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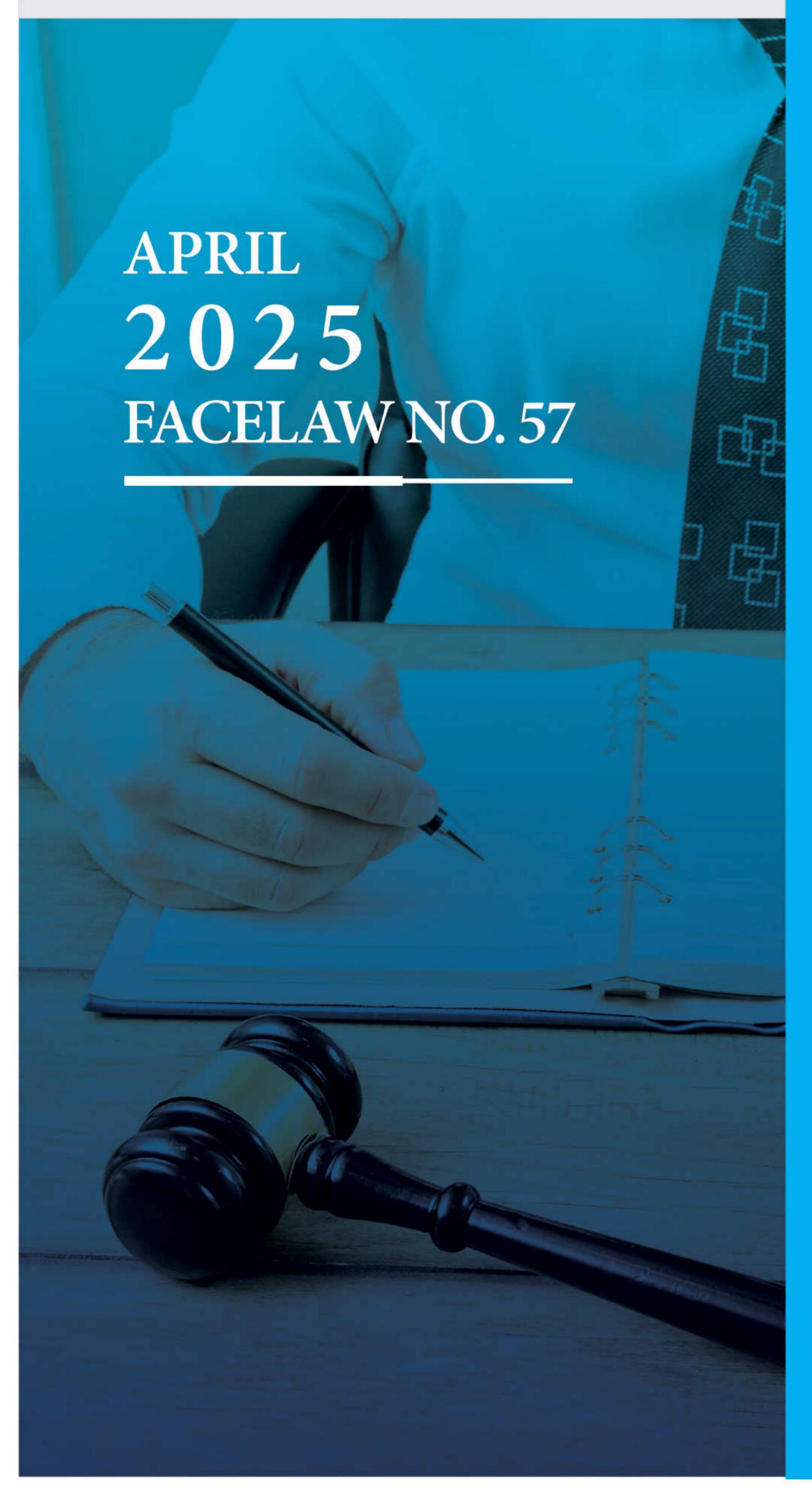


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Understanding Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury and Its Causes

A traumatic spinal cord injury is a devastating condition that can change a person's life in an instant. This type of injury occurs when the spinal cord sustains damage, leading to a range of complications from minor sensory issues to full paralysis. While car accidents are the most common cause, numerous other incidents can result in spinal cord trauma. Below, we explore what constitutes a spinal cord injury and the major causes behind it.



What Is a Spinal Cord Injury?

The spinal cord is a crucial part of the nervous system, serving as the main communication pathway between the brain and the rest of the body. It is protected by the vertebrae, which form the spinal column. When an injury occurs, the effects can vary greatly depending on the severity and location of the damage. Symptoms can range from mild tingling or

numbness in the limbs to complete loss of mobility and sensation below the site of injury. In severe cases, a spinal cord injury may lead to permanent disability. Given the potential consequences, seeking immediate medical attention is critical after any suspected spinal cord trauma.

Leading Causes of Spinal **Cord Injuries**

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Car accidents remain the leading cause of spinal cord injuries, as confirmed by the Canadian Spinal Cord Injury Foundation. High impact collisions often result in direct trauma to the spine, which can cause severe damage. Several factors contribute to these accidents, including:

- Distracted driving
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Speeding or reckless driving
- Failure to use seat belts

Taking proper safety precautions, such as wearing a seat belt and avoiding distractions while driving, can significantly reduce the risk of injury.

