



# Librarian's Report

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To me, September has always felt like a time of new beginnings. For much of my life this month was marked by the commencement of a new school year. When Labour Day rolls around I inevitably get the urge to buy new binders, pens, and paper. Perhaps this is why it feels like an especially fitting time for me to join the Hamilton Law Association as your new Librarian.

I have been working as a law librarian since 2009, when I graduated from the University of Toronto with a Master's in Information Studies. My first post-graduate position was with Heenan Blaikie as a reference librarian in its Toronto office. Following the dissolution of that firm in 2014 I joined Borden Ladner Gervais as their Head Reference Librarian. I worked with a national library team to support over 700 lawyers and professionals with all of their legal and business information needs. I have extensive experience as a legal researcher and truly enjoy connecting people with the best information available for the task at hand.

I look forward to working with the members of the HLA – I have heard nothing but terrific things about the Hamilton legal community! If you're visiting the library or the Lawyers' Lounge, please do stop by

to introduce yourself and say hello.

## *CanLII - Better than Ever!*

CanLII continues to improve and offer features that rival those available in its commercial competitors. Here are some of the tools I find especially useful:

## Lexbox

Lexbox allows you to:

- Save searches and results
- Set up customized alerts with results that are sent directly to your personal email (i.e. notification whenever a case with the keywords Jordan & "mandatory minimum" is added to CanLII)
- Quickly and easily generate a List of Authorities
- Create folders (client/matter based, subject specific) to save CanLII results and organize your research

You can download a Chrome extension and use Lexbox with several other website including eLaws, the Justice Laws website (Federal legislation), and the Supreme Court of Canada. Get started



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by setting up a free Lexbox account at <https://app.mylexbox.com/#/signup>.

**Noting Up**

You can note up statutes at the section level in CanLII with one simple click! Just find the relevant section, click on the number, and a pop-up will appear listing the number of citing documents. Citing documents include cases as well as secondary sources. See Figure 1 for an example using s. 8 of the *Charter*.

**Compare**

You can compare two different versions of a piece of legislation using CanLII's Compare tool. This is a quick way to see how a section of legislation has changed over time. Once you've located the statute or regulation, select the two versions you'd like to compare from the list at the top of the screen, hit Compare, and you'll see a split screen that highlights the changes. See Figure 2 for an example using the definition of 'spouse' from the *Family Law Act*.

**New Books**

The following materials have recently been added to the HLA's collection. If you have any suggestions for resources that could benefit your practice, please contact [irichmond@hamiltonlaw.on.ca](mailto:irichmond@hamiltonlaw.on.ca) or submit them through the HLA website.

**Administrative Law**

Sara Blake, *Administrative Law in Canada*, 6th ed

**Civil Procedure**

Paul Perell and John Morden, *Law of Civil Procedure in Ontario*, 3rd ed

Marvin Zucker, *Ontario Small Claims Court Practice* 2018

Watson & McGowan, *Ontario Civil Practice* 2018

**Criminal/Provincial Offences**

Martin's *Criminal Code* 2018

Watt & Fuerst, *Tremear's Criminal Code* 2018

Martin's *Ontario Criminal Practice* 2018

Alan Gold, *Practitioner's Criminal Precedents*, 5th ed

Murray D. Segal, *The 2017 Annotated Ontario Highway Traffic Act*

Murray Seagal & Rick Libman, *The 2017 Annotated Ontario Provincial Offences Act*

**Family**

Ann Wilton and Gary Joseph, *Family Law Arbitration in Canada*, 3rd ed

*Annotated Financial Statements for Family Law Lawyers*

James McLeod and Alfred Mamo, *Annual Review of Family Law* 2016-2017

**Landlord & Tenant**

Jack Fleming, *Ontario Landlord and Tenant Law Practice*

**Privacy**

Imran Ahmad, *Cybersecurity in Canada: A Guide to Best Practices, Planning and Management*

**Tax**

David Sherman, *Practitioner's Income Tax Act*, 52nd ed ■

