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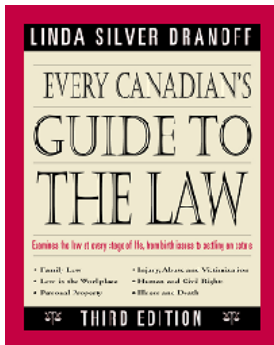
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# EVERY CANADIAN'S GUIDE TO THE LAW

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(March 14, 2011) - **EVERY CANADIAN'S GUIDE TO THE LAW** (March 26, 2011/9781443405591/\$24.99), first published in 1997 and now in its fourth edition, has been fully updated to reflect current, important changes in Canadian law. This indispensable reference guide unfolds in a clear, accessible "cradle-to-grave" format, addressing issues from fetal rights to human rights, from teen sexuality to marriage and divorce, from workplace issues to will and estate issues. Linda Silver Dranoff provides insight into the process of law and how it responds to changing social values, revealing how laws evolve over time and pointing to future trends.

This book has been **completely reviewed and updated** and includes the following changes, among many others:

- Tough orders against parental alienation—in several cases taking the children away from the parent who brainwashes the children against the other parent.
- The novelty of three or more support-paying parents for some children. The Supreme Court of Canada in 2007 ruled that a child can have 3 legal parents --- the birth mother, the lesbian partner of the birth mother, and the biological father.
- Drastic changes to retirement rules, including the abolition of mandatory retirement except in rare exceptions.
- New rights for the self-employed, including the right to pay for employment insurance and receive maternity leave pay.
- Updated laws against identity theft.
- In 2009, the Supreme Court of Canada dealt strongly with the problem of children being groomed and lured by adults over the Internet, a ruling which will help the police to trap pedophiles before they move from the planning and grooming stages into actually committing an assault. The court decided that offenders do not need to actually meet their intended victims to be convicted of the offence.

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