Slips, Trips, and Falls

Falls are another major contributor to spinal cord injuries, particularly among older adults. A simple misstep on an uneven surface or a slip on ice can lead to severe spinal trauma. Workplace falls, stairway accidents, and even falls from heights in construction or industrial settings are also frequent causes. Preventative measures like installing handrails, wearing appropriate footwear, and maintaining a safe environment can help mitigate these risks.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Accidents

Pedestrian and bicycle related incidents also account for a significant number of spinal cord injuries. Statistics from the Canadian Spinal Cord Injury and Research Network indicate that in a single year,

approximately 1,800 spinal cord injuries were the result of pedestrian and bicycle collisions. These accidents often occur due to driver negligence, lack of proper road infrastructure, or failure to wear protective gear such as helmets.

Workplace Injuries

Many spinal cord injuries take place in workplace settings, particularly in physically demanding industries like construction and manufacturing. According to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, over 1,300 work related spinal cord injuries were reported in a single year. Common workplace hazards include:

- Falls from scaffolding or ladders
- Slips on wet or uneven surfaces
- Heavy objects falling on workers
- Malfunctioning equipment or defective machinery

Employers and workers can take steps to minimize risks by adhering to safety regulations, using proper protective gear, and following workplace safety protocols.

A traumatic spinal cord injury can have life altering consequences, often affecting mobility, independence, and overall quality of life. While accidents are sometimes unavoidable, understanding the major causes and taking appropriate safety measures can help reduce the risk. If you or a loved one has suffered a spinal cord injury due to someone else's negligence, seeking legal guidance can be crucial in obtaining the necessary support and compensation.







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Estate planning is essential to ensuring that your final wishes are respected, and that your loved ones are taken care of after your passing. In Ontario, understanding the complexities of estate administration and probate is crucial for both the estate trustee as well as the beneficiaries. Whether you are in the process of planning your estate, administering an estate as an estate trustee, or dealing with a probate matter, having a clear understanding of the processes involved can alleviate some of the stress and confusion during what can be an emotionally challenging time.

Understanding Estate Administration and the Role of Estate Trustees

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When someone passes away, their estate must be administered according to their wishes, as outlined in their Will or estate plan, or in accordance with Ontario law as set out in the Succession Law Reform Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.26. Estate administration involves validating the deceased person's Will (if one exists), managing their assets, paying any debts or taxes owed, and distributing the remaining assets to beneficiaries. This process is complex, and the individual appointed as estate trustee plays a key role in overseeing and completing these

tasks. Estate trustees, who are typically named in the deceased's Will, must understand Ontario's laws on succession, interpret the Will's provisions, and ensure compliance with relevant legal requirements. In many cases, estate trustees have little experience with these responsibilities and legal requirements, and the process can be overwhelming. That is where estate lawyers (also referred to as probate lawyer) step in, offering expertise and guidance throughout the estate administration process.

What is Probate and Why is it Important?

Probate is the legal process through which a deceased person's Will is validated by the court, and an estate trustee is officially appointed to manage the estate. Probate is essential for ensuring that the deceased's assets are distributed according to their wishes and that any outstanding debts and taxes are settled.

In Ontario, probate is initiated with the filing of an application for a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee with the relevant court. This document grants the estate trustee the legal authority to act on behalf of the deceased and manage their affairs. Probate is not required for all estates, but it is often necessary to ensure that the estate is properly administered and that all legal requirements are met.



> Two Types of Probate

The probate process can differ depending on whether the deceased had a valid Will or not. Here are the two types of probate:

> Probate Without a Will (Intestate Estate)

When someone dies without a Will, their estate is considered intestate. The probate process for an intestate estate is more complex and may require additional legal steps, such as:

- Identifying the heirs of the deceased and determining their entitlements;
- > Filing a bond to secure the value of the estate;
- > Requesting the court to appoint an administrator;
- ➤ Obtaining a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee without a Will.;
- Notifying creditors and paying any outstanding debts;
- Distributing the remaining assets according to the laws of intestate succession as set out in the Succession Law Reform Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.26.

> Probate With a Will

Where there is a valid Will, the probate process is more straightforward. The Will typically names an estate trustee or executor, who is responsible for carrying out the deceased's wishes. However, even with a Will, the estate trustee may still require the assistance of a probate lawyer to:

- > File the probate application along with the Will with the relevant Ontario Superior Court of Justice;
- > Obtain a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee with a Will;
- Collect assets and pay any outstanding debts;
- > Distribute assets to beneficiaries according to the terms of the Will;
- > Applications for clearance certificates from the Canada Revenue Agency.

➤ The Role of a Probate Lawyer in Estate Administration

An estate lawyer is an essential resource during the probate process. Whether the estate involves a Will or is intestate, a probate lawyer helps ensure that the estate is administered correctly and that the deceased's wishes are honored. Probate lawyers, also known as estate administration lawyers, assist in a variety of tasks, including:

Providing Legal Advice: Estate lawyers offer guidance on navigating the legal complexities of probate, helping estate trustees understand their responsibilities and avoid potential pitfalls which could lead to disputes with the beneficiaries.

Handling Legal Documentation: An estate lawyer ensures that all required documents are filed with the court and that the estate is legally validated. This includes applying for and obtaining the Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee, filing the Will, and other documents required by Ontario law and the court to issue the required Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee with a Will.

Resolving Disputes: Disputes often arise among family members or beneficiaries during the probate process. An estate lawyer can help resolve conflicts and ensure that the estate is distributed according to the law.

