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| <p><b>FAMILY LAW IN ONTARIO</b><br/><b>Michael G. Cochrane and Ruth Kalnitsky Roth</b><br/><b>Release No. 2, May 2026</b></p> |
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This release includes updates to Appendix IF (Issues in Focus), Appendix SLL (Select Legal Literature) and Appendix WPJ (Words and Phrases).

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## What's New in this Update:

This release includes updates to the following appendices:

### Highlights

- Appendix IF. Issues in Focus includes 8 updated legal memos, as noted below.
- **Appendix IF: Issues in Focus**
  - § IF:3 — What entitlement does a mortgagee have to costs on a motion for payment of principal and interest in an amount higher than what is erroneously reflected in the charge registered on title? – Ontario - Updated Date: August 1, 2025
  - § IF:15. What is the difference between divorce and annulment, and when can a marriage be annulled? Alberta; British Columbia; Federal; Manitoba; New Brunswick; Newfoundland and Labrador; Northwest Territories; Nova Scotia; Nunavut; Ontario; Prince Edward Island; Saskatchewan; Yukon- May 1, 2025
  - § IF:16 — When will a court allow costs awards to be set-off in family law proceedings? – Alberta; British Columbia; Nova Scotia; Ontario - Updated Date: May 1, 2025
  - § IF:19 — How have courts dealt with costs in child custody cases? Ontario - Updated Date: April 1, 2025
  - § IF:20. Where spouses lived together as common law spouses prior to their marriage, what impact, if any, does that time have on equalization of net family property and spousal support liability upon marriage breakdown? Ontario - November 1, 2025
  - § IF:27. How is a court likely to treat an application by grandparents for the custody of their grandchild under s. 21 of the *Children's Law Reform Act*? Ontario – July 1, 2025
  - § IF:30. What are some current cases on the issue of how the court exercises its discretion when determining the quantum of child support owed by payors who make over \$1 million per year? Federal; Ontario - July 1, 2024
  - § IF:31. What factors should the court look at in assessing credibility of a child witness? Federal - November 1, 2024