Introduction of Links to The Canadian Abridgment from the CED

To enhance your use of The Canadian Abridgment online, beginning this spring we will be including links to the relevant Abridgment classification from sections of the Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (CED) on WestlawCarswell.

The Canadian Abridgment and the CED have long been recognized as ideal starting points for legal research and can be especially powerful when used in combination. The CED provides researchers with a useful overview of the legal principles and leading cases and The Canadian Abridgment is then a quick and easy way to locate those cases and link to other relevant Canadian case law.

Links to The Canadian Abridgment are being added in conjunction with the launch of the Fourth Edition of the CED. The CED online at WestlawCarswell is being “rechuncked” to make sections into larger, more logical units with topical headings as opposed to individual paragraphs, eliminating the need to click from paragraph to paragraph when accessing it online.

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Each newly “rechunked” CED section will include a link to the equivalent classification of The Canadian Abridgment, making it easy to follow up your CED research by canvassing the relevant case law. This enhancement will make it easier to use The Canadian Abridgment together with the CED when beginning your research on WestlawCarswell.

**A new way of accessing The Canadian Abridgment online**

The CED is organized into a multilevel issue-based taxonomy. Within each section, the content is set out in numbered paragraphs. Previously, each CED paragraph was displayed individually online, which required users to click on each paragraph in order to review all of the content in a particular section. For example, in the Actions (Ontario) subject title, paragraphs 21, 22, 23, and 24 are all found under the section, “(b) – Civil Actions at Suit of Crown or of Person Suing for Crown and Self.” Under the old format, only one paragraph in a section would be displayed at a time, illustrated as follows:

Beginning this May, the CED will be displayed online not as single paragraphs, but rather as entire sections of the classification. For example, all four paragraphs in the section “(b) – Civil Actions at Suit of Crown or of Person Suing for Crown and Self” will be displayed together. This enhancement has enabled us to include links from each CED section to the equivalent Abridgment classification. Going forward, every new CED section will include a link to The Canadian Abridgment and will appear as shown in the following example:
Once you have reviewed the law on your issue by consulting the CED, this change will make it easy for you to continue your research by linking you to the relevant case law in the Abridgment. Links to Abridgment classifications will also provide you with a quick and easy way to update the statement of the law contained in the CED with the most recent case law digested in The Canadian Abridgment.
In addition to the inclusion of links to The Canadian Abridgment online at WestlawCarswell, references to the relevant Abridgment classification will now be found in the print and CD ROM formats of the CED.

**Timeline for addition of links to The Canadian Abridgment from the CED**

In conjunction with the May 2009 release of the CED (scheduled for May 16), every one of our more than 200 CED titles will be “rechunked” and will be displayed online in this more user-friendly format. At the same time, the 104 CED titles which have been newly brought up to date as part of the CED Fourth Edition will display links to the relevant Canadian Abridgment classification. These titles are:

- Absentees (Shared)
- Actions (Ontario)
- Agriculture (Ontario)
- Animals (Shared)
- Arbitration (Shared)
- Associations and Not for Profit Corporations (Shared)
- Bailment (Shared)
- Boundaries and Surveys (Shared)
- Builders Liens (Western)
- Building Contracts (Shared)
- Bulk Sales (Ontario)
- Burial and Cremation (Western)
- Business Corporations (Ontario)
- Business Corporations (Western)
- Carriers (Shared)
- Children (Shared)
- Companies Creditors Arrangement Act (Shared)
- Condominiums (Ontario)
- Conspiracy (Shared)
- Constitutional Law (Shared)
- Construction Liens (Ontario)
- Contracts (Shared)
- Cooperatives (Shared)
- Copyright (Shared)
- Criminal Defences (Shared)
- Criminal Offences (Shared)
- Criminal Procedure (Shared)
- Damages (Shared)
- Devolution of Estates (Ontario)
- Devolution of Estates (Western)
- Distress (Western)
- Education (Ontario)
- Environmental Law (Western)
- Environmental Law (Ontario)
- Equity (Shared)
- Estoppel (Shared)
- Execution (Western)
- Execution (Ontario)
- Executors and Administrators (Western)
- Expropriation (Shared)
- Extradition (Shared)
- Firearms, Weapons and Explosives (Shared)
- Fires (Western)
- Fish and Game (Western)
- Fraud and Misrepresentation (Shared)
- Gaming (Shared)
- Highway Traffic (Ontario)
- Income Tax (Shared)
- Injunctions (Shared)
- Internet (Shared)
- Interpleader (Shared)
- Labour (Ontario)
- Labour – Alberta (Western)
- Labour – Federal (Shared)
- Labour (BC) (Western)
- Labour (Manitoba) (Western)
- Labour (Saskatchewan) (Western)
- Landlord and Tenant (Ontario)
- Landlord and Tenant (Western)
- Limitation of Actions (Shared)
- Mental Incapacity (Ontario)
- Mines and Minerals (Western)
- Mortgages (Ontario)
- Municipal and School Taxation (Ontario)
- Narcotic Control (Shared)
- Negligence (Shared)
- Nuisance (Shared)
- Oil and Gas (Shared)
- Parties (Ontario)
- Partnership (Western)
- Partnerships (Ontario)
- Patents (Shared)
- Perpetuities and Accumulations (Shared)
- Personal Property (Shared)
- Pleadings (Ontario)
- Pledges (Shared)
- Prerogative Remedies (Shared)
- Professions and Occupations (Western)
As the remaining CED titles are brought up to date you will notice more and more titles with links to The Canadian Abridgment. All CED titles will be replaced or updated and linked to the Abridgment by the end of 2010 as part of the Fourth Edition of the CED. From that point forward, key CED titles will be updated on a yearly basis and all other titles will be updated at least every three years.

