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**VULNERABLE PERSONS:
PROTECTION AND REMEDIES IN CANADA**
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This reference work guides the practitioner through all aspects of law and practice related to vulnerable persons in Canada. This book is the first Canadian legal text on this subject, and is conveniently organized so the user can quickly access the legal remedies available for the protection of persons in vulnerable circumstances in the common law provinces of Canada. The four types of vulnerable persons are discussed in this book and organized by chapter: youths who fall outside the scope of child protection laws and adults who suffered child abuse, spouses, the elderly, and medical patients and persons with disabilities.

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What's New in this Update:

This release includes updates to Chapter 4: Protection of the Elderly and Remedies and Appendix Words & Phrases.

Highlights:

Chapter 4: Protection of the Elderly and Remedies—The court requires rigorous evidence to qualify a litigant as a vulnerable person. Characterizing a 61-year-old defendant in an action by the Bank of Montreal, to recover money lent to fund ongoing business operations as an old age pensioner in receipt of CPP benefits, thereby implying status as a vulnerable person, did not qualify the defendant as a vulnerable person per se. *Bank of Montreal v. 0842729 BC Ltd.*, 2025 BCSC 684 (B.C. S.C.), affirmed, 2026 BCCA 96 (B.C. C.A.).

Appendix WP: Words & Phrases—This appendix has been reviewed and updated and includes the following new entry:

**Family
Ontario**

. . . It is impossible to adhere to those traditional notions of family and parent for children who are involved in the child protection system and unable to return to the care of their parent. For those children, “family” will be those individuals in whose care the child feels safe, secure and confident that the relationship will endure, regardless of missteps or conflict. For those children, their “parent” will be that individual who will care for them emotionally and physically, make decisions for them, be their advocate, love them unconditionally, support their development and help them reach their full potential. *The Children’s Aid Society of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo v. H.P.* (2025), 2025 CarswellOnt 10370, 2025 ONSC 3731 (Ont. S.C.J.) at para. 71 Tweedie J.