



CANLII TIPS & TRICKS

COMBINING KEYWORD SEARCHING & NOTING UP:
EXAMPLE 1


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SCENARIO

I am working on a case that involves expenses for extracurricular activities. I need to know how Section 7 of the Federal Child Support Guidelines has been applied in the BC Court of Appeal.

Use the Note Up Field

Document text ?

Case name, document title, file number, author or citation ?

Federal Child Support Guidelines ?

Limit results to documents citing:

Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175	4,324
A Practitioner's Guide to The Economic Implications of Custody and Access under the Divorce Act and the Federal Child Support Guidelines , 2002 CanLIIDocs 306	0
Section 4(b) of the Federal Child Support Guidelines : Why Two Kicks at the Can isn't Fair, 2000 CanLIIDocs 69	0

Press Enter to search

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COMMENTARY: Using the Note Up field will allow us to limit our search results to documents that cite the Federal Child Support Guidelines.

Filter by Section

Document text ?

Case name, document title, file number, author or citation ?

Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175 x? Citations ?

or ▾ Noteup/Discussion: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets

All CanLII (4,324) Cases (4,219) Legislation (52) Commentary (53) My Documents

All jurisdictions ▾

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- Section 7
- Section 7(1)
- Section 7(1.1)
- Section 7(2)
- Section 7(3)
- Section 7(4)
- Section 7.1

1. [Green v. Green](#), 2000 BCCA 310 (CanLII)
Court of Appeal for British Columbia — British Columbia

COMMENTARY: Choosing Section 7 will allow us to filter our search results to only include documents that have cited this particular section of the Family Child Support Guidelines.

Add Keywords into the Document Text Field

expenses extracurricular activities



Case name, document title, file number, author or citation



Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175



Citations

Section 7



or ▼

Noteup/Discussion: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets



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Cases (976)

Legislation (9)

Commentary (10)

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1. [Plett v. Plett](#), 2016 MBQB 94 (CanLII)
Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba — Manitoba

COMMENTARY: We need to find documents where expenses for extracurricular activities have been discussed. Expenses and extracurricular activities are thus the most relevant search terms to use.

Add Quotation Marks

expenses "extracurricular activities" x?



Case name, document title, file number, author or citation ?

Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175 x?



Citations

x Section 7 ?



or ▼

Noteup/Discussion: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets ?

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COMMENTARY: Adding quotation marks will help us find documents where extracurricular activities has been used as a complete phrase and not as separate words.

Add a Proximity Operator

expenses /s "extracurricular activities" x?



Case name, document title, file number, author or citation ?

Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175 x?



Citations

x Section 7 ?



or ▼

Noteup/Discussion: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets ?

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Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba — Manitoba

COMMENTARY: Using the proximity operator /s will allow us to search for documents where expenses and extracurricular activities have been used in the same sentence. At this point we can press ENTER and search for documents.

Filter by Jurisdiction

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<input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia	127				
<input type="checkbox"/> Alberta	19				
<input type="checkbox"/> Saskatchewan	55				
<input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba	2				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Island	6				
<input type="checkbox"/> Newfoundland and Labrador	10				

ABQB 171 (CanLII)
erta
by [2 documents](#)
sons — *extracurricular activities*

MARY CLARE MACGREGOR, shall be responsible for all of the children's section 7 **expenses** related to their **extracurricular** (soccer, dance, swimming and skating), as well as the cost for their bus passes and school fees as the monthly payment made by a number of educational **expenses** and **extracurricular activities** listed and three children involved, but the amount of the MacGregor's income is not excessive. [...] [25] In future, Ms. MacGregor must obtain Mr. MacGregor's consent prior to an incurred for the children's **extracurricular activities** if she does not wish to risk the Court refusing an application by her for that **expense** (Lopatynski v. Lopatynski, 1998 ABQB 981 at [...])

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COMMENTARY: We are only interested in seeing British Columbia court decisions in our search results. To that end we will click on All Jurisdictions and select British Columbia.

Filter by Document Type

All CanLII (127) **Cases (127)** Legislation (0) Commentary (0) My Documents

British Columbia ▾ All courts and tribunals ▾ Any date ▾ Clear filters By relevance ▾ ☰ ▾ □ ▾ 📡

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! There are 3 decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada that match your search. [Add them to your results.](#)

1. [Atkinson v. Decker](#), 2012 BCSC 1531 (CanLII)
Supreme Court of British Columbia — British Columbia
2012-10-18 | 11 pages
extraordinary expenses — lessons — extracurricular costs — daycare costs — special
[...] **expenses** and he agreed to pay one-half of the special or extraordinary **expenses** pursuant to the Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175 (“Guidelines”) and one-half of such **extracurricular activities** as they may agree the children shall be enrolled in from time to time, for instance, hockey, Beavers, swimming, etc. [...] and his child support at \$726 per month and an order that he pay one-half of the special or extraordinary **expenses** for the children pursuant to the Guidelines in the amount of \$531.04 and one-half of the costs of **extracurricular activities** for the children in the amount of \$531.04

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COMMENTARY: Clicking on the Cases tab will limit our search results to include BC court cases only.

Filter by Court Level

The screenshot shows the Lexbox search interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'All CanLII (127)', 'Cases (127)', 'Legislation (0)', 'Commentary (0)', and 'My Documents'. Below these, there are filters for 'British Columbia', 'All courts and tribunals', and 'Any date'. A dropdown menu is open under 'All courts and tribunals', showing a list of options with their respective counts:

Filter Option	Count
✓ All courts and tribunals	127
All courts	127
Appeal courts	5
All tribunals	0
Labour	0
Privacy	0
Human rights	0
Discipline	0
Securities	0

At the bottom of the dropdown menu, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Select specific courts and tribunals'. The background shows search results, including a snippet from 'Atkinson' regarding 'expenses pursuant to the Federal Child Support Guidelines, SOR/97-175'.

COMMENTARY: Clicking on the All Courts and Tribunals tab will allow us to filter our search results by a specific court or tribunal. For our purposes we will click on Select Specific Courts and Tribunals in order to find the Court of Appeal for British Columbia.

Filter by Relevance

The screenshot shows the Lexbox search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'All CanLII (127)', 'Cases (5)', 'Legislation (0)', 'Commentary (0)', and 'My Documents'. Below these, filters are set for 'British Columbia', 'BCCA', and 'Any date'. A 'By relevance' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Sort by document relevance' (checked), 'Sort by date: newest', 'Sort by date: oldest', 'Sort by most cited', 'Sort by court level', and 'Sort by most pages'. The search results list '1. Evetts v. Evetts, 2004 BCCA 297 (CanLII)'. The snippet below the title reads: '[...] Mr. Evetts kept a detailed list of **expenses**, and it indicates that he has been generous in his expenditures for their son, particularly in relation to **extracurricular activities**. [...] (f) extraordinary **expenses** for **extracurricular activities**. Sharing of expense [...] I note that in the only other decision of this Court dealing with **s. 7(1)** (f), *Cochrane v. Zarins* (1998), 1998 CanLII 4270 (BC CA), 36 R.F.L. (4th) 434, the Court concluded that a particular child's talents are a relevant factor in determining whether an **expense** for an **extracurricular activity** is extraordinary. [...]

COMMENTARY: There are many sorting options. In this example we will choose Sort by Most Cited.

Mission Accomplished!

All CanLII (127) **Cases (5)** Legislation (0) Commentary (0) My Documents

British Columbia ▾ BCCA ▾ Any date ▾ Clear filters Most cited first ▾ ☰ ▾ ☐ ▾ 📡

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1. [Hsieh v. Lui](#), 2017 BCCA 51 (CanLII)
Court of Appeal for British Columbia — British Columbia
2017-01-31 | 23 pages | cited by [35 documents](#)
lump sum spousal support — cost of a nanny — gift — mortgage — income

[...] The former included the appropriate division of family debts and assets, the quantum of spousal support payable to Ms. Lui, the validity of the Mortgage, and whether the cost of a nanny is an appropriate shared expense under **s. 7** of the Guidelines . [...] (f) extraordinary **expenses** for **extracurricular activities**. [65] An order for contribution to special and extraordinary **s. 7** expenses is discretionary. [...] Nor can the nanny/housekeeper’s services be characterized as “extraordinary **expenses** for **extracurricular activities**” (**s. 7(1)** (f)). [...]

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COMMENTARY: If you are interested in learning more about how to search in CanLII effectively we recommend visiting <https://www.canlii.org/en/info/search.html> for more tips and tricks!