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## THE LAW OF DOMESTIC CONFLICT IN CANADA

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This resource covers the complex intersection of family law, civil law and criminal law in cases of domestic violence, balancing substantive law and the practice of law. The work covers topics such as evidentiary issues in criminal proceedings, sentencing principles, common offences such as assault, uttering threats, and stalking and defences advanced such as self-defence and provocation.

This release updates Chapter 5, Children and Domestic Conflict.

## **Highlights**

In DB v. Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society (CYFSA s.120), 2023 CFSRB 46 (Child and Family Services Review Board) the CRSRB held that the Windsor-Essex Children's Society wrongly failed to inform the father of the child of their findings regarding his concern that the child had been exposed to domestic conflict resulting in behavioural changes, holding that the: "Respondent ought to have taken further steps to address the Applicant's concern regarding the impact of domestic violence on the Child and the changes in his behaviour to assure the Applicant that his concerns were taken seriously and investigated thoroughly."

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