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<p>SUPREME COURT OF CANADA MANUAL Practice and Advocacy Eugene Meehan, Q.C., Thomsas Slade Marie-France Major and Cory Giordano Release No. 2, November 2024</p>

This publication provides an in-depth look at practice and procedure at the Supreme Court of Canada. The authors include a former Executive Legal Officer to Chief Justice Lamer and a former law clerk to LaForest, and collectively as lawyers, they have worked on hundreds of Supreme Court matters as either counsel or agent. Intended to be a comprehensive research and working tool for practitioners, the book brings readers through each step of the process beginning with applying for leave to appeal. In doing so, it offers a substantive view of the law along with practical guidance on the issues that can arise in the leave to appeal and appeal process. Designed to be a primary source of the statute and case law with respect to practice at the Supreme Court, the text also includes important legislation, rules, guidelines, forms and practice directions.

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The book also contains a “Year in Review” annual survey of all the law from the Supreme Court including appeal judgments, oral judgments, significant motions and leaves to appeal granted. Subscribers will appreciate the analysis of the leading cases, their practical implications for practitioners, and the identification of emerging issues.

What’s New in this Update:

The Supreme Court of Canada continues to release its own Year in Review which provides an overview of the Court’s activity in the prior year. We examine the statistical changes seen with respect to the number of leave applications filed and granted, the jurisdictional origin of S.C.C. matters, and as-of-right appeals. In May, 2024, amendments to the *Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada* were published in the *Canada Gazette* and came into force on June 3, 2024. We look at all the changes and highlight the ones that will impact the practice at the Court the most. Most importantly, the Rules now include reference to the electronic filing portal and filing fees have been eliminated. There have also been changes affecting costs that can be claimed, particularly with respect to the preparation of electronic documents. The *Guidelines for Preparing Documents to be filed with the Supreme Court of Canada (Print and Electronic)* have also been updated along with Notices to the Profession. We continue to see the practice regarding interventions evolve at the Court. More and more we are seeing the Court reject potential interveners. We look at some of the most recent orders in this regard to see the reasons why motions to intervene are being dismissed.

Highlights:

- **2023 Statistics** — The Supreme Court of Canada has released its 2023 Year in Review. We take a look at the Court’s statistics over the past 10 years.
- **Update to the Rules & Guidelines** — Amendments to the *Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada* came into force on June 3, 2024, and apply to all cases, including filings as of that date in any ongoing cases. Changes include incorporating the electronic filing portal into the Rules and eliminating filing fees.
- **Evolving Intervention Practice** — The Court’s practice with respect to interventions continues to change significantly. We look at a number of instances where the court has dismissed motions to intervene.