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Child Support Guidelines Law and Practice, 2nd Edition

Child Support Guidelines Law and Practice, 2nd Edition, features in-depth section-by-section case law annotations and commentary reflecting the most recent jurisprudence pertaining to child support. This service also includes the full text of the *Federal Child Support Guidelines* and its tables, the guidelines and tables of Canada's provinces and territories, and the *Divorce Act* and other related legislation.

This release features updates to the case law in Section 4 (Incomes Over \$150,000), Section 5 (Spouse in Place of a Parent), and 9 (Shared Custody).

Highlights

- **Child Support — Payor Spouse Standing in Place of a Parent** — Where the mother has moved across the country and neither party supports the renewal of a relationship between the child and the spouse, no support will be ordered. *Z. (E.) v. Z. (P.)*, 2017 BCSC 375, 2017 CarswellBC 632. The spouse and child had had very limited contact since the separation and relocation. The spouse had briefly acted as a father at the beginning of the

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child's life, when it was unlikely that the child formed "durable expectations" of him, and neither party was interested in renewing the relationship between spouse and child. The mother's application was dismissed.

- **Shared Custody** — While shared parenting arrangements fall within s. 9, an assessment of the family's circumstances under s. 4, particularly regarding the standard of living in each party's home, may be helpful in determining support. *Gordon v. Nielson*, 2018 SKQB 207, 2018 CarswellSask 371.