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## THE REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS IN CANADA

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The Regulation of Professions in Canada is the only work which provides a comprehensive synthesis of the law relating to the regulation of professions in Canada, particularly as it applies to the issues of discipline and licensing. This work reviews both the legislative framework — federally, provincially and constitutionally — and the significant body of case law that interprets this subject.

## What's New in This Update

This release features updates to Case Digests, Appendix B – Governing Statutes and Professional Bodies and Appendix IF – Issues in Focus.

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## **Highlights**

**APPENDIX IF. ISSUES IN FOCUS**—Social media has proven to be a broadly-accessible platform for sharing content instantaneously, and on a global scale. For professionals, it can also serve as a too-convenient method for potentially running afoul of regulatory parameters touching upon advertising, professionalism in communication, constraints on off-duty conduct, and similar concerns. The interplay between professional regulation and the use (or misuse) of all type of social media is a nascent legal issue. Although the case law to-date has been scant, this memo addresses some of the current developments in this area, largely through illustrative rulings by disciplinary committees.