
Legal Citation Cheat Sheet

The *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation*, 7th ed. (Toronto: Thomson Carswell, 2010) or the "*McGill Guide*" was developed to standardize Canadian legal citation. The following information has been adapted from the *McGill Guide*, and is intended to be a quick reference for footnoting some common types of citations. For complete information or for information on other aspects of citation, please consult the original text which is available in Law Reference and Reserve (KF 245 .C28 2010).

Please Note: Bibliographic and citation software such as RefWorks and Endnote do not provide proper *McGill Guide* citation so do not use them.

Cases (Chapter 3)

R v Big M Drug Mart Ltd (1984), 49 AR 124, 5 DLR (4th) 121 at 129 (Alta CA).
Ciecierski v Fenning, 2005 MBCA 52, 258 DLR (4th) 103 at paras 54-56.
Tommy Hilfiger Licensing Inc v International Clothiers Inc, 2004 FCA 252, [2005] 1 FCR 148.
Coldmatic Refrigeration of Canada Ltd v Leveltek Processing LLC (2005), 70 OR (3d) (available on CanLII)(OntCA).

Cases from Databases (Chapter 3.8.1)

Only cite a case to an electronic source if there is no print source or neutral citation available.

R v Wilkening, 2009 ABCA 9 (available on CanLII).

Unpublished Cases (Chapter 3.8.2)

Fowers v Fowers, 1990 CarswellAlta 770 (WL Can).

Print Reporters

Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television and Radio Artists v Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (1990), 91 CLLC 16 (CLRb).

Online Decisions

VDN Cable Inc, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, Toronto, Ontario (January 2005), 2005-1, online: CRTC <<http://www.crtc.gc.ca>>.

Statutes (Chapter 2.1)

Annual Statutes example:
Family Law Act, SA 2003, c F-4.5.

Revised Statutes example:
Fair Trading Act, RSA 2000, c F-2.
Territorial Lands Act, RSC 1985, c T-7 (available on CanLII).

Constitution and Charter of Rights (Chapter 2.2)

Constitution Act, 1982, being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (UK), 1982, c 11.
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Part I of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (UK), 1982, c 11.

Regulations (Chapter 2.6)

Polar Bear Pass Withdrawal Order, SOR/84-409.
Migratory Birds Regulations, CRC, c 1035, s 9 (available on CanLII).
West Nile Virus Control Regulation, BC Reg 357/2004.

Bills (Chapter 2.5)

Canada

Bill C-26, *An Act to establish the Canada Border Services Agency*, 1st Sess, 38th Parl, 2005, cl 5(1)(e) (as passed by the House of Commons 13 June 2005).

Provinces and Territories

Bill 59, *An Act to amend the Civil Code as regards marriage*, 1st Sess, 37th Leg, 2004, Quebec, (assented to 10 November 2004), SQ 2004, c 23.

Books (Chapter 6.2)

PH Osborne, *The Law of Torts*, 2d ed (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2003) at 44.
PH Osborne, *The Law of Torts*, 3d ed (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2007) at 44 (ebrary – Irwin Law).

Journal Articles (Chapter 6.1)

J Givner, "Child Poverty and Social Assistance: Gosselin v Quebec (Attorney General)" (2005) 24 CFLQ 105 (WL Can).

Government Documents (Chapter 4)

Canada, Status of Women Canada, *Report by the Government of Canada to the UN Commission on Human Rights, Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women* (Ottawa: Status of Women Canada, 1998) at 5, online: Government of Canada <<http://dsp-psd.communication.gc.ca>>.

Treaties (Chapter 5.1)

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 30 October 1947, 58 UNTS, Can TS 1947 No 27.

Note:
Changes from the 6th edition

- Periods have been dropped
- Bills: use 2nd Sess (not 2d Sess.)
- Joint authors: use et al (rather than italicized *et al.*)
- Editions: use 5th ed (rather than 5th ed.)
- Loose-leafs: include date on which the book was consulted
e.g. (consulted on 5 October 2010)