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# **Handling a Family Law Matter in Ontario**

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## **Introduction**

This publication is an all-in-one practical guide that enables the lawyer or law clerk to handle a family law matter in Ontario. The work is a comprehensive guide organized in the order a family law lawyer may confront the issues in a typical family law file. Each chapter begins with a discussion of the law, procedure and the issues that may arise. This discussion is meant to give a practical background in the subject with tips for the practitioner. The discussion is then followed with checklists, precedents and forms — the practical tools to enable the lawyer or law clerk to do his or her job.

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## What's New

This release features updates to Chapters 13 (Child Support), 14 (Spousal Support), and 17 (Costs). The Author Commentary section includes a new update “Time to Act on Appeal Rules”.

## Highlights

- **Child Support — Cases Where the Obligation Continued** — In *Gagne v. Mendoza*, support continued after two college courses when the child wanted to pursue a bachelor's degree program to become a police officer. The parties had entered into minutes of settlement that terminated support at age 22, or until one post-secondary degree/diploma was completed. The court found that the child remained a child of the marriage for support purposes.
- **Costs** — Two recent cases from the Court of Appeal for Ontario have comprehensively laid out the principals to be applied with respect to costs in Family Law matters. Justice Nordheimer, addressing costs in the matter of *Beaver v. Hill*, 2018 ONCA 840, confirms various principals related to costs.