

This research guide on child and spousal support covers both federal and provincial legislation (both statutes and regulations) as these apply to issues of support in family law. Precedents set by case law are significant.

legislation

Federal

[Divorce Act](#), R.S.C. 1985, c. 3 (2nd supp.).
[Federal Child Support Guidelines](#), S.O.R./97-175.
[Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act](#), R.S.C. 1985, c. 4 (2nd Supp.)
[Garnishment, Attachment and Pension Diversion Act](#), R.S.C. 1985 c. G-2

Alberta

[Family Law Act](#), S.A. 2003, c. F-4.5.
[Alberta Child Support Guidelines](#), Alta. Reg. 147/2005.
[Child Support Recalculation Program Regulation](#), Alta. Reg. 287/2009
[Provincial Court Procedures \(Family Law\) Regulation](#), Alta. Reg. 149/2005

case law

Canadian abridgment. 3rd ed. Carswell, 2003-
"Family law"

IV Support

1 Spousal support under Divorce Act and provincial statutes

2 Child support

3 Child support under federal and provincial guidelines

Digests of Canadian cases are organised under this classification in vol. 39 to vol. 43 in print and are also available electronically through Westlaw Canada *LawSource*.

[CanLII \(Canadian Legal Information Institute\)](#)

CanLII provides searchable full-text access to Canadian case law. The scope of coverage varies by jurisdiction and court. Boolean operators, proximity connectors, phrases and date restrictions can be incorporated into your query. Using the [Advanced Search] feature, you can select one or more jurisdictions to be searched, limit your search to appellate decisions, and restrict your search by type of tribunal. You can also use CanLII to retrieve cases by citation or name.

[Federal Child Support Guidelines - Selected Case Law](#)

This site provides summaries of selected court decisions, which relate to the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*.

Reports of family law. Carswell, 1971-

Cases are indexed under:

Family law - Support - Child support

For further assistance, call 1.866.448.6148 (Calgary) or 1.866.230.8068 (Edmonton) or contact your [local ALL branch](#).

For inquiries by email, visit the [Ask Us](#) page on our website.

Family law - Support - Child support under federal and provincial guidelines
Family law - Support - Spousal support under Divorce Act and provincial statutes

Westlaw Canada *LawSource*, LexisNexis *Quicklaw* and Maritime Law Book provide electronic subject search access to legislation, case law and topical material. LexisNexis *Quicklaw* groups topical information under the source [Family Law Cases - Topical] and includes *Canada Child Support Quantum*s and *Canada Spousal Support Quantum*s. Maritime Law Book classifies case law under the topical heading "Family Law: Divorce" and "Family Law: Maintenance of Wives and Children".

encyclopedia

Canadian encyclopedic digest (Western). 4th ed. Carswell, 2009-

Volume 14, Title 63 : "Family law (Divorce)"

V Support

Volume 14A, Title 63.1 : "Family law (General)"

XVII Support under Provincial Statutes

Volume 18, Title 77 : "Infants and Children"

I Child Support

Discussion of these areas of law with annotations to legislation and cases is available in print and available electronically through Westlaw Canada *LawSource*.

Halsbury's laws of Canada. 1st ed. LexisNexis, 2006-
"Family"

III Divorce

VI Spousal Support

The law stated in this title is generally that which was in force on September 15, 2010. Subsequent developments may be located by referring to the *Cumulative Supplement*.

"Infants and Children"

III Child Support

The law stated in this title is generally that which was in force on August 31, 2009. Subsequent developments may be located by referring to the *Cumulative Supplement*.

[KE 205 H35 Copy 2](#)

texts

Allen, Laurie ed. *Consolidated Alberta family law statutes*. Carswell, 1993-

[KF 505 A4](#)

Published annually.

Canada. Dept. of Justice. *Federal child support guidelines : reference manual*. The Dept., 1997-

[KF 547 F42 1997](#)

The manual includes the guidelines and support tables, plus articles.

Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia. *Understanding financial information : a family lawyer's guide*. The Society, 2003-

[KF 524 A75 U52 2003](#)

This is a practice-oriented guidebook with a focus on business assets.

Use our online
[catalogue](#) to
search for
additional titles
or titles recently
received.

Hainsworth, Terry W. *Child support guidelines service*. Canada Law Book, 1998-
[KF 549 H34 1998](#)

An updated service that has comprehensive coverage of the guidelines and applicable cases.

MacDonald, James C. and Wilton, Ann C. *The annotated Divorce Act*. Carswell, 1992-

[KF 535 M32](#)

Annual volumes updating the Divorce Act, including spousal and child support sections, are published.

MacDonald, James C. and Wilton, Ann C. *Child support guidelines : law and practice*. 2nd ed. Carswell, 2004-

[KF 549 M34 2004](#)

This updated service includes commentary, case law and legislation.

