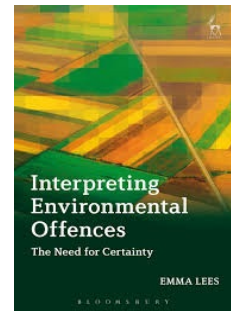
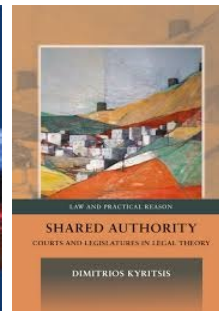
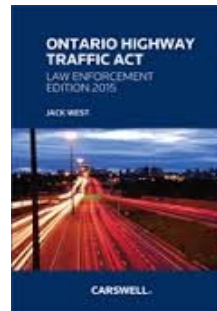


Ontario Legislative Research

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Statutes Ontario
Judicial discretion
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Ontario politics and government
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Bills: Ontario Legislative Assembly

J108 .K5B55

Check catalogue for Law Library holdings (incomplete)
Weldon Library has: 18th Leg. 3rd Session (1932-current)

Available online through the website of the
Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/lao/en/bills/>

Citation Example:

Bill 115, *An Act to implement restraint measures in the education sector*, 1st Sess, 40th Leg,
Ontario, 2012 (assented to 11 September 2012), SO 2012, c 11.

RESEARCH HELP AIDS

Canadian Legislative Pulse (LexisNexis)

formerly from CCH

Covers all jurisdictions
Continuously updated
Searchable by Bills and amended Acts
Weekly Bill summary
Search Regulations by number or enabling Act
Access to Federal and Provincial Gazettes
Includes Royal Assent and In Force status

Canadian Current Law: Legislation

KE173.C5842h

CCL: Legislation provides monthly summaries of recent legislative activity in the Parliament of Canada and the Legislatures of the Provinces and Territories of Canada. Includes: Progress of Bills; Statutes Amended and Amendments to Regulations.

BILLS ARE DEBATED...

Debates of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

J108 .K2

Law has: 1957-1996

Weldon has: 1947-current

Available online through the website of the
Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/lao/en/bills/>

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Provincial Legislative Record

JL1 .P745

Law has: 1987-2009

This publication, which is the predecessor of the CCH service Canadian Legislative Pulse, is a record of provincial and territorial government bills, their status, and second reading dates (for the purpose of finding debates at second reading). This print set starts with the 1st session of the 34th Parliament (1987) while the online service starts with the 2nd session of the 37th Parliament (2001).

AND THEN WE HAVE LAWS...

Statutes of Ontario = Lois de l'Ontario

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The Statutes of Ontario are the laws enacted by the provincial Legislature for that year. Statutes are arranged in each annual set by the chapter number received after Royal Assent.

Citation Example:

Ticket Speculation Amendment Act, 2010, SO 2010, c 27.

Annual Statutes are available online through

Ontario e-Laws:

<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/>

Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990 (Official Consolidation)

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Ontario has traditionally revised its public statutes and regulations approximately every 10 years, i.e. decennially. Each revision consolidates all public statutes and all regulations, with some exceptions set out in schedules or tables to the revision. Revision also incorporate changes to the text of those statutes and regulations, such as re-numbering and updating of terminology.

Although Ontario has not published a tradition revision since 1990, and although public statutes and regulations are consolidated on e-Laws, the starting point for research still remains, whether in print or online, the RSO 1990 (and RRO 1990 for regulations).

Citation Example:

Highway Traffic Act, RSO 1990, c H-8.

Consolidated Ontario Statutes can be also be accessed electronically from the CANLII website at:

<http://www.canlii.org>

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Ontario Statute Citator

KEO72 .O576 1990

The Ontario Statute Citator supplies you with all the amendments under the title of each amended Act. Digests of major cases interpreting the specific sections of statutes appear under the applicable Act.

The service consists of four releases per year containing the text of all current amending legislation as it is passed. The Weekly Bulletin Service consists of a review of the progress of Bills in the previous week, an updated cumulative status report and summaries of the Bills before the legislature in the current session, and a cumulative list of proclamations of Bills passed in previous sessions. (Canada Law Book product description)

There is also a Statute Citator to correspond with previous consolidations back to 1927.

Online: Ontario Citator Service

The *Ontario Citator Service* includes the English-language, unofficial consolidation of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, incorporating amendments and new Acts; the consolidated Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990, including amendments and new regulations up to the cut-off date specified on the database website; and the Ontario Statute Citator.

Annotated Statutes

The Law Library collects commercially-published Ontario Statutes with commentary and references to case law. Search the library catalogue under the title of the Statute or ask at the Services Desk. Some looseleaf services under a particular topic will also include the text of statutes with annotations.

Labour Source

formerly Canada Law Book's Labour Spectrum

Includes labour legislation from all jurisdictions in Canada including the Ontario Labour Relations Act and Regulations. Available online via WestlawNext Canada.

LAWS HAVE TO BE REGULATED...

Ontario Gazette

KEO97 .O58

Law has: 1869-1886, 1934-current

The Ontario Gazette, the official "newspaper" of the Government of Ontario is published every Saturday. It includes government notices, applications, and regulations.

The Ontario Gazette is available online at:
<http://www.ontariogazette.gov.on.ca/>

Citation Example:

Races, Contests and Stunts, O Reg 455/07.

Revised Regulations of Ontario

KEO87.O57 1990r

This 9-volume set is the last consolidation of the regulations of Ontario.

Citation Example: *School Buses*, RRO 1990, Reg 612.

Table of Current Consolidated Regulations

Available via Ontario *e-Laws*. This is a table of Ontario regulations found within RRO 1990 as well as regulations since that consolidation. Amendments are listed as well as the original regulation number.

RESEARCH HELP AIDS

Ontario Regulations Service

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Published by Carswell, the Ontario Regulations Service includes all regulations and amendments published each month. An annual consolidated index plus the monthly cumulative index provides two-step access to all current regulations.

Canadian Current Law: Legislation

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CCL: Legislation provides monthly summaries of recent legislative activity in the Parliament of Canada and the Legislatures of the Provinces and Territories of Canada. Includes: Progress of Bills; Statutes Amended and Amendments to Regulations.

SPECIALIZED RESEARCH

Point-in-Time Research

In online research, this is often seen as a link to a *previous version* of a Statute. Manual point-in-time searches can be carried out using print resources by creating a list of amendments to a statute and using the in-force dates to pinpoint how a section of a Statute read on a particular date. Online Statute databases allow the researcher to enter a specific date into a search engine or provide previous and next version links within the documents themselves.

For Ontario Statutes, Point-in-Time research can be carried out in:

Canlii

Canlii provides links to versions of Ontario statutes. Not all statutes can be traced back to the original.

Ontario e-Laws

Point-in-time data is available from January 1, 2004 onwards for public statutes or regulations.

Quicklaw

Point-in-time search capability from January 1, 1998 is available in Quicklaw.

Print

Use the Table of Public Statutes to trace amendments back to the original. The *Ontario Statute Citator* will also provide a list of amendments between official consolidations (RSO 1927-RSO 1990).

Noting Up

This involves finding cases which have interpreted a statute or regulation. This is also referred to as determining how a piece of legislation has been judicially considered.

Carswell

Canadian Statute Citations

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Regulations Judicially Considered

KE173 .C5842dc

Rules Judicially Considered
KE173 .C5842e

The Carswell noting-up services are available online via WestlawNext Canada's Keycite.

LexisNexis Quicklaw

QuickCITE Legislation Citator records contain the summary of judicial considerations, along with treatment, pinpoint reference, case name, citation, court, date, and signal information. Users can link to the full text of the cases within the records.

The purpose of the QuickCITE Legislation Citator is to allow a researcher:

- To confirm the authority of legislation
- To find a way into case law dealing with legislation of interest
- To determine what sort of judicial treatment the cited legislation receives from the citing cases

Legislative History

The purpose of carrying out legislative history research is to derive intent behind a piece of legislation by consulting the various documents and versions of legislative materials which went into creating the actual law in force. Documents may include legislative debates, committee evidence and reports, and legislative summaries. This type of research can be quite an arduous task and involves gaining access to status summaries of original bills (including dates of each reading and committees referred to). Reviewing amendments made to the statutes may also give a picture of some political intent behind a law.

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