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Introduction

This guide covers selected legal materials held by Lincoln's Inn Library for Canada. The guide includes federal and regional legislation, case law and commentary, as well as online sources.

Lincoln's Inn Library holds many historic and regional sources for Canada which are not covered in this guide. For a comprehensive list of the materials held by Lincoln's Inn Library, search the online catalogue available at: www.lincolnsinnlibrary.org.uk

There are free guides to the law of Canada available online, including:

Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford

<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/law-can>

GlobalLex

<https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Canada1.html>

Harvard Law School Library

<https://guides.library.harvard.edu/c.php?g=309968>

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)

<https://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/canada>

Introduction

Canada is divided into provinces and territories, some of which have their own provincial or territorial courts. This guide therefore indicates federal and regional sources where relevant. Canadian provinces and territories are as follows:

Provinces

- British Columbia
- Saskatchewan
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- Quebec
- New Brunswick
- Nova Scotia
- Prince Edward Island
- Newfoundland and Labrador

Territories

- Yukon Territory
- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut

Note that Canadian provinces and territories have changed over time, and so regional sources will sometimes relate to provinces which no longer exist. Upper Canada and Lower Canada, for example, were British Colonial Provinces. For more information on the Canadian Legal System, visit the online guides linked on the previous page.

Catalogue Guide

Most Canadian material is located in the Commonwealth section of the Cellar. It can be identified with a shelf mark such as this:

COMMONWEALTH - CANADA - TEXTBOOKS

This guide includes only a selection of the Canadian material held by Lincoln's Inn Library, but the online catalogue includes virtually all of the Library's holdings. The catalogue is freely available outside the Library here: www.lincolnsinnlibrary.org.uk

Search

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The catalogue provides a selection of search fields that can be used in combination to identify and locate potentially relevant material.

Tips for using these fields to find Canadian material follow.

Catalogue Guide

Textbooks

The catalogue record for textbooks primarily about Canadian law should include *Canada* as a subject, so include this term in the *subject* field.

To search for the latest editions of textbooks, change the *type* field to *Latest edition held*. To search for old editions of textbooks, change the *type* field to *Old edition*.

Legislation

The author of legislation will be the relevant jurisdiction, so include *Canada* in the *author* search field. Or, if you are looking for regional legislation, use the relevant name, e.g. *Quebec*.

Change the *type* field to *Legislation*.

Law Reports & Journals

The catalogue record for Canadian serials (Law Reports & Journals) should include *Canada* as a subject, so include this term in the *subject* field.

Change the *type* field to *Journals* or *Law reports* as required, or search for a specific title in the *periodical title* field.

Online Resources

A URL link will be available on catalogue records for Canadian material available on Lexis+. Include *Lexis* in the *words or phrases* search field to identify these titles. N.B. Not all titles available on Lexis+ will be included on the catalogue.

General Works

Key Texts

Halsbury's Laws of Canada (*available via Lexis+*)

Research guides and dictionaries

MacEllven, Douglass T. *3rd ed.*
Legal research handbook
1993

Digests and Citators

Canadian case citations
1867 onwards

Index to the Supreme Court of Canada reports
1876 - 1950

Journals

Canadian Bar journal
Vol. 1 (1958) - vol. 12 (1969); new series vol. 1 (1970) - vol. 4 (1973)

Canadian Bar review
Vol. 31 (1953) - vol. 70 (1991)

Year book of the Canadian Bar Association
Vol. 35 (1952) - Vol. 53 (1970)

Textbooks

The following is a list of textbooks Lincoln's Inn Library holds in hard copy, from 2010 onwards. Please note the Library holds old editions and historical textbooks in addition to this list.

Chamberlain, Erika
Misfeasance in a public office
2016

Feldthusen, Bruce 6th ed.
Economic negligence : the recovery of pure economic loss
2012

Hogg, Peter W *5th ed.*
Constitutional law of Canada
2006 onwards

Kessler, James *5th ed.*
Drafting trusts and will trusts in Canada / James Kessler, Fiona Hunter
2020

Klar, Lewis N *7th ed.*
Tort law
2023

Textbooks

McInnes, Mitchell

The Canadian law of unjust enrichment and restitution

2014

Pavlich, Dennis *3rd ed.*

Trusts in common-law Canada

2019

Sharpe, R. J *2nd ed.*

Injunctions and specific performance

1995 onwards

Stuart, Don *5th ed.*

Charter justice in Canadian criminal law

2010

Waddams, S. M *7th ed.*

The law of contracts

2017

Waters, Donovan W. M *5th ed.*

Waters' law of trusts in Canada

2021

Textbooks with relevant chapters

The following is a selection of recent textbooks which include sections on the law of Canada, which Lincoln's Inn Library holds in hard copy. Please note the Library holds other titles in addition to this list.

Barker, Kit

The law of misstatements : 50 years on from Hedley Byrne v Heller
2015

Chevalier-Watts, Juliet

Charity law : international perspectives
2018

Encyclopedia of international commercial litigation
1993 onwards

Faber, Dennis

Treatment of contracts in insolvency
2013

Frimston, Richard

The international protection of adults
2015

Giliker, Paula

Vicarious liability in the common law world
2023

Gledhill, Kris

Human rights acts : the mechanisms compared
2015

Textbooks with relevant chapters

Higgins, Andrew

Legal professional privilege for corporations : a guide to four major common law jurisdictions

2014

Ho, Look Chan *4th ed.*

Cross-border insolvency : a commentary on the UNCITRAL model law

2017

Hogg, Peter W *5th ed.* / by *Patrick J. Monahan, Wade K. Wright and Erika Chamberlain; founding author Peter W. Hogg*

Hogg's liability of the Crown

2024

Jon, Woo-jung

Cross-border transfer and collateralisation of receivables : a comparative analysis of multiple legal systems

2018

Lissack, Richard *4th ed.*

Lissack and Horlick on bribery and corruption

2025

McLachlan, Campbell

Foreign relations law

2014

Rosenberg, Kim

Dealing with delay and disruption

2020

Legislation

Lincoln's Inn Library holds very little Canadian legislation in hard copy. Almost all federal and regional Canadian legislation can be accessed via the Library's subscription to Lexis - see the **Lexis+** page in this guide for more information. The Library holds the following in hard copy (please note there are some earlier regional sources available):

Federal

Revised Statutes of Canada
1985

Regional

Civil Code of Lower Canada / by E. Howard Cliff
1939

The Code of Civil Procedure of the Province of Quebec / by Paul C. Casey
1939

Inner Temple hold a large collection of Canadian legislation. The catalogue can be searched here:

<https://www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk/>

Additionally, some Canadian legislation is freely available online. See the **Free Online Resources** page in this guide for more information.

Law Reports (Federal)

The following federal series are held in hard copy:

Canada Federal Court reports

1971 - 1989

Canada law reports : Supreme Court of Canada

1923 - 1969

Canada law reports : Exchequer Court of Canada

1923 - 1970

Canada Supreme Court reports

1970 - 1980; 1981 vol. 1 - 2; 1982 - 1984; 1985 vol. 1; 1986 vol. 1 - 2; 1987 vol. 1- 2; 1988; 1989 vol. 1 - 2; 1990 vol. 1

Dominion law reports

Vol. 1 (1912) - vol. 70 (1922); 1923 - 1955; 2nd series vol. 1 (1956) - vol. 70 (1968); 3rd series vol. 1 (1969) - vol. 150 (1984); 4th series vol. 1 (1984) onwards

Supreme Court cases [Canada]

1880/1905

Law Reports (Regional)

The following regional series are held in hard copy:

Lower Canada

Stuart's Lower Canada Vice Admiralty Reports
1836/1874

Stuart's Lower Canada Reports
1810/1835

Lower Canada Reports
Vol. 1 (1850/1851) - vol. 17 (1866/1867)

Lower Canada Jurist
Vol. 1 (1856/1858) - vol. 35 (1883/1891)

Montreal

The Montreal Law Reports : Superior Court
Vol. 1 (1885) - vol. 7 (1891)

The Montreal Law Reports : Court of Queen's Bench
Vol. 1 (1884/1885) - vol. 7 (1891)

Newfoundland

Tucker's select cases (Newfoundland)
1817/1828

Law Reports (Regional)

New Brunswick

Stockton's Vice-Admiralty reports (New Brunswick)
1879/1891

Ontario

Grant's Ontario Error and Appeal cases
Vol. 1 (1846/1861) - vol. 3 (1865/1866)

Ontario Appeal Reports
Vol. 1 (1876/1877) - vol. 27 (1900)

Ontario Reports. [Old series]
Vol. 1 (1882) - vol. 32 (1900)

Ontario Reports. [New series]
1931 - 1973; 2nd series 1974 - 3rd series, vol. 86 (2007)

Ontario Practice Reports
Vol. 1 (1850) - vol. 19 (1901)

Ontario Law Reports
Vol. 1 (1901) - vol. 46 (1930/1931)

Ontario Weekly Notes
1961 - 1962

Ontario Weekly Reporter
Vol. 5 (Jan./May 1905) - vol. 18 (Jan./Apr. 1911) + index

Law Reports (Regional)

Quebec

Quebec law reports

Vol. 1 (1875) - vol. 17 (1891)

Les Recueils de jurisprudence du Quebec: Cour Superieure
1967 - 1983

Recueils de jurisprudence du Quebec: Cour provinciale
1975 - 1976; 1978 (fasc. 2); 1979 (fasc. 1); 1980 - 1982

Recueils de jurisprudence du Quebec: Cour du Banc de la Reine
1967 - 1969

Les Recueils de jurisprudence du Quebec : Cour d'Appel
1970 - 1983

Recueils de jurisprudence du Quebec
1986; 1987, fasc. 1, 3-10

Les Rapports judiciaires officiels de Quebec
Vol. 1 (1892) - vol. 79 (1941); 1942 - 1966

Rapports de pratique de Quebec
Vol. 1 (1898) - vol. 47 (1943); 1944 - 1982

Law Reports (Regional)

Upper Canada

Grant's Upper Canada Chancery reports
Vol. 1 (1849/1850) - vol. 29 (1881/1882)

Taylor's Upper Canada King's Bench reports
1823/1827

Upper Canada Chancery Chambers Reports
Vol. 1 (1857/1865) - vol. 4 (1872)

Upper Canada chambers reports
Vol. 1 (1846/1850) - vol. 2 (1850/1852)

Upper Canada Common Pleas reports / by Edward C. Jones
Vol. 1 (13-14 Vict. 1850/1851) - vol. 32 (35-36 Vict. 1881/1882)

Upper Canada Queen's Bench reports. Old series
Vol. 3 (1832/1835) - vol. 6 (1839/1844)

Upper Canada Queen's Bench reports. New series
Vol. 1 (1844/1845) - vol. 46 (1882)

Lexis+

We have access to Canadian legal materials via our Lexis+ subscription, which includes federal and regional legislation, case law, and commentary. Lexis+ can only be accessed from within the Library. This is a small selection of the resources we subscribe to. For a full index, click on “International” on the homepage on Lexis.

Legislation

All current and most historical federal and regional legislation (primary and subsidiary) in full text.

Law Reports

All regional judgments (varying date ranges, from around 1920 onwards)

Dominion Tax Cases (1920 onwards)

Federal Courts Reports (1971 onwards)

Supreme Court Reports (1876 onwards)

Journals

McGill Law Journal (vol. 37:2, 1992 onwards)

Queen’s Law Journal (vol. 21 1995 onwards)

Canadian Journal of Family Law (vol. 6 1987 onwards)

Commentary

Blake: Administrative Law in Canada (7th ed., 2022)

Canadian Conflict of Laws (7th ed., 2023)

Canadian Contract Law (4th ed., 2018)

Halsbury’s Laws of Canada

Hughes and Woodley on Patents (2nd ed., 2021)

Sopinka, Lederman & Bryant: Law of Evidence in Canada, (6th ed. 2022)

Free Online Resources

Inner Temple Library have created and maintain AccessToLaw, a gateway site providing annotated links to selected UK, Commonwealth and worldwide free legal web sites. A selection of these are provided below, but for more free online legal resources visit:

www.accesstolaw.com/commonwealth/canada/

Admiralty Law

Focusing on Canadian maritime, admiralty and shipping law, this site divides each subject into categories and includes relevant case summaries, Canadian statutes, and a selection of papers.

<https://admiraltylaw.com/>

CANLII

The Canadian Legal Information Institute database provides access to legislation, case law and legal journals.

<https://www.canlii.org/en/>

Parliament of Canada

Includes current Bills (which can be tracked using the “LEGISinfo” facility), Hansard, and substantive reports of committees. Coverage is from 2001 onwards for Hansard and 1994 onwards for LEGISinfo.

<https://www.parl.ca/>

Other Libraries with Canadian Legal Materials

Inner Temple Library

Responsibility for the various Commonwealth jurisdictions is divided between Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn Libraries.

Although Lincoln's Inn hold a substantial Canadian collection, Inner Temple have primary responsibility for Canadian materials and so have a large collection.

www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) Library has an extensive collection of Canadian legal materials.

<https://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/canada>

FLAG Foreign Law Guide

The FLAG database provides a gateway to foreign, international and comparative law collections held within UK university and national libraries, and within major practitioners' law libraries. The database is searchable in several ways and includes descriptions of each collection and links to the web catalogues of contributing libraries.

<https://resources.ials.sas.ac.uk/flag-foreign-law-guide/flag-search>



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