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Terms and Conditions

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Privacy Notice

The Government of Canada and the Supreme Court of Canada are committed to providing websites on which the privacy of visitors is respected. This notice summarizes privacy practices for the Supreme Court of Canada's online activities.

The Supreme Court of Canada is not subject to the [Privacy Act](#). Nonetheless, the [Policy for Access to Supreme Court of Canada Court Records](#) addresses privacy concerns with respect to court records.

Your Privacy and the Internet

The nature of the Internet is such that Web servers automatically collect certain information about each visit to a website, including the visitor's Internet Protocol (IP) address. IP addresses are unique numbers assigned by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to all devices used to access the Internet. Web servers automatically log the IP addresses of visitors to their sites. The IP address, on its own, does not identify an individual. However, in certain circumstances — with the co-operation of an ISP, for example — it could be used to identify an individual using the site. For this reason, the Government of Canada considers the IP address to be personal information, particularly when it is combined with other data automatically collected when a visitor requests a Web page, such as the page or pages visited, and the date and time of the visit.

Unless otherwise noted, the Supreme Court of Canada does not automatically gather any specific information from you, such as your name, telephone number or email address. The Supreme Court of Canada would obtain this type of information only if you supplied it to us, for example, by email or by filling in an online form.

Where services are provided by organizations outside of the Government of Canada, such as the Supreme Court judgments hosted by Lexum, the Library catalogue, the Supreme Court's webcasts or social media platforms, IP addresses may be recorded by the Web server of the third-party service provider.

Communicating with the Government of Canada

If you choose to send an email message to the Supreme Court of Canada or to complete a feedback form on line, your personal information will be used by the Supreme Court of Canada in order to respond to your inquiry. The information you provide will not be shared with another government institution unless your inquiry relates to that institution. The Supreme Court of Canada does not use such information to create individual profiles, nor does it disclose the information to anyone other than persons at the Supreme Court of Canada or the Government of Canada who need to provide you with a response.

Email messages and other electronic methods used to communicate with the Government of Canada are not secure absent a specific statement to that effect on a Web page. It is recommended that you **not** send sensitive personal information, such as your Social Insurance Number or your date of birth, through non-secure electronic channels.

Personal information from email messages or completed feedback forms is collected pursuant to the *Supreme Court Act*. Such information may be used for statistical, evaluation and reporting purposes.

Improving your Experience on Government of Canada Websites

Web Analytics

Web analytics is the collection, analysis, measurement and reporting of data about Web traffic and visits for purposes of

understanding and optimizing Web usage.

When your computer requests a Supreme Court of Canada Web page, our institution collects the following types of information for Web analytics purposes:

- the originating IP address;
- the date and time of the request;
- the type of browser used; and
- the page(s) visited.

The Supreme Court of Canada retains information collected for Web analytics purposes for a maximum of 18 months. After that time, the information will be disposed of. Information used for Web analytics purposes is collected pursuant to the *Supreme Court Act*. Such data may be used to compile statistics with respect to communications and information technology, as well as for audit, evaluation, research, planning and reporting purposes.

Protecting the Security of Government of Canada Websites

The Supreme Court of Canada employs software programs to monitor network traffic in order to identify unauthorized attempts to upload or change information, or to otherwise cause damage. These programs receive and record the IP address of each computer that contacts our website, as well as the date and time of the visit and the pages visited. We make no attempt to link such addresses with the identities of individuals visiting our site unless an attempt to damage the site has been detected.

This information is collected pursuant to **section 161 of the Financial Administration Act**. It may be shared with appropriate law enforcement authorities if suspected criminal activities are detected. Such information may be used to compile statistics with respect to network security, as well as for audit, evaluation, research, planning and reporting purposes.

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The S.C.R. is available in print and digital format. The digital format can be accessed under "**[Resources](#)**." Since 2013, the Court has released the PDF and print versions of the S.C.R. at the same time. The earlier volumes of the S.C.R. have been converted to digital format. Counsel may cite either the print or the digital version of the S.C.R. in documents filed with the Supreme Court of Canada.

Pending the publication in the S.C.R., HTML, Word and PDF versions of the decisions and reasons for decision are provided in both English and French. These are posted as soon as the decision and reasons for decision are released, with the exception of decisions rendered from the bench. In those cases, the decision will be posted a few days later. The HTML, Word and PDF versions are reliable but users are cautioned that there may be computer-generated errors or other discrepancies from the official version later published in the S.C.R.

If editorial corrections are required after a decision is published in the S.C.R., they will be noted in the "errata" section of a subsequent volume of the S.C.R. These editorial corrections are usually incorporated into the HTML and Word versions, but not into the side-by-side PDF version as it is a copy of the print version of the S.C.R. In all cases, counsel are advised to check the "errata" section of subsequent volumes of the S.C.R.

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The Government of Canada is committed to achieving a high standard of accessibility as defined in the **Standard on Web Accessibility**. Should you have difficulty using our Web pages, applications or device-based mobile applications, please contact us for assistance or to obtain alternative formats, such as regular print, Braille or another appropriate format.

Factums on Appeal and Memorandums of Argument on Application for Leave to Appeal

If the pages of a factum on appeal or a memorandum of argument on an application for leave to appeal are not accessible to you, please contact the Registry either by telephone at 1-844-365-9662, or by email at **registry-greffe@scc-csc.ca** for assistance.

