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## The Importance of Maintaining a Corporate Minute Book

Incorporating a business, whether under the Ontario Business Corporations Act (OBCA) or the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA), is an important milestone in establishing a legal and operational structure. However, incorporation is only the beginning. Every corporation formed under either statute is legally required to maintain and regularly update certain corporate records. These records are typically compiled and stored in what is referred to as the Minute Book.

A Minute Book is the official record of the corporation's foundational and ongoing legal documents. It generally includes the Articles of Incorporation, corporate by laws, organizational resolutions, registers of directors, officers, and shareholders, share certificates, shareholder ledgers, copies of filed annual returns, and minutes of shareholder and director meetings or written resolutions. It may also include agreements between shareholders, financial statements, notices of change, and any corporate decisions made over time. These documents serve as the legal history and governance framework of the corporation and must be kept at the corporation's registered office or another location designated by the directors.

Maintaining a proper and up to date Minute Book is a legal obligation and also a practical necessity. In both Ontario and under federal law, failure to maintain the records required by the respective statute can result in compliance issues, administrative penalties, and even potential liability for directors. More practically, the absence of a complete and current Minute Book often becomes problematic when the corporation seeks to obtain financing, engage in tax planning, enter into commercial transactions, issue or transfer shares, or engage with potential investors or purchasers. Institutions such as banks, accountants, and lawyers routinely request to review a company's Minute Book when evaluating its legitimacy, structure, or decision making processes.

Both the OBCA and CBCA impose duties on corporations to keep their records current. Directors in particular have a fiduciary duty to ensure that the corporation complies with statutory requirements, including the maintenance of corporate records. Allowing the Minute Book to fall into disuse may be regarded as a failure of governance and, in serious cases, may undermine the validity of certain corporate acts or expose the corporation to unnecessary risk.

In recent years, changes to corporate transparency rules have introduced additional requirements that corporations must be aware of. Notably, under amendments to the CBCA that came into force on **June 13, 2019**, all federally incorporated companies are required to maintain a **Register of Individuals with Significant Control** (commonly referred to as an ISC Register). This register must identify any individual who owns, controls, or directs 25 percent or more of the corporation's shares, whether directly or indirectly, or who has the ability to exert significant influence over the corporation. The register must contain information such as the individual's name, address, date of birth, jurisdiction of tax residence, the manner in which control is held, and the date when such control was acquired or ceased. This register must be updated at least annually, and within 15 days of the corporation becoming aware of any change. Non compliance is an offence under the CBCA and may lead to penalties for both the corporation and its officers and directors.

While Ontario corporations are not currently subject to the same ISC Register requirement under the OBCA, the Ontario government has signalled its intent to adopt similar rules. As such, it is strongly advisable for Ontario corporations to begin tracking ownership information in a manner that would comply with federal standards, especially in cases where ownership is held through other corporations or trustees.

Another important but often overlooked area concerns the ownership of real estate. In Ontario, the OBCA expressly requires that corporations include a real property register in their Minute Book, detailing each parcel of real estate owned, its legal description, registry information, municipal address, acquisition and disposition dates, and supporting documentation such as deeds or transfers. Federally incorporated companies are also expected, based on statutory obligations to retain a register of land interests and guidance from Corporations Canada, to maintain similar records. In practical terms, the consequences of failing to maintain a Minute Book can be significant. Corporations that are unable to produce a current and complete Minute Book may face delays in closing transactions, difficulties proving ownership or governance authority, tax complications, and in some cases, legal exposure due to missing or improperly recorded decisions. Attempting to reconstruct a Minute Book years after the fact can be both costly and time consuming, and in many cases, it may not be possible to fully recover or verify the corporation's legal history. The obligation to maintain a Minute Book is not limited to larger corporations or public companies. Even closely held private corporations with a single shareholder must comply with these legal requirements. The law does not distinguish based on the size or complexity of the business. Every corporation, whether provincially or federally incorporated, is subject to the same statutory obligations.

If your corporation has undergone changes such as a new shareholder, change in officers or directors, issuance of new shares, change of registered address, or acquisition of real estate, these matters must be properly documented in the Minute Book. We encourage all corporate clients to review their records annually and to contact our office if assistance is required in bringing the Minute Book up to date or in understanding new legal requirements.





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## COMMON LEGAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT: **Bodily injuries caused by an accident**

### **What types of compensation can I claim after a motor vehicle accident in Ontario?**

You may be entitled to:

Medical and rehabilitation expenses

Pain and suffering

Housekeeping or caregiver expenses

Lost wages

Loss of enjoyment of life

Travel costs for treatment

### **Will my injury case automatically go to court in Ontario?**

Not necessarily. **Most cases are settled out of court** through negotiations with the insurer. Trial is usually a last resort.

### **What's the difference between minor and serious injuries in Ontario law?**

- **Minor injuries** (e.g. soft tissue damage) have limited benefits
- **Catastrophic injuries** (e.g. brain or spinal damage) qualify for much higher compensation and support

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## COMMON LEGAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT: **SPOUSAL SUPPORT**

### **How can I obtain more spousal support?**

To maximize spousal support, you must demonstrate the payor's ability to pay. You need to obtain full financial disclosure, undeclared cash income, undisclosed assets and income.

### **How can I pay less spousal support?**

To minimize spousal support, you may need to prove that your former spouse is self sufficient, has undeclared cash income or is residing with a new partner and sharing expenses.

### **Will my spