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Introduction

CanLII is an online open-access database of federal and provincial legislation, legal decisions, and secondary resources including legal texts, journals, and commentary.

This guide will provide an overview of how to browse, search, create alerts, save your research, and use CanLII's advanced AI features to perform legal research.

Primary Law

 Primary law

Canada (Federal)	Ontario	Newfoundland and Labrador
British Columbia	Quebec	Yukon
Alberta	New Brunswick	Northwest Territories
Saskatchewan	Nova Scotia	Nunavut
Manitoba	Prince Edward Island	

To browse acts and regulations, select the jurisdiction you are interested in to see a list of legislation, courts, boards and tribunals, and other links.

Legislation

Legislation 			
Database	Continuous coverage	Last update	Number of documents
Consolidated Statutes	2004 -	2026-04-21	955
Annual Statutes	1988 -	2026-04-21	1,779
Historical Revised Statutes	1989 -	N/A	420
Regulations	2004 -	2026-04-21	1,931

Legislation is available for current consolidated acts, as well as historical annual statutes (may not be available for all years). Acts are sorted alphabetically or searchable from the text bar on the top of the page.

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Filter the items from this list

Showing 500 of 1015 items

Volume, chapter	Title
RSM 1990, c 1	A.C.T.W.U. Local 459 and Garment Manufacturers and Employees Health, Welfare and Pension Fund, Inc. Incorporation Act, The
C.S.M. c A1 E	Aboriginal Languages Recognition Act, The

Selecting an act will bring up the full text, as well as additional information and links to the current official version.

The top right corner has icons which allow you to change the language between English and French, as well as options to subscribe, add to research, or create alerts which is discussed below.



The Family Law Act, CCSM c F20

Current version: in force since 2023-07-01
Link to the latest version: <https://canlii.ca/t/8gz3>
Stable link to this version: <https://canlii.ca/t/562cn>
Citation to this version: The Family Law Act, CCSM c F20. <<https://canlii.ca/t/562cn>> retrieved on 2026-04-16
Former title: Family Maintenance Act
Currency: This statute is current to 2026-04-10 according to the [Laws of Manitoba Web site](#)

This is an **unofficial version**. If you need an official copy, use the [bilingual \(PDF\) version](#).
It has been in effect since [July 1, 2023](#), when this Act came into force.

[The Family Law Act, C.C.S.M. c. F20](#)

(Assented to June 1, 2022)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:



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The right-hand side will also display a toolbar with:

Table of contents. Click this to see headings of the act.

Versions. This allows you to see past versions of the act as it existed in other points-in-time. If you need to backdate legislation earlier than what is available on CanLII, see our guide on [tracing legislation](#).

Regulations. Links to related regulations including those in force, as well as any repealed or spent.

Amendments. Links to related acts that have amended this act.

Cited by. A list of documents that have cited this act. Useful for noting up and finding cases that have interpreted or discussed the legislation. For a

more extensive search click on at the bottom to help narrow down and pinpoint results.

AI analysis. This provides a generated summary and general outline of the act. Be sure to confirm any information provided by AI programs.

myCanLII. If you have an account you can use this to save the act, or create alerts when there has been an amendment to it or it has been cited.

Decisions

Court of King's Bench of Manitoba - Manitoba

Document text ?

Case name, citation or docket ?

Noteup/Discussion: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets ?

About this database

Continuous coverage	2000-05-01 to present
Partial coverage	8490 decisions prior to 2000-05-01
Total number of decisions	14,680
Last update	2026-04-13

[Official website](#)

Content of this database

Database	Last update	Number of documents
Court of King's Bench of Manitoba (2022-)	2026-04-13	581
Manitoba County Court (1871-1984)	-	97
Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba (1872-1901)	-	797
Manitoba Surrogate Court (1880-1984)	-	32
Court of King's Bench of Manitoba (1901-1952)	-	1,960
Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba (1952-2022)	2026-02-10	11,213

Access by date

Choose a year...

Recent decisions

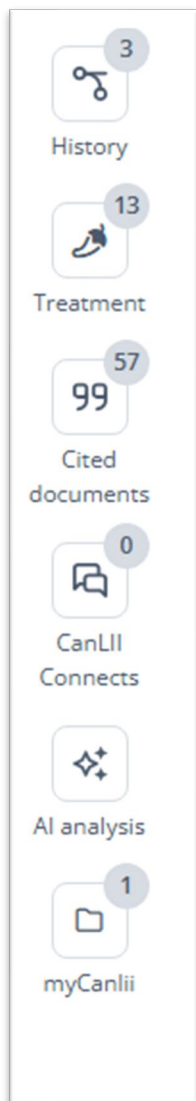
Date	Decision
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Browsing decisions is similar to legislation. You can browse by selecting the court, tribunal or other administrative board, and then select the year for a list of decisions published during that time.

Selecting a case will prove the court information at the top, including a stable link for you to use when citing, and the most recent unfavorable mention.

Citation:	Peter v. Beblow, 1993 CanLII 126 (SCC), [1993] 1 SCR 980, < https://canlii.ca/t/1fs3f >, retrieved on 2026-04-16
Most recent unfavourable mention	BMF Trading v. Abraxis Holdings Ltd. , 2002 BCSC 590 (CanLII)
	[...] [111] That is the reason why this case is distinguishable from the facts in Peter v. Beblow . [...]

There will also be a menu bar at the left side of the page with research tools.



History. Displays decisions related to the current case, including lower court decisions, as well as appeals to higher courts.

Treatment. CanLII has a scale of how extensive a decision discusses or cites another case, by using a number of blue jalapeños with higher numbers representing a more thorough interpretation. The treatment tab shows cases that have cited your case, or discussed it, and how relevant those are using the jalapeño icons.

Cited Documents. Lists the documents cited in the case for easy reference and searching.

CanLII Connects. These are articles or commentary from the legal community on the selected case.

AI analysis. An AI generated summary of the case that lays out the general facts, history, submission, issues, and reasons. Helpful for a quick scan of what the case is about, but be sure to read the full decision to confirm.

myCanLII. Allows you to add case to your research, or create alerts when case has been cited.

Searching

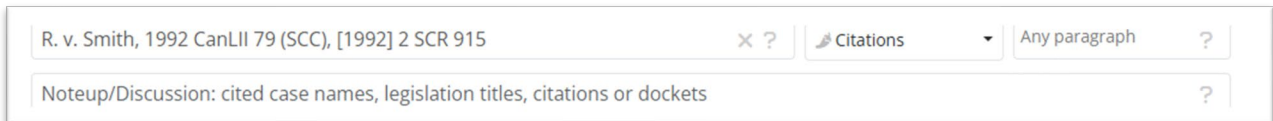
There are multiple options for searching in CanLII with the three search bars at the top of the page.

Document Text allows you to perform a simple search by using keywords for phrases. You can simply type in the words and phrases you are looking for, or for a more specific search, use [Operators](#) to limit results. For more information on how to search function works, see the [CanLII Search Help page](#)

Case name, legislation title, citation or docket is useful for finding a specific case or legislation. For legislation enter the name or terms found in the act or regulation, as well as

any year or chapter number you may have. For cases, enter the party names, court information, or any citations you may have.

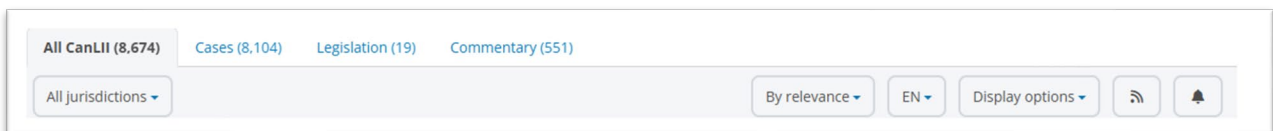
Noteup/Discussion is useful as a quick way to find documents that reference a case or act. You can search multiple citations by entering more than one line. Click on the chili pepper to select how the results have treated that case, whether it has been followed or not. The paragraph box can be used to narrow down the results even further by choosing which paragraph has been cited.



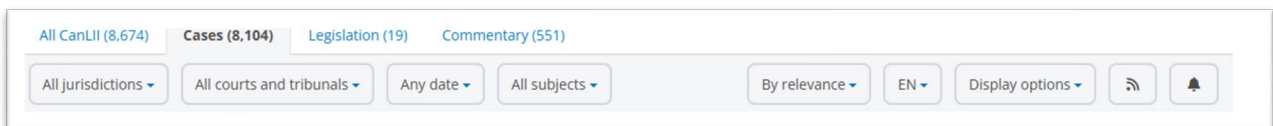
A screenshot of a search interface. The top bar contains the search query "R. v. Smith, 1992 CanLII 79 (SCC), [1992] 2 SCR 915" with a clear button (X) and a help button (?). To the right of the query is a "Citations" filter with a chili pepper icon and a dropdown arrow, and a "Any paragraph" filter with a help button (?). Below the search bar is a secondary bar with the text "Noteup/Discussion: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets" and a help button (?).

Search Result Filters

Once you have entered your search, you can refine the results by applying the filters located below the search bars.



A screenshot of search result filters. At the top, there are four tabs: "All CanLII (8,674)", "Cases (8,104)", "Legislation (19)", and "Commentary (551)". Below the tabs is a row of filters: "All jurisdictions" (dropdown), "By relevance" (dropdown), "EN" (dropdown), "Display options" (dropdown), a RSS icon, and a notification bell icon.



A screenshot of search result filters, similar to the previous one but with the "Cases (8,104)" tab selected. Below the tabs, there are additional filters: "All jurisdictions" (dropdown), "All courts and tribunals" (dropdown), "Any date" (dropdown), "All subjects" (dropdown), "By relevance" (dropdown), "EN" (dropdown), "Display options" (dropdown), a RSS icon, and a notification bell icon.

Click the dropdown menus to filter by jurisdiction, sorting method, and display options.

Additional options show up depending on which tab you are looking at (cases, legislation, commentary)

Search Tips

When performing research it is helpful to come up with a strategy to most efficiently find relevant results. Consider the main points of your research to identify keywords and phrases. Depending on the subject, your search may result in thousands of results. Use operators such as AND, NOT, and OR, as well as proximity operators like /p (same paragraph) or /s (same sentence) to string keywords together.

Word variations may also create different results, use wild card characters when a word may have several different endings. For example 'entitlement' and 'entitled' use 'entitle*' to find both variations of the root.

Don't narrow your search string too much at the beginning or you may limit too much. Use filters after searching to narrow results. If you are still finding too many results, use the search results to re-evaluate your search parameters. Are your keywords too common, or too vague? Are there better terms to use? Try synonyms or alternative forms.

If you still aren't finding what you are looking for, or prefer a different style of searching, take a look at the [AI guided search+ option](#).

Secondary Resources

Commentary


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Commentary on CanLII includes various types of secondary law materials, from law reviews and treatises to reports and articles.

The current publication platform was launched in [February 2017](#) with a handful of pieces, among which the very first contribution to this collection: Peter Neumann and Jeffrey Sack's eText on Wrongful Dismissal and Employment Law from Lancaster House.

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Commentary collections

CanLII Connects 
CanLII Connects was created to make it faster and easier for legal professionals and the public to access high-quality legal commentary on Canadian court decisions. [Search CanLII Connects content.](#)

CanLII has a collection of secondary resources ranging from instructional texts, to current awareness articles, and academic papers.

[Books](#) Texts from a number of publishers including law societies, academic institutions, and others such as the Canadian Legal Information Institute

Browse by publisher or search by title, subject, author, or other keywords in the top search bars.

[Articles](#)

[Reports and research papers](#)

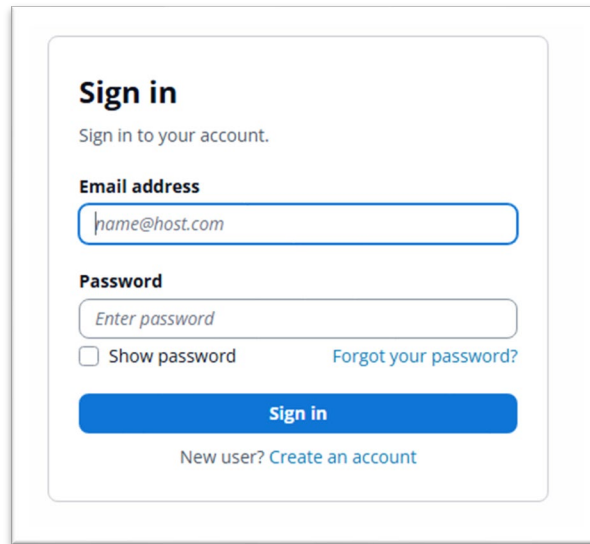
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myCanLII



A “myCanLII” account is free to register for and provides access to additional features on CanLII.

Start by clicking on the “Sign in” button in the top right, then select "Create an Account". Fill out the form and select a password to finish registering.