Minimizing Taxes and Fees: The probate process can involve significant taxes and fees. A skilled estate lawyer can help to minimize these costs, ensuring that as much of the estate as possible is preserved for the beneficiaries.

Ensuring Timely Distribution: An estate lawyer works to ensure that beneficiaries receive their entitled share of the estate in a timely manner, in accordance to the wishes of the deceased and Ontario law.

➤ Key Services for Estate Trustees and Executors

The role of the estate trustee is pivotal in ensuring that the estate is administered properly. An estate lawyer can assist with the following:

Interpreting the Will or Trust: Estate lawyers help estate trustees interpret any ambiguities or unclear terms in the Will, ensuring that the deceased's intentions are fulfilled.

Estate Probate Applications: Estate lawyers assist with filing the probate application, including the preparation and submission of all necessary forms and supporting documents to the court.

Estate Trustee Compensation: Estate trustees are entitled to reasonable compensation for their

services. Estate lawyer can assist in determining fair compensation and assist with the passing of accounts.

Asset Distribution: Distributing assets to beneficiaries can be complex, especially if there are multiple parties involved. An estate lawyer ensures that the distribution is handled properly and that all legal requirements are met.

Estate Litigation: In cases where disputes arise, an estate lawyer can provide legal representation in estate litigation matters, helping to resolve conflicts efficiently and in accordance with the law.

Tax Compliance: estate lawyer can assist in obtaining clearance certificates from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to ensure that all taxes are paid before the estate is distributed.

When Should You Hire an Estate Lawyer in Ontario?

It is advisable to hire a estate lawyer if you are:

- ➤ An estate trustee or administrator needing assistance and guidance through the probate process;
- ➤ A beneficiary seeking clarity on your rights and entitlements;
- Planning your estate and need help with creating a Will, trust, or power of attorney; or
- ➤ Involved in a dispute related to the administration of an estate.

CONCLUSION

Estate planning and probate administration in Ontario require careful attention to legal details and procedures. Whether you are an estate trustee managing the estate of a loved one, or a beneficiary trying to understand your rights, it is crucial to have a knowledgeable estate lawyer by your side to guide you through the process.





Slip and fall accidents can happen in an instant but leave lasting consequences. If you've been injured due to unsafe conditions on municipal or private property, acting quickly is crucial. Ontario law sets strict deadlines for notifying the responsible parties, and missing them could mean losing your right to seek compensation. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself.

Falling on Municipal Property? Act Fast!

If you slip and fall on city owned property such as sidewalks, roads, public parks, or government buildings you must provide written notice to the municipality within 10 days of the accident.

This requirement, outlined in section 44(10) of the Municipal Act, 2001, ensures that the city has an opportunity to investigate and address potential hazards. Your notice should include essential details such as:

- Date and time of the accident
- **Exact location**
- **Brief description of what happened**

Miss the deadline? Your claim may be barred completely, meaning you lose your right to seek compensation. The only way to proceed with a late claim is if you can demonstrate a valid reason for the delay and show that the municipality was not disadvantaged by receiving notice late. Courts apply these rules strictly, so time is of the essence don't wait to take action.

Injured on Private Property?

You Have 60 Days

If your accident occurred on private property, such as a shopping mall, restaurant, parking lot, or private residence, the timeline is different. Under Bill 118, you must provide written notice within 60 days of the incident. This notice should be sent to the property owner, occupier, or their representative and must include key details about the accident.

Failing to meet this deadline could prevent you from filing a claim unless you can prove a compelling reason for the delay.

How to Properly Serve Notice

For both municipal and private property claims, the notice must be in writing and served:

- Personally (hand delivered) or
- Via registered mail (with proof of delivery)

Keeping a record of the delivery is crucial to avoid disputes over whether the notice was received. A lawyer can help ensure your notice is properly drafted and served, minimizing the risk of procedural issues that could affect your claim.



Why Deadlines Matter and the Consequences of Missing Them

Legal deadlines for reporting slip and fall accidents exist for several reasons:

- They ensure timely investigations so property owners and municipalities can assess the alleged hazard.
- They help preserve critical evidence, such as security footage, witness accounts, and maintenance logs.
- They prevent fraudulent or exaggerated claims by requiring prompt reporting.

Failing to provide timely notice can have serious legal consequences. If you miss the 10 day municipal deadline or the 60 day private property deadline, the property owner or municipality can argue that your claim should be dismissed outright. Courts are generally strict about enforcing these deadlines, and failure to provide notice can serve as a complete bar to your claim, meaning you lose your right to seek compensation.

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However, in limited circumstances, courts may grant exceptions if you can prove that:

- You had a legitimate reason for the delay (e.g., being physically or mentally incapacitated due to your injuries).
- The delay did not prejudice the defendant (e.g., the municipality or property owner still had a reasonable opportunity to investigate and address the hazard).

Even if an exception is possible, proving these factors is difficult and requires strong legal arguments and evidence. That's why it's critical to act quickly and seek legal guidance as soon as possible.





Common Types of Cross Border Injuries

By: Jessica Golosky

Traffic Accidents Are a Leading Cause of Death - Injury

Cars are a popular form of transportation for any outing, whether a day trip or a **two week** vacation. Road traffic accidents are one of the leading causes of injury and death worldwide. **Forbes** found that there were more than 5.2 million collisions on American roadways alone in 2020. The World Health Organization states that there were 1.35 million road traffic deaths globally in 2016, "with millions more sustaining serious injuries and living with long term adverse health consequences."