Update on The Canadian Abridgment Print Publishing Program

The Canadian Abridgment is continually updated to maintain its currency, accuracy and readability and we are pleased to update you on the highlights of our 2009 print publishing program.

Reissue of three Case Law Digest titles in 2009

Following the completion of the Third Edition of The Canadian Abridgment in 2007, we resumed our practice of periodically reissuing Abridgment titles when the supplements grow too large, or when the classification is in need of substantial overhaul to meet current research needs. In 2008 we reissued four titles: Aboriginal Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Civil Procedure. The following titles will be reissued in 2009:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (one volume scheduled for September 2009)
- Bankruptcy and Insolvency (four volumes scheduled for September 2009)
- Contracts (five volumes scheduled for December 2009)

Beginning in 2008 we adopted a policy of including relevant case digests copied from other Abridgment titles into the reissued titles where the subject matter is of a broadly applicable nature. For instance, the reissued Contracts title will include digests from a variety of other titles that contain general contract principles. In 2008 we included digests from other titles in the Administrative Law and Constitutional Law titles. This enhancement will allow users to find relevant digests without having to consult multiple titles of The Canadian Abridgment.

The preparation of the reissues requires the efforts of lawyers from the Legal Writing Group who conduct a thorough, case-by-case review and select relevant case law from other titles. Legal writers are also involved in evaluating and improving the classifications in the reissued volumes.

Completion of the Reconsolidation of the Canadian Case Citations

In September 2009 we will be sending out the third and final instalment of the Reconsolidation of the Canadian Case Citations (C.C.C.), a project we began in 2007. Upon completion of the Reconsolidation, the 22 hardcover volumes containing citations for cases from 1867 to July 1998 will all have been replaced by 30 hardcover volumes containing citations for cases from 1867 to December 2006. The completion of the Reconsolidation means that upkeep costs for the C.C.C. will be lower going forward.
Customers will also benefit from the fact that over the course of preparing the Reconsolidation, our editorial staff has thoroughly reviewed the existing C.C.C. main work and supplements to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the information. A number of significant editorial enhancements have been made since the last reconsolidation of the work in 1998. You will notice that, among other things, duplicate entries have been removed, typos in case names have been corrected, and case names and citations have been increasingly standardized. We have also expanded the scope of “See” references and, for the first time, have included “See also” references, which cross-reference variations and acronyms of common names appearing as parties in the cases referenced.

**Reconsolidation of three Canadian Statute Citations jurisdictions**

The Canadian Statute Citations (C.S.C.) is periodically reconsolidated when the supplements become too large. The following jurisdictions, which have not been reconsolidated since 2003, will be reconsolidated this year:
- Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut
- British Columbia/Yukon
- Ontario

Over the course of preparing the reconsolidations, our editorial staff consolidates data from C.S.C. updates published subsequent to the hardcover main volumes for each jurisdiction. Among other things, this requires the merging of treatment information for each statute. All decisions in which a given statute has been judicially considered are consolidated and arranged by treatment symbol.

In addition, any incomplete styles of cause or citations are completed, and any inconsistencies in treatment information are researched and corrected. Finally, our editors incorporate corrections and any omissions or errors that have come to our attention are researched and corrected.

We trust that these reconsolidations will enhance the speed and accuracy of your legal research using The Canadian Abridgment.