After logging in you will now see an icon in the top right with a drop-down menu and the several new options.


myCanLII Features

My research folders

Research folders			
+ New folder	<input type="text" value="Filter by name"/>		
Folders	Items	Last update	
articles	0	2026-04-15	
re: estate	0	2026-04-15	
Smith, John	0	2026-04-15	
Manitoba Cases	1	2019-11-28	

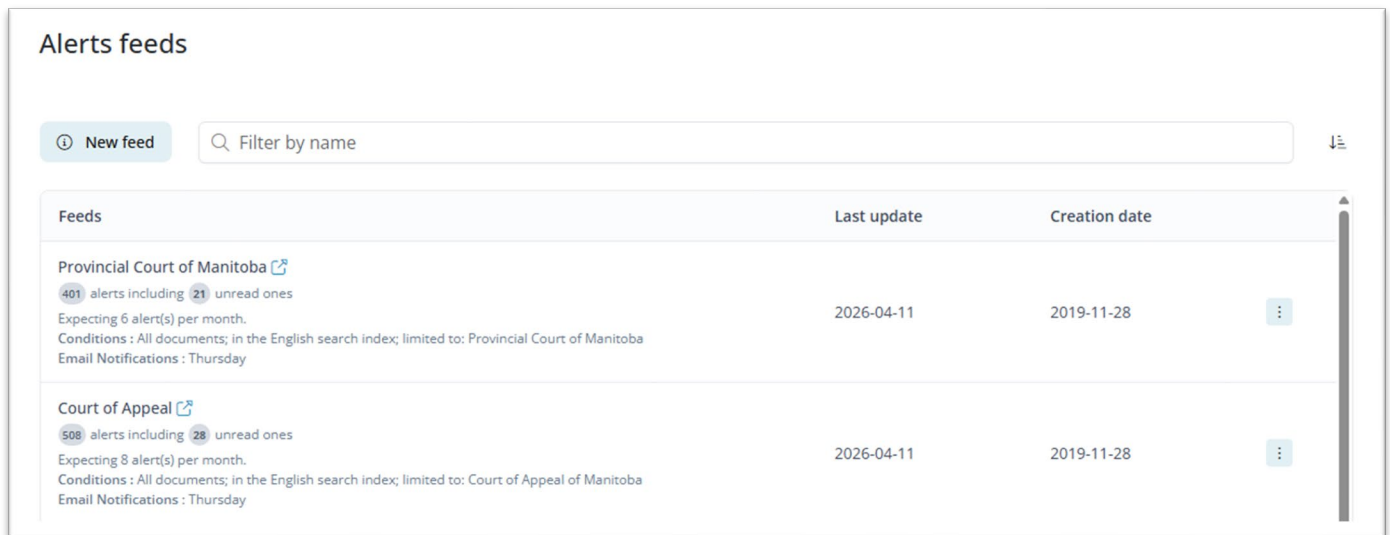
This is where the documents you save will be organized. You can create folders here for future use, or create them while doing your searches.

Creating folders and saving documents

To save a document (decision, legislation, etc.) look for the folder icon  next to the title of the document. Clicking on the icon will bring up a list of the folders you have created. Either select to folder you wish to save it to, or click the “New folder button” to create a new folder.

Alerts feeds

Shows your current alerts, including unread notifications, the last time it was updated, and when the alert was created.



The screenshot shows the 'Alerts feeds' interface. At the top, there is a 'New feed' button and a search box labeled 'Filter by name'. Below this is a table with three columns: 'Feeds', 'Last update', and 'Creation date'. The table contains two entries:

Feeds	Last update	Creation date
<p>Provincial Court of Manitoba ↗</p> <p>401 alerts including 21 unread ones</p> <p>Expecting 6 alert(s) per month.</p> <p>Conditions : All documents; in the English search index; limited to: Provincial Court of Manitoba</p> <p>Email Notifications : Thursday</p>	2026-04-11	2019-11-28
<p>Court of Appeal ↗</p> <p>508 alerts including 28 unread ones</p> <p>Expecting 8 alert(s) per month.</p> <p>Conditions : All documents; in the English search index; limited to: Court of Appeal of Manitoba</p> <p>Email Notifications : Thursday</p>	2026-04-11	2019-11-28

Creating an alert

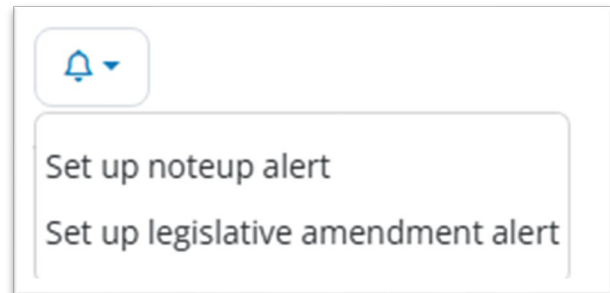
You can create alerts for things like tracking new legislation, court decisions, topics, citations, or other keywords. The process is very simple whether it's for tracking single documents, or broad general searches.

Legislative Alert

When viewing an act, click on the alert icon to select one of two options:

1. Noteup alert: This will create an alert based on any documents that cite that particular piece of legislation.
2. Legislative Amendments: This alert will track amending legislation to the act.

Both options will allow you to choose how often you wish to be emailed with notifications.



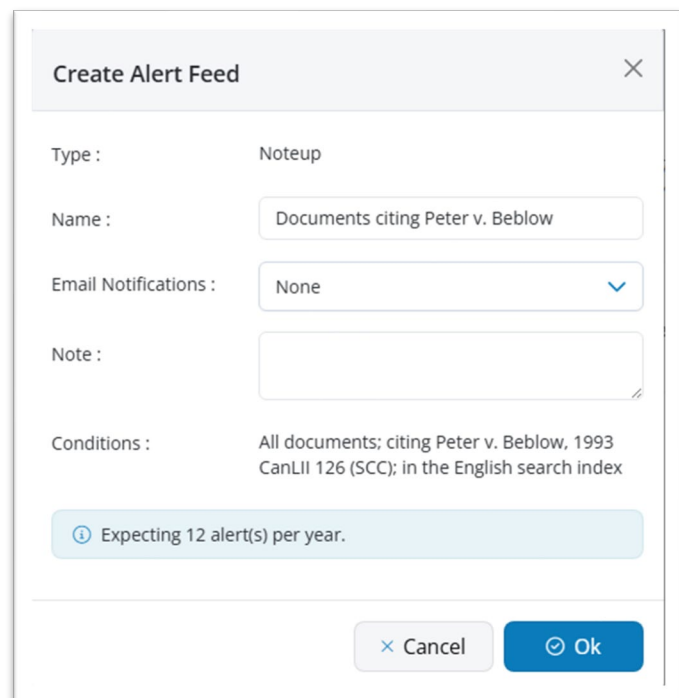
Cases

When viewing a single decision, clicking on the alert button for cases will open a pop-up window.

This alert will notify you if any document mentions the case.

You can select how often you wish to be notified by email and add any personal notes you wish.

It will also display how often you can expect the alert to notify you which can help you understand how popular a case is.

A screenshot of a "Create Alert Feed" dialog box. The title bar says "Create Alert Feed" with a close button (X). The form contains the following fields:

- Type: Noteup
- Name: Documents citing Peter v. Beblow
- Email Notifications: None (with a dropdown arrow)
- Note: (empty text area)
- Conditions: All documents; citing Peter v. Beblow, 1993 CanLII 126 (SCC); in the English search index

At the bottom, there is a light blue bar with an information icon and the text "Expecting 12 alert(s) per year." Below this are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Ok".

Search alerts

CanLII also has the ability to set up alerts for specific searches, notifying you when new results are added.

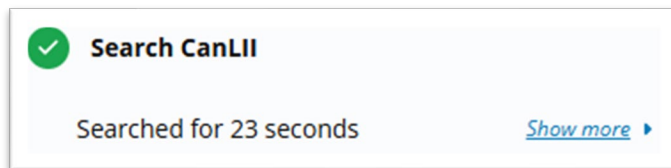
After performing a search, click the alert button to receive alerts when new documents matching your criteria are added to CanLII.

CanLII Search+

This tool is an AI powered search engine that helps you build a search query using plain language to analyze and explain your search.

Search+

Type in your question using plain language in the box and hit “search”.



CanLII will then analyze your question and create a search string based on what it considers most relevant. To see the string it created, click on ‘Show more’ under the “Search CanLII box”.

You will see how the AI broke down your question and a few options for possible search strings. It will provide information on each of the queries, as well as which one it selected as the best choice. You can override this and select your own query by clicking the search button associated with that option.

Analyze

This option considers your question and provides search results with a relevance analysis; a short summary of why it retrieved with results scoring it out of a possible 5.

Ranking by “search+ score” gives the most relevant case with a short analysis and cited sentences.

Relevance Analysis 5/5

Explains Manitoba testamentary capacity criteria, capacity assessed at execution, burden/standard of proof under suspicious circumstances, and evidentiary considerations for proving or rebutting incapacity.

[Show less](#)

This Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench decision squarely addresses testamentary incapacity in a will challenge, including the governing capacity criteria and how incapacity is assessed.

It sets out the Banks v. Goodfellow criteria applied in Manitoba for will-making capacity, including understanding the act, the property, and potential beneficiaries, and the role of mental disorder/delusions:

“understand the nature of the act and its effects... understand the extent of the property... comprehend and appreciate the claims...” (para 35)

Note: We strongly recommend you verify results provided by the AI analysis. AI is a tool for legal research, not a replacement. CanLII’s AI only uses documents in its database to prevent citing fake cases, but there may still be errors.

If you have any further questions or need assistance with any of the information provided, do not hesitate to contact staff at the library and we'll be happy to help.



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