Globally, road traffic crashes are a leading cause of death among young people, and the main cause of death among those aged 15 - 29 years.



Many Hazards Face Travellers.

Being hurt while driving or as a passenger in a vehicle is not the only concern for those crossing the border into the U.S. Every year, pedestrians and cyclists also suffer injuries that can be life altering through no fault of their own.

Slip and fall accidents are a common occurrence and can easily disrupt a vacation.

People are routinely injured while enjoying their vacation, experiencing near drownings while swimming or boating, or spinal injuries from diving. Some will suffer lacerations or broken bones while playing sports or enjoying recreational activities such as hiking or cycling. Unsanitary conditions at a resort or hotel can also lead to illness.

Travellers can also fall victim to the violent behaviour of others. Assault, including **sexual assault,** physical assault, or emotional or psychological abuse

Have a Plan While Travelling

Do you know the rules of the road for the area you are visiting? Have you checked weather reports and traffic advisories, you should plan to change drivers at regular intervals and take rest breaks. Carrying a first aid kit in your car is also a good idea. If you are renting a car while on vacation, take the time to familiarize yourself with the vehicle. If you are walking in a new city or hiking in unfamiliar territory, take a friend or family member with you.

Check Your Insurance Coverage

If you are driving with valid Ontario automobile insurance coverage, you will have similar protection if you get into an accident in the U.S. as you would in Ontario. It does not matter who was at fault or if the driver who caused the accident is under-insured or has no coverage at all.

If you are involved in a collision with an at fault underinsured driver in Ontario and your damages exceed that driver's coverage, you are entitled to make a claim against your insurance provider under your third party liability limits to make up the difference. That applies if the accident occurs in the U.S. as well.

Medical care in the U.S. can be extremely expensive, so it is important to also consider additional healthcare insurance coverage when traveling, even for a short trip.



What Happens After an Accident?

You may be able to make an insurance claim against the negligent party after an accident. Depending on the nature of your injury and the insurance coverage available, you may be entitled to emergency medical benefits, medical and rehabilitation benefits, income replacement, replacement of lost personal items, refunds of unused travel related purchases, death and funeral benefits along with survivor benefits.

You may also be able to file a lawsuit seeking compensation from those who are responsible for your injury. This could cover damages for medical expenses, past and future lost income, and damages such as for pain, suffering and loss of enjoyment of life. It is vital to contact a personal injury lawyer as quickly as possible after an accident to ensure that you preserve your rights.



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Understanding your tax obligations when selling a property in Canada can be complicated, but knowing the key rules can help you make smarter decisions. Here's a breakdown of the important tax rules you should be aware of:

ACapital Gains Tax

When you sell a property in Canada, you may be subject to capital gains tax. As of now, the general rule is that 50% of the capital gain is included in your taxable income. This means if you sell a property and make a profit, half of that profit will be added to your income for the year and taxed at your marginal tax rate.

The Canadian government has proposed an increase in the inclusion rate for capital gains exceeding \$250,000 to 66.67%, which was set to take effect on June 25, 2024. However, this change has been postponed until January 1, 2026.

Anti Flipping Rules

Starting January 1, 2023, Canada introduced new anti flipping rules to discourage quick property resales for profit. If you sell a property you've owned for less than 12 months, any profit will be fully taxed as business income. This is different from capital gains tax, where only 50% of the profit is taxable. With these new rules, 100% of the profit is subject to tax, classifying short term property flipping as business income.

However, there are exceptions to this rule. If you sell a property within a year due to major life events like death, divorce, or serious illness, your profit may not be classified as business income. These exceptions are considered on a case by case basis, and the CRA has been known to audit and reassess taxpayers, resulting in legal disputes where sellers must prove their eligibility for an exemption.

1 Deemed Dispositions

A deemed disposition occurs when the government treats your property as sold, even if it hasn't been. This can happen under several circumstances, including:

▲ Change of Use: If you convert a rental property into a personal residence or vice versa, the property is deemed to be sold at its fair market value.

Emigration: If you move out of Canada, you are considered to have disposed of your property at its fair market value.

✓ Gifting: When you gift a property to someone, it is deemed to be sold at its fair market value.

Transfer After Death: Upon death, your property is deemed to be sold at its fair market value, unless it is transferred to a spouse or common law partner.

In some cases, a deferral of capital gains tax may be possible:

Change of Use: If you convert a property from a principal residence to a rental property or vice versa, you can elect under section 45(2) or 45(3) of the Income Tax Act to defer the capital gains tax. This election allows you to postpone the tax liability until you actually sell the property. However, to qualify, you must meet certain conditions, such as not claiming capital cost allowance (CCA) while the property during the period it was used as a rental.

Transfer After Death: If a property is passed to a spouse or common law partner after death, capital gains tax is deferred. The tax only applies when the surviving spouse sells the property or passes away. This allows assets to transfer between spouses without an immediate tax bill.

These events can trigger capital gains taxes based on the property's deemed sale value. Understanding these deferral options can help you plan for potential tax liabilities and take advantage of tax saving opportunities where applicable.

Additional Considerations

A Principal Residence Exemption: If the property you are selling is your principal residence, you may be eligible for the principal residence exemption, which can significantly reduce or eliminate the capital gains tax. To qualify, the property must have been your primary place of residence for each year you owned it.