MacDonald, James C. and Wilton, Ann C. *Child support guidelines in divorce proceedings : a manual*. Carswell, 1996.

[KF 549 M32 1996](#)

This text is an overview of the intent of the guidelines.

McDougall, Karen M. et al. *The ... annotated Alberta family law act*. Carswell, 2010-

[KF 505 M34](#)

Annual volumes updating the Alberta Family Law Act.

McLeod, James Gary and Mamo, Alfred A. *Annual review of family law*. Carswell, 1992-

[KF 505 M478](#)

Nemet-Brown, Sheila ed. *Child support*. LexisNexis Canada, 2007.

[KF 547 C43 2007](#)

Annual supplements.

Nemet-Brown, Sheila and Sandler, Bernard eds. *Spousal support and dependants' relief*. LexisNexis Canada, 2007.

[KF 537 N45 2007](#)

Annual supplements.

Payne, Julien D. and Payne, Marilyn A. *Child support guidelines in Canada 2009*. Irwin Law, 2009.

[KF 549 P39 2009](#)

Written for the practitioner, the text is an analysis of the case law.

Spousal support tables Alberta. M.S.T. Publications B.C., 2005-2007

[KF 537 S66](#)

journals

Search the *Index to Canadian legal literature* in print or electronically on Westlaw Canada *LawSource* using the headings "Child support" and "Support (Domestic relations)" to identify subject-specific articles.

The relevant journals in ALL are

- *Canadian family law quarterly*. Carswell, vol. 1, 1986-;
- *Canadian journal of family law*. University of British Columbia, vol. 1, 1978-; and

- *Money & family law*. Carswell, vol. 1, 1986-.

Additional full-text articles are available electronically through

- HeinOnline, a database providing full-text access to Canadian and international law reviews and legal journals which may be searched at no charge in ALL branches;
- Westlaw Canada *LawSource*, which contains a collection of Canadian journals and law reviews, as well as all articles and case comments appearing in Carswell law reports; and
- LexisNexis *Quicklaw's* [Family Law Commentary - Topical], a collection of journal articles, research papers and newsletters.

reports, studies and seminars

Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA) seminar materials and papers from bar association meetings are searchable by [Keyword] through the [ALL catalogue](#). Detailed information on the Table of Contents is found under the [Table of Contents] display option.

Alberta Law Reform Institute. [Family law project : child support](#). The Institute, 1998.
[KF 505 F3553 1998](#)

Alberta Law Reform Institute. [Family law project : spousal support](#). The Institute, 1998.
[KF 505 F3552 1998](#)

Canada. Dept. of Justice. [Children come first : a report to Parliament reviewing the provisions and operation of the Federal Child Support Guidelines](#). The Dept., 2002.
[KF 547 C361 2002](#)

Federal / Provincial / Territorial Family Law Committee (Canada). [Final federal / provincial / territorial report on custody and access and child support : putting children first](#). Canada. Dept. of Justice, 2002.
[KF 549 F422 2002](#)

Rogerson, Carol and Thompson, Rollie. [Spousal support advisory guidelines](#). Canada. Dept. of Justice, 2008.
[KF 537 R637 2008](#)

Rogerson, Carol and Thompson, Rollie. [Spousal support advisory guidelines : a new and improved user's guide to the final version](#). Canada. Dept. of Justice, 2010.
[KF 537 R639 2010](#)

internet resources

alberta

[Alberta Courts. Family Justice Services](#)

Provides information on family programs and services, including [frequently asked questions](#) and information from the [Family Law Information Centre](#) on child support calculations and court applications.

Alberta Justice. Child Support Recalculation Program

An administrative service that annually recalculates court-ordered child support based on current income tax information.

Alberta Justice. Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP)

Includes MEP information on a variety of topics, creditor and debtor information and forms, and a lawyer's guide to the MEP.

federal

Canada. Dept. of Justice. Programs and Initiatives. Supporting Families

About Child Support

Provides links to the [Federal Child Support Guidelines](#) and other key publications, as well as additional related information including:

- [Federal Child Support Amounts: Simplified Tables](#)
- [Federal Child Support Guidelines: Step-by-Step](#)
- [Federal Child Support Guidelines: A List of Selected Case Law and Summaries](#)

About Spousal Support

Provides links to the [Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines](#) and other key publications, as well as additional related information including:

- [Obtaining Reliable and Repeatable SSAB Calculations](#)
- Steps to Using the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines:
 - [Without Child Support Formula](#)
 - [With Child Support Formula](#)

About Support Enforcement

Provides an overview of the Canadian system of support enforcement and information on interjurisdictional and international support enforcement.

Carol Rogerson. Spousal support advisory guidelines.

This site provides links to the main documents related to the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines project and to related material on the law of spousal support including digests of relevant case law.