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The Ontario Family Law Act Manual, Second Edition is a comprehensive and efficient working tool to help keep up with the changes in the law and the body of case law that follows. With this resource, you can have access to immediate answers to day-to-day issues that arise in your practice. Divided into clearly defined sections, you can get all the support you need to handle your case with confidence and the substantial case law provides backup whenever and wherever you need it.

What's New in this Update:

This release features updates to Chapter 2 (Part I Family Property), Chapter 3 (Part II Matrimonial Home), Chapter 4 (Part III Support Obligations), Chapter 5 (Part IV Domestic Contracts) and Chapter 9 (Child Support Guidelines).

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Highlights

- The court can order a party to continue to make mortgage payments: *Proc v. Proc* (1992), 42 R.F.L. (3d) 418 (Ont. Gen. Div.); *S. M. v. H. R.*, 2024 ONSC 4639 (Ont. S.C.J.). See § 2:167 Types of Orders.
- The court may not, however, cancel a designation that a property is a matrimonial home unless it is certain, on the evidence, that the property is not a matrimonial home: *Kim v. Lee*, 2024 ONSC 4788(Ont. S.C.J.). See § 3:30 Cancellation.
- The care that a parent gives to a child does not constitute a "reward for past services". That care may be part of the evidence to demonstrate adverse economic consequences flowing from the provision of such care: *Baroudi v. Young*, 2024 ONSC 4425 (Ont. S.C.J.). See § 4:69, Clause (i) Care for Child.