A Reporting Requirements: When you sell a property, you must report the sale on your income tax return. Failure to report the sale can result in penalties and interest charges. Ensure you keep detailed records of the purchase price, selling price, and any expenses related to the sale, such as legal fees and real estate commissions.



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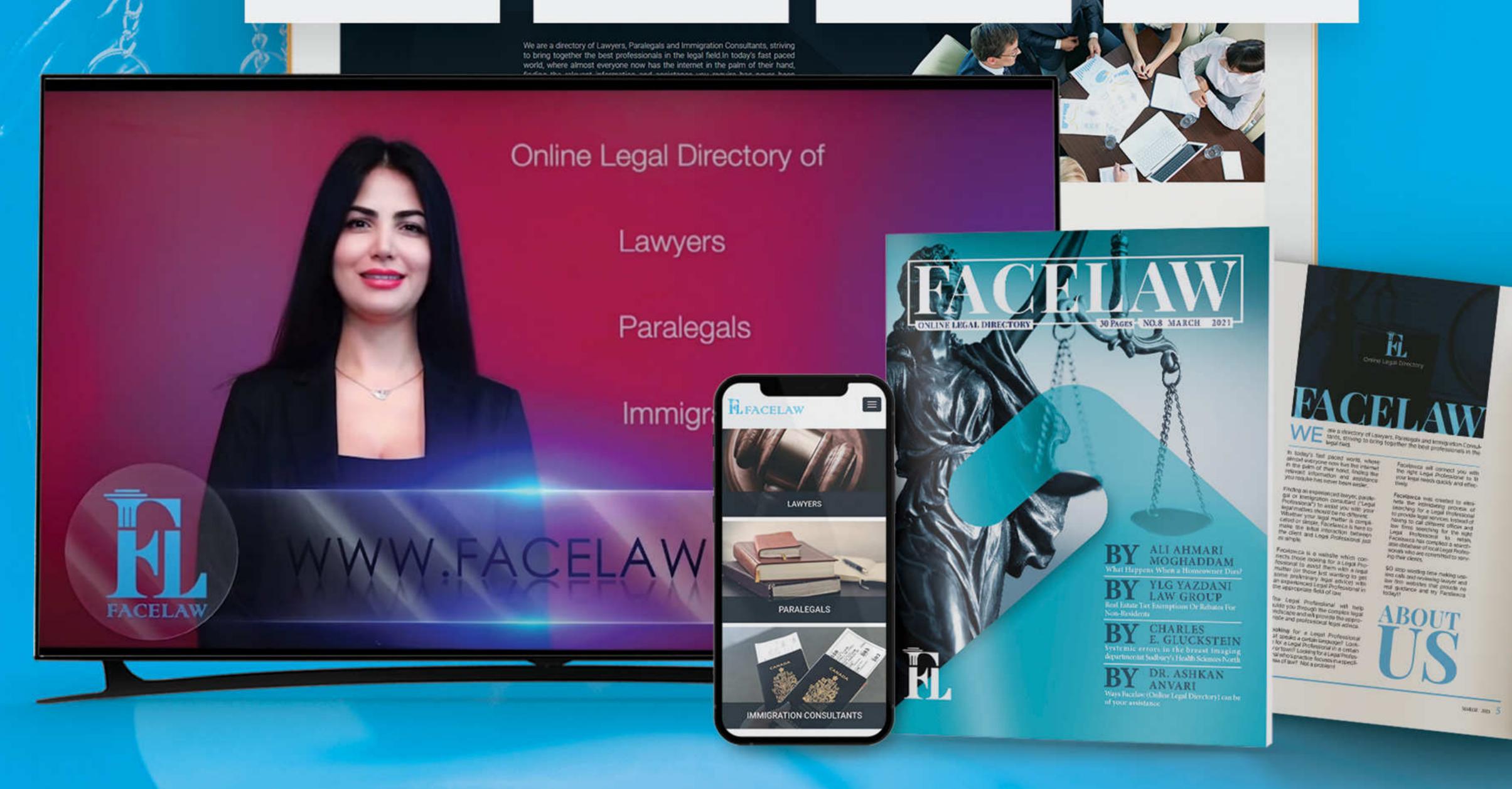












