

WHAT'S NEW

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Practical Guidance



Capital Markets and M&A | Commercial | Employment | Family Law | Finance | Intellectual Property & Technology | Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Capital Markets and M&A

Deepening Coverage in Large Law Focused Areas

Debt Securities Matters

We've expanded our debt securities content with new precedents and practical checklists to better support deal execution. Key additions include:

- ▶ [Satisfaction and Discharge \(Indenture – Redemption\)](#) and [Satisfaction and Discharge \(Indenture – No Redemption\)](#)
- ▶ [Indenture Redemption and Satisfaction/Discharge Checklist](#)
- ▶ [Underwriting Agreement \(Private Placement, Non-Convertible Debt\)](#)
- ▶ [Private Placement of Non-Convertible Debt Timeline and Responsibility Chart](#)

Public M&A (Plans of Arrangement)

Our public M&A content now includes key practice notes and precedents to support additional aspects of transactions, including:

- ▶ [Interim Operating Covenants in Public M&A Deals](#)
- ▶ [Fairness Opinions](#)
- ▶ [Amending Agreement \(Arrangement Agreement\)](#)
- ▶ [Termination Agreement \(Arrangement Agreement\)](#)

These additions strengthen our Large Law offering by improving coverage in high-frequency areas and delivering more deal-ready tools where they're needed most.

Commercial

Compliance Guidance

Expanded guidance and practical tools to support compliance with the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act and to amend the Customs Tariff.

- ▶ [Forced Labour Act Reporting Requirements](#)
- ▶ [Forced Labour Act Online Questionnaire](#)
- ▶ [Forced Labour in Canadian Supply Chains](#)
- ▶ [Forced Labour Act Reporting Requirements Checklist](#)
- ▶ [Modern Slavery Clause](#)
 - Includes guidance issued by Public Safety Canada (latest as of December 2025)
 - Guidance on multi-jurisdictional reporting
 - Discussion of how the law affects Canadian supply chains

Public Infrastructure Procurement

Updated guidance and a practical checklist addressing current *public-private partnership (P3s) structures* and procurement approaches, including:

- ▶ [Public Infrastructure Procurement](#) and [Public Infrastructure Procurement Checklist](#)
 - Supports selection of appropriate delivery models and risk allocation
 - Provides practical guidance to help advance projects from planning to execution

Strait of Hormuz Disruption

New Practical Guidance analyzing the legal, commercial, and economic implications of potential disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, including:

- ▶ [Strait of Hormuz Disruption: Legal and Commercial Implications](#)
- ▶ [Strait of Hormuz Disruption: Economic Implications](#)

Employment

New Resource Kits – Improved Navigation of HR-focused Content

Developed to improve navigation of HR-focused content, these resource kits streamline access to related guidance and precedents for employer- and employee-side matters:

- ▶ [Leaves of Absence Resource Kit](#)
- ▶ [Constructive Dismissal File Resource Kit](#)

New Multi-Jurisdictional Guidance

[Occupational Health and Safety Committees by Jurisdiction](#), a cross-Canada comparison table of committee requirements, supports national workforce management and multi-province advisory work.

Québec / French Language Buildout

Expanded Québec and French-language employment drafting tools, including newly translated and adapted clauses such as bonus and remote and hybrid working provisions. These additions support more efficient drafting of employment agreements and build on the automated [Quebec employment agreement](#) template, introduced in 2025. All French-language clauses and related content are available in the [French Resource Kit](#).

Family Law

British Columbia Family Law Trial Resources

Practical resources supporting key stages of trial preparation and courtroom advocacy, including examinations, evidentiary tools, procedures, strategy, and expert evidence.

- ▶ Supports ongoing **jurisdictional expansion** in British Columbia
- ▶ Responds to increasing **demand from LL firms** for practical trial preparation and courtroom advocacy resources

Current Trial Content

- ▶ [Cost of Trials \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Closing Statement \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Direct Examination Questions \(Trial\) \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Cross Examination Questions \(Trial\) \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Re-Examination Questions \(Trial\) \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Letter Addressing Subpoena to Witness \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Letter to Client \(Notice to Admit\) \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Notice to Admit \(BC\)](#)

Additional Resources in Development for British Columbia:

- ▶ [Opening Statement \(BC\)](#)
- ▶ [Subpoena to Witness \(BC\)](#)

Coming soon: Trial preparation, expert evidence in trials, final court orders, affidavit to adduce evidence.

Finance

Supporting Legal Workflows

A continued focus has been building on resources that better support legal workflows. We've introduced practical tools such as the [Lender's Title Insurance Policy Checklist](#) and [Canadianizing U.S. Guarantee Provisions Checklist](#), helping practitioners navigate diligence, drafting, and cross-border adaptation more efficiently. These additions provide practical, repeatable tools for use in active matters.

Deepening Coverage for Complex Finance Matters

We have expanded our finance content with a precedent on [Canadianizing U.S. Guarantee Provisions](#), supporting practitioners working on cross-border transactions and addressing more complex drafting needs.

Expanding Core Lending and Trade Finance Coverage

Our lending and trade finance content has been expanded with foundational lending and security documents, including the [Loan Agreement \(Bilateral Loan\)](#), [Cash Collateral Agreement](#), and [Assignment of Proceeds of Insurance Policies](#), along with guidance on [Demand for Standby Letter of Credit \(Extend or Pay\)](#). Together, these resources support practitioners across both common commercial lending matters and more specialized trade finance issues.

Intellectual Property & Technology

Intellectual Property and Technology content has been expanded to support compliance, protect digital assets, and enable more effective drafting across technology-driven matters.

- ▶ [Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation \(CASL\) Compliance Resource Kit](#)
Workflow-organized CASL toolkit to help counsel identify issues, build compliance programs, and draft compliant messages.
- ▶ [Trade Secrets in a Digital World: Data, Cloud and Generative AI Risks \(Federal\)](#)
Modern guide to protecting trade secrets in cloud and AI-driven environments, with practical tools to support “reasonable measures” and evolving AI governance needs.
- ▶ [Copyright Assignment Agreement \(Independent Contractor\)](#)
Canada-specific assignment template to help secure IP ownership in contractor-created works, supporting high-demand tech and AI workflows. Authored by experts at McMillan LLP.
- ▶ [Drafting a Privacy Policy Checklist](#)
This practical, Cross-Canada checklist helps organizations quickly build compliant privacy policies, meeting ongoing LL privacy compliance priorities and offering more actionable, workflow ready items.

Québec and French Language Content Buildout

Expanded Québec and French-language IP and digital operations drafting tools, including a Québec-specific copyright assignment template, a practice note on copyright transfers, and a French-language website terms of use template. These additions support jurisdiction-specific drafting and bilingual workflows.

[Cession de droit d'auteur \(QC\)](#) (precedent); [Cession de droit d'auteur](#) (practice note); [Conditions générales d'utilisation d'un site Web](#) (precedent).

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Our Litigation and Dispute Resolution content has been expanded with new guidance on AI-related legal and ethical risks, alongside resource kits designed to support efficient litigation workflows.

Two New Practice Notes:

- ▶ [AI and Lawyers' Professional Responsibility](#) covers the impact of AI on lawyers' professional responsibilities.
- ▶ [Navigating AI in Legal Practice](#) examines professional and legal risks of AI use, ethical duties, and disclosure obligations.

Two New Resource Kits:

- ▶ [E-Discovery Resource Kit](#) offers practical guidance and insights for managing digital evidence.
- ▶ [Contract Dispute Resource Kit](#) provides structured approaches to efficiently address contractual issues.