

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

REGARDING ELECTRONIC CITATIONS OF CASE LAW IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

I issue the following direction to counsel in response to inquiries received regarding the citation of case authority to electronic databases and the provision to the court of copies of cases taken from such databases.

1. In any written submissions used in the Court of Queen's Bench, counsel may cite case authority to a reliable electronic database.
2. If a citation to a reliable electronic database is used in a written submission, a printout of the case cited should be provided with the submissions.
3. If an alternative citation to a conventional report series is easily obtainable, it should also be provided.
4. When presenting copies of case authority to the court counsel may provide either copies of cases printed from the reliable electronic database, or copies of cases taken from conventional hard-copy reports, as counsel may choose.
5. "Electronic database" is intended to include proprietary online databases, CD-ROM databases and Internet databases. The following databases will be considered reliable for the purposes of this direction:
 - a. Any database maintained by or on behalf of a Canadian court,
 - b. Any Quicklaw case database
 - c. Any eCarswell case database
 - d. Any Maritime Law Book database
 - e. Any Canada Law Book case database
 - f. Any CCH Canadian case database
 - g. Any Butterworths case database
 - h. Any Lexis-Nexis case database
 - i. Any Westlaw case database

Other databases may be added to this list when the court is satisfied they also are reliable.

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