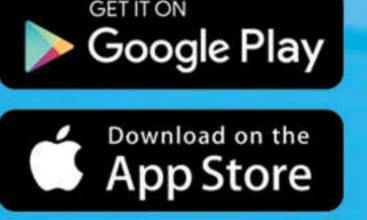
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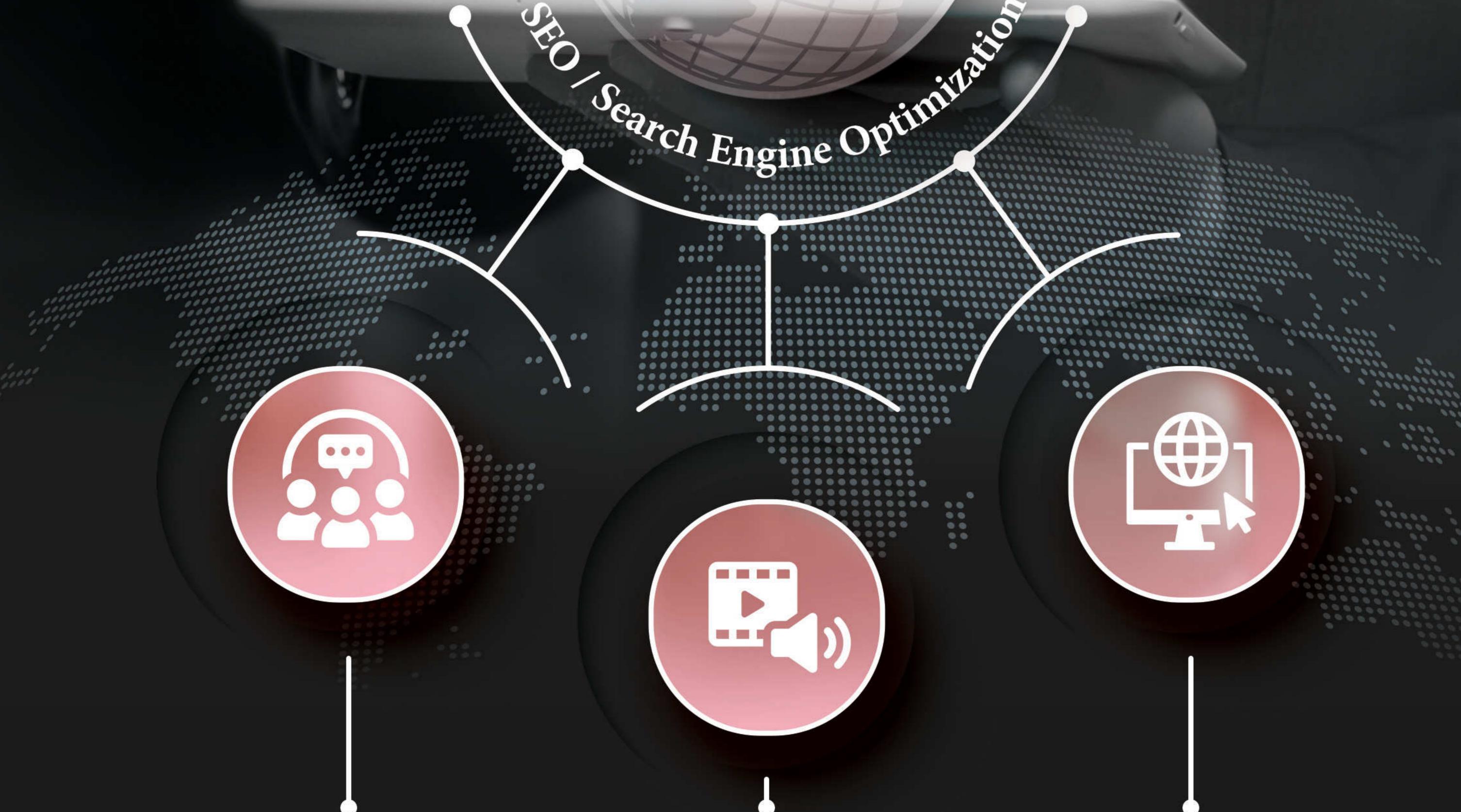
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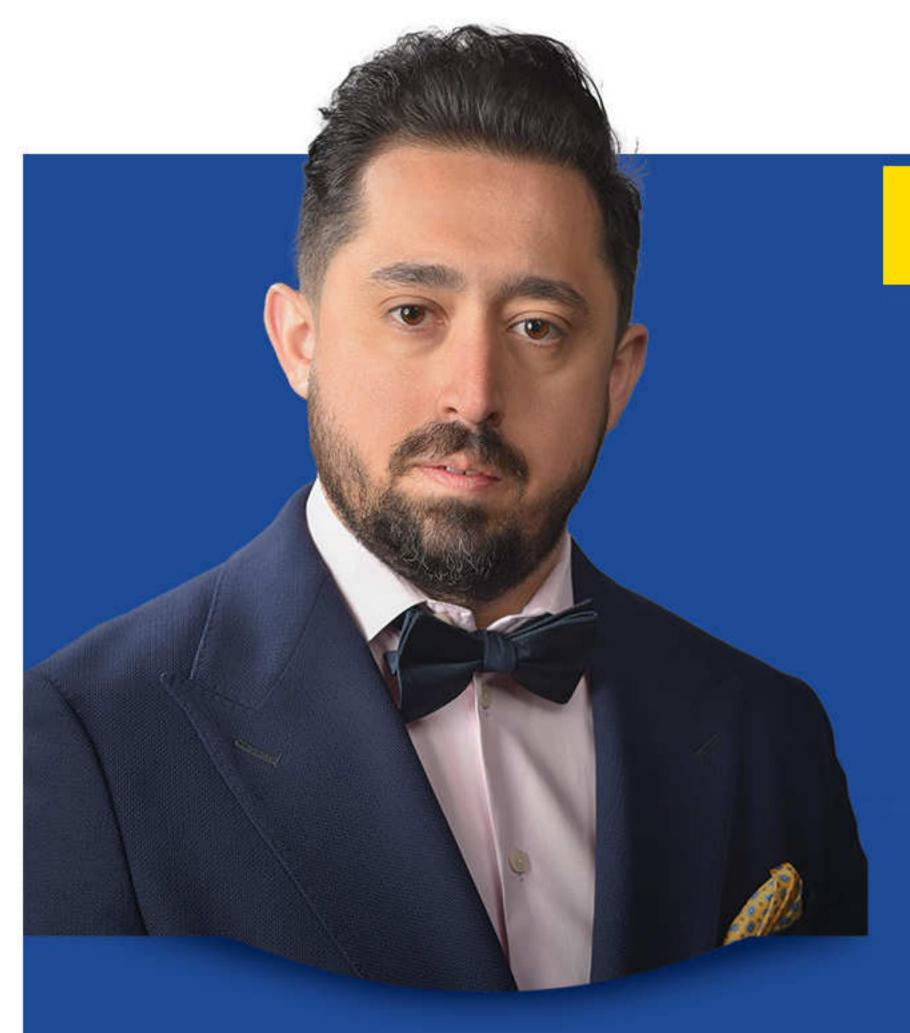
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Spousal support in Canada, commonly referred to as "Spousal Support," is a significant aspect of family law that involves one spouse providing financial assistance to the other following separation or divorce. The primary aim of this support is to alleviate economic hardship for the spouse who finds themselves in a financially weaker position. This concept applies not only to legally married couples but also to those in "common law" relationships, where partners live together without formal marriage, provided certain legal conditions are met.

