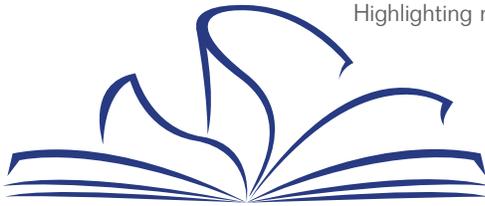


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Highlighting new developments and providing research tips for users of the Canadian Abridgment



FROM THE PUBLISHER

In this issue of the Bulletin, we provide you with highlights of a new enhancement for KeyCite Canada (our online citator).

Two new KeyCite Limits have been created, allowing you to limit lists of citing references by Legislative Subsection or Clause, and Judicial Treatment Type. These new features provide you with increased control over the display of KeyCite results, and allow you to narrow down large KeyCite lists quickly.

We also update you on the Abridgment's Case Law Digest reissue program, providing you with highlights of the December 2010 Family Law Reissue.

I welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have concerning The Canadian Abridgment.

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Two New KeyCite Limits: Legislative Subsection/Clause & Judicial Treatment Type

When conducting legal research online using Westlaw Canada, you may find that KeyCite results lists for important legislation or cases can often be very large. KeyCite Limits assists you in narrowing down such large lists by allowing you to limit your results using a number of different criteria, such as jurisdiction, case law citation frequency, date, and document type. KeyCite Limits also has a “locate” function, which restricts results to decisions containing specific words or phrases.

We are pleased to introduce two additional KeyCite Limits: (1) Legislative Subsection or Clause, and (2) Judicial Treatment Type. These new features can be used on their own, together, or in conjunction with other KeyCite Limits to provide you with even greater control over the display of KeyCite citing references.

1. **New KeyCite Limit: Legislative Subsection or Clause** – When you KeyCite a legislative section, Westlaw Canada gives you a list of all the citing references for that entire section. As there can sometimes be hundreds or even thousands of citing references, users who are only interested in the judicial treatment of particular subsections/clauses may need to scroll through multiple pages before pinpointing the specific cases relevant to those subsections/clauses. For more targeted results lists, use

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this new KeyCite Limit to select only those cases which cite the legislative subsections/clauses that are relevant for your research.



2. **New KeyCite Limit: Judicial Treatment Type** – KeyCite results lists include judgments which are categorized based on their judicial treatment of the KeyCited case or legislation. Use this new KeyCite Limit to restrict your results list to display only those judicial treatments that are important for your research. This KeyCite Limit may be used both when you KeyCite a case, as well as when you KeyCite legislation.



These new KeyCite Limits offer new ways to decrease the size of results lists in flexible ways, alone or in combination with other strategies. These features are included in all Westlaw Canada subscriptions, and we hope they will help all of our users pinpoint the information they need in a more efficient manner.

Update on The Canadian Abridgment Reissue Program

The Canadian Abridgment is continually updated to maintain its currency, accuracy and readability. The regular reissue of main work volumes is an important part of our Case Digest supplementation program.

The preparation of reissues requires the efforts of lawyers from our Legal Writing Group who conduct a thorough, case-by-case review to select relevant case law and improve the classifications in the reissued volumes.

In December 2010, subscribers received nineteen reissued Family Law volumes.

Family Law Reissue Highlights:

In order to manage the growing volume of family law cases, we have taken classifications that have a large number of digests and broken them down into more granular subheadings. In total, forty-six new subheadings have been added to the title and digests, to provide users with easier browsing and to better reflect changes in the law.

The Family Law Reissue includes the following enhancements:

- Under the “Spousal support under Divorce Act and provincial statutes” heading, improvements were made by adding additional subheadings and subclassifications.

For example:

- Within the new “Economic disadvantage of marriage” subheading, eleven subclassifications were created, including “Caused by breakdown”, “Relocation”, and “Advancement of partner’s career”.
- Within the new “Determination of spouse’s annual income” subheading, there are seven new subclassifications, including “Pattern of income”, “Earning potential”, and “Self-employment”.
- Under “Custody and access”, several classifications were expanded. New subclassifications were created within the “Access” subheading including: “Access by parent where child born outside marriage”, “Supervised access”, “Access where child protection order”, and “Interjurisdictional access”.
- “Restraining orders” was made into a separate section.
- New subclassifications were added to the “Costs” heading. Examples include: “Persons entitled to or liable for costs”, “Factors considered”, and “Special costs”.

We trust you will find that the Family Law reissue volumes reflect the most recent developments in the law and will improve your ability to research effectively using The Canadian Abridgment Case Digests.

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