports & previous incarnations* (1923 - ) Cw Can 100 C90  
*Dominion Law Reports* (1912 - ) Cw Can 100 D50  
*Labour Arbitration Cases* (1948 - ) Cw Can 100 L10  
*National Reporter* (1974 - ) Cw Can 100 N20  
*Western Weekly Reports* (1951 - ) Cw Can 100 W30

## REPORTS - PROVINCIAL

*Atlantic Province Reports* (1983 - ) Cw Can 100 A50

### Alberta

*Alberta Law Reports* (1908-2003) Cw Can Alb 100 A10  
*Alberta Reports* (1977 - ) Cw Can Alb 100 A20

### British Columbia

*British Columbia Law Reports* (1867/69 - ) Cw Can BC 100 B10

### Manitoba

*Manitoba [Law] Reports* (1875 - ) Cw Can Man 100 M25

## **New Brunswick**

*New Brunswick Reports* (1825/28–1983) Cw Can N.B. 100  
[ctd. as Atlantic Provinces Reports see above]

## **Newfoundland**

*Newfoundland Law Reports* (1817-28 – 1941-46) Cw Can 100 Newf N10  
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*Newfoundland & Prince Edward Island Reports* (1971-1983) Cw Can 100 Newf N10

## **Novia Scotia**

*Novia Scotia Reports* (1834-51–1955) Cw Can Nov.S 102  
[ctd as Atlantic Provinces Reports see above]

## **Ontario**

*Ontario Reports* (1882 – 2003) Cw Can Ont 100 040

## **Quebec**

*Recueils de Jurisprudence du Quebec* (1976/77 - ) Cw Can Qu 100 R32

## **Saskatchewan**

*Saskatchewan Reports* (1980-2004) Cw Can Sask 100 S20

## **| ENCYCLOPEDIAS, LARGE COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES**

*The Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (Western)*(1978 - ) Cw Can 200 C41

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*(Ontario)*(3rd ed., 1973 - )

*Special lectures of the Law Society of Upper* Cw Can 510 L415b  
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- Reid, H      *Dictionnaire de droit québécois et canadien : avec table des abbreviations et lexique anglais-français* (1994)      Cw Can 450 R283a

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- The Canadian Bar Review* (1923 - )      Cw Can 300 C40
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- The McGill Law Journal* (1952/56 - )      Cw Can 300 M20
- Osgoode Hall Law Journal* (1958/59 - )      Cw Can 300 020
- Queen's Law Journal* (1968-70 - )      Cw Can 300 Q25
- The Supreme Court Law Review* (1980 - )      Cw Can 300 S70
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- Christie, I M, et al      *Employment law in Canada* (2nd ed., 1993)      Cw Can 510 C555a2
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- Fodden, S      *Family law* (1999)      Cw Can 510 F653b
- Fridman, G      *The law of contract* (4th ed., 1999)      Cw Can 510 F898c4
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Linden, A	<i>Canadian tort law</i> (5th ed., 1993)	Cw Can 510 L744e5
Monahan, P	<i>Constitutional law</i> (2nd ed., 2002)	Cw Can 510 M735a2
Sharpe, R	<i>The Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> (3rd ed., 2005)	Cw Can 510 S532f3
Sopinka, J	<i>The law of evidence in Canada</i> (2nd ed., 1999)	Cw Can 510 S712b2
Stuart, D	<i>Canadian criminal law: a treatise</i> (4th ed., 2001)	Cw Can 510 S930a4
VanDuzer, J	<i>The law of partnerships and corporations</i> (2nd ed., 2003)	Cw Can 510 V246a2
Welling, B	<i>Corporate law in Canada: governing principles</i> (2nd ed., 1991)	Cw Can 510 W452a2
Woodward, J	<i>Native law</i> (1989 - )	Cw Can 510 W911a

## | ONLINE RESOURCES - INTERNET

Canada Gazette

**<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/index-e.html>**

Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII)

**[http://www.canlii.org/index\\_en.html](http://www.canlii.org/index_en.html)**

Researching Canadian law

**<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Canada.htm>**

## | ONLINE RESOURCES - DATABASES

Quicklaw

Canadian case law and statutes.

**[http://ql.quicklaw.com/LNC\\_login\\_en.html](http://ql.quicklaw.com/LNC_login_en.html)**

Westlaw

Canadian case law, statutes, commentary services and some major texts.

**[https://auth.athensams.net/?ath\\_dspid=WESTLAW&ath\\_returnl=%22http://athens.westlaw.com/signon/default.wl?RS=WLW2.87%26VR=2.0%22](https://auth.athensams.net/?ath_dspid=WESTLAW&ath_returnl=%22http://athens.westlaw.com/signon/default.wl?RS=WLW2.87%26VR=2.0%22)**



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