The calculation of spousal support in Canada hinges on several factors, which are considered either by courts or through private agreements between the spouses. One of the most critical factors is the income of both parties. Typically, the spouse with the higher income is responsible for making payments, and the absence of income for one spouse can significantly influence the outcome. The length of the relationship also plays a key role; longer marriages or partnerships are more likely to result in extended or even permanent support arrangements. Additionally, the financial needs of the recipient and the

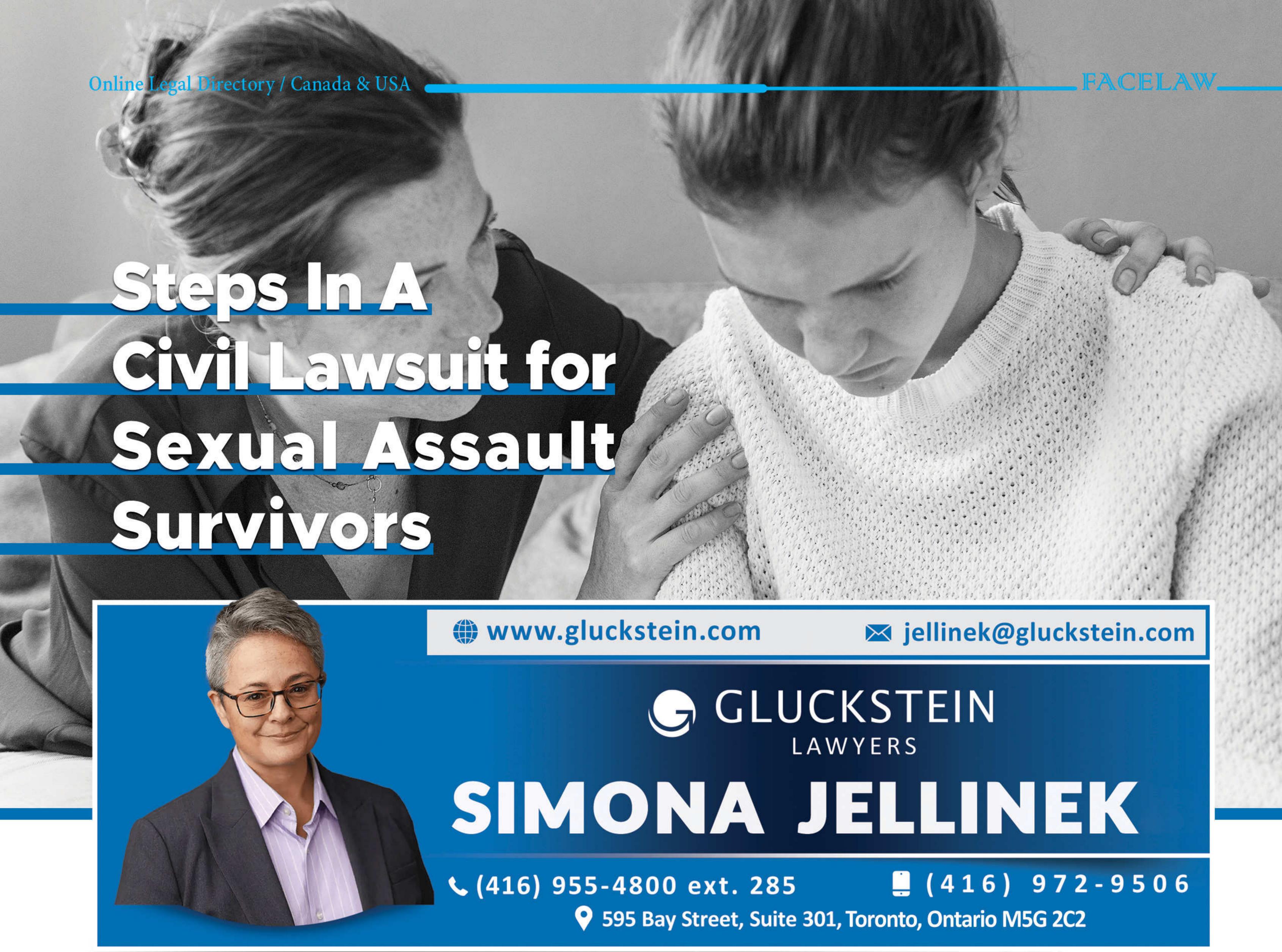
balance is struck.

The presence of children is another important consideration. When children are involved, priority is given to child support payments, after which spousal status and education of the spouses are final ruling. also relevant. For instance, if one spouse sacrificed career opportunities, such as Overall, calculating spousal support in Canada is a the amount or duration of support, particularly if advanced age or physical from being self sufficient.

payer's ability to provide support are To obtain spousal support in Canada, couples carefully assessed to ensure a fair have two main options. They can reach a mutual agreement with the assistance of a lawyer or mediator, outlining the terms of payment, as long as the agreement is fair and legally sound. Alternatively, if no consensus is reached, one spouse may approach the court, where a judge will review financial documents, support is evaluated. The employment testimonies, and living circumstances to make a

leaving a job to care for the family, and complex process tailored to the unique consequently fell behind professionally, circumstances of each couple. Factors such as this is taken into account. Furthermore, income, the duration of the relationship, financial the recipient's age and health can affect needs, the presence of children, and health conditions all contribute to the decision making process. The "Spousal Support Guidelines" or mental health issues prevent them serve as a helpful tool for judges and lawyers, promoting fairer and more consistent outcomes.





It's been said that "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." For many sexual assault survivors, that first step coming forward to tell your story is often one of the most critical, yet difficult to take.

66 The Initial Consultation Phase

You will have a chance to speak with our client intake specialist, who is a trained social worker. She will collect general information and listen to your story. She will then share your story with our team of sexual abuse lawyers. If we are able to help, she will arrange a time for one of our lawyers to speak with you. Not everyone has the option to sue civilly, and therefore it may not be necessary for lawyers to become involved. However, even if a civil lawsuit is not possible, our client intake specialist may be able to suggest other potential options.

During the initial lawyer call, we will go over your

options for civil justice. The primary way our lawyers can help you is by seeking compensation. If this option is right for you, our lawyers will discuss the steps necessary to get you a fair and just result and offer to represent you in a lawsuit if that's the path you choose.

66 The Investigation Phase

If you choose to proceed with a lawsuit, the next step will be for our team to investigate your claim.

The investigation phase starts by getting to know more about you and your life to date. Your lawyer and clerk will work with you to collect as much information about your life as we can, including having at least one long meeting with your lawyer for a life 'history interview'.

This process is not necessarily a "one and done"

discussion. Sometimes we will need to have a few discussions with you about your case and your life.

A lot of work must be done before starting a lawsuit. The investigation phase is a critical part of the justice process. It ensures you have all the evidence needed to strongly support your case.

66 The Case Review and Survivor's Decision

At the conclusion of the investigations phase, you decide how you wish to proceed.

To assist you in making your decision, the lawyer will assess the evidence collected and provide advice on whether there is enough strong evidence and whether your claim has a chance of success. In some cases, our opinion will be that the evidence is not strong enough to succeed in a lawsuit. If you choose to proceed with the lawsuit, we then move on the court process to seek compensation.

66 The Court Process

The court process required for a lawsuit has many steps. A lawsuit can take anywhere from 18 months to three years to complete from start to finish. The length of the case depends on a number of factors.

First, the lawsuit is started when your lawyer files a document with the court called the Statement of Claim. This process can take a few months, especially if the claim is for historical abuse.

Next, there will then be a period called "Discovery". In this step, the evidence collected by your lawyers is disclosed to the Defendants. The Defendants similarly must disclose all the evidence they have gathered.

In most cases, the parties will then attend a mediation before deciding if a trial is necessary. The vast majority of sexual assault cases are settled either at a mediation or before trial. Many of the remaining cases that go to trial settle prior to the court's judgment.



There are many steps between making initial contact with a sexual assault lawyer and finding your own personal sense of closure. The path is long but, if done right, it can lead you to a better place. And, you should rest assured that you don't have to walk this path alone.





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Practicing in family law with meaningful experience in all its aspects, I have represented over a thousand clients in issues ranging from custody and access, support issues, property division, and complex financial disputes.

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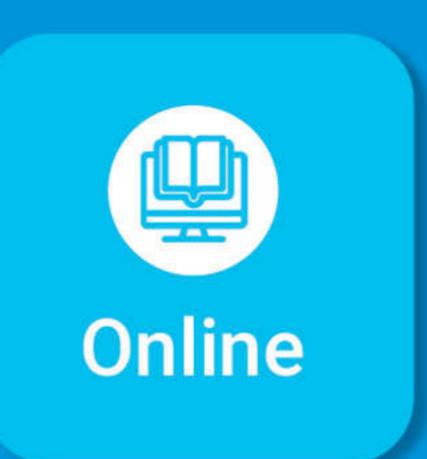
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Dear Messrs. Ahmari-Moghadam & Anvari,

As the Member of Parliament for Willowdale, I would like to take this opportunity to salute you for your efforts in publishing the Facelaw Online Legal Directory.

By providing legal guidance in Farsi and identifying experienced legal professionals that may assist clients navigate the intricacies of the law, you are undoubtedly promoting the welfare of numerous individuals within the Iranian-Canadian community, a development that is bound to be welcome by all.

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I appreciate Ali Ahmari-Moghaddam and Ashkan Anvari's effort and aspiration to make their platform and access to legal professionals easily accessible to more people, and I commend their spirit of innovation and inclusiveness.

Sincerely,

Majid Jowhari, MP Richmond Hill

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