Webcasts

To ensure that you get the most out of your Supreme Court of Canada online experience, we recommended that you use an up-to-date browser. Please see our **frequently asked questions** for more complete technical information.

If you are unable to view or hear webcasts for reasons related to accessibility, you may obtain transcripts of proceedings by contacting the Registry for assistance either by telephone at 1-844-365-9662, or by email at **registry-greffe@scc-csc.ca**.

Library Catalogue

At present our **Library Catalogue** is not as accessible as we would like it to be. We are aware of its shortcomings in this regard and are working with the software vendors in order to better serve our users.

We are also endeavoring to ensure that the other on-line services we provide are the most accessible on the market.

If you would like more information on the Library Catalogue or assistance in its use, please contact the Library by email at **library-bibliotheque@scc-csc.ca** or call 613-996-8120.

Personal Information Collection Statement

Public Communications

The personal information you include in an inquiry may be used to prepare a reply. Such information is collected pursuant to the *Supreme Court Act*. It may be used for statistical, evaluation and reporting purposes.

The transmission of this information is not secure, so sensitive personal information, such as your Social Insurance Number, should not be included in your message.

If, after reading this statement, you prefer not to submit your inquiry via the Internet, you may use one of the following methods:

By Telephone: 613-995-4330 or 1-888-551-1185

By Mail: 301 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0J1

In Person at: 301 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Teletypewriter: 613-944-7985

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Interacting With Us on Social Media

This notice has been written to explain how the Supreme Court of Canada interacts with the public on social media platforms.

The **Communications and Outreach Services** group of the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada is responsible for the administration and content production for all Supreme Court of Canada social media accounts.

Please do not use our social media platforms for requests for legal information or any other matter requiring a reply. In order to ensure that your requests are directed to the appropriate group, please refer to our [contact information](#).

Third-Party Social Media

Social media account(s) are public and are not hosted on Supreme Court of Canada servers. Users who choose to interact with The Supreme Court of Canada via social media should read the terms of service and privacy policies of these third-party service providers and those of any applications used to access them. The Supreme Court of Canada uses [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

Personal information that you provide to the Supreme Court of Canada via social media account(s) is collected to capture conversations (e.g. questions and answers, comments, "likes", retweets etc.) between you and the Supreme Court of Canada. It may be used to respond to inquiries, or for statistical, evaluation and reporting purposes.

Content and Frequency

We use our Twitter accounts as an alternative method of sharing the [Judgments](#). By following our social media accounts (by "following," "liking" or "subscribing"), you can expect to see information about the business of the Supreme Court of Canada.

We understand that the Web is a 24/7 medium, however you should expect to see new [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) content posted Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST/EDT.

Because the servers of social media platforms are managed by a third party, our social media accounts are subject to downtime that may be out of our control. As such, we accept no responsibility for platforms becoming unresponsive or unavailable.

Links to Other Websites and Ads

Our social media accounts may post or display links or ads for websites that are not under our control. These links are provided solely for the convenience of users. The Supreme Court of Canada is not responsible for the information found through these links or ads, nor does it endorse the sites or their content.

Following, “Favouriting” and Subscribing

Our decision to “follow”, “favourite” or “subscribe” to another social media account does not imply an endorsement of that account, channel, page or site, and neither does sharing (re-tweeting, reposting or linking to) content from another user.

Comments and Interaction (Rules of Engagement)

We will read comments and we ask that your comments be relevant and respectful. We reserve the right to delete comments that violate this notice, and the user may be blocked and reported to prevent further inappropriate conduct.

We cannot engage in issues of party politics or answer questions that break the rules of this notice.

We reserve the right to edit or delete comments that:

- Contain personal information;
- Are contrary to the principles of the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**;
- Express racist, hateful, sexist, homophobic, slanderous, insulting or life-threatening messages;
- Could be in violation of Canadian law;
- Put forward serious, unproven or inaccurate accusations against individuals or organizations;
- Are aggressive, coarse, violent, obscene or pornographic;
- Are offensive, rude or abusive to an individual or an organization;
- Are not sent by the author or are put forward for advertising purposes;
- Encourage illegal activity;
- Contain announcements from labour or political organizations;
- Are written in a language other than English or French;
- Are unintelligible or irrelevant; and
- Are repetitive or spam.

In short, please be respectful and make sure that your comments are relevant to where they are posted. You are fully responsible for all content submitted in your comments, and all posted comments are in the public domain.

Accessibility of Social Media Platforms

Social media platforms are third-party service providers and are not bound by Government of Canada standards for Web accessibility.

If you have difficulty accessing content on our social media accounts, please contact us by email at social@scc-csc.ca and we will try to solve the problem or provide you with the information in a different format.

Copyright

Information that we post is subject to the **Copyright Act**.

Privacy

Our social media accounts are not Government of Canada websites and represent only our presence on third-party service providers.

For more information, please refer to our **Privacy Notice**. For information relating to privacy on our social media platforms, please refer to the privacy policies of **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn**.

Official Languages

Many social media platforms have multiple language options and provide instructions on how to set your preferences. The Supreme Court of Canada respects the **Official Languages Act** and is committed to ensuring that our information is available in both French and English and that both versions are equal quality.

We may share links that direct users to sites of organizations or other entities that are not subject to the **Official Languages Act** and available only in the language(s) in which they are written. When content is available in only one language, we make an effort to provide similar content in the other official language.

Media Questions and Requests

Reporters are asked to send questions to the Supreme Court of Canada’s Executive Legal Officer at media@scc-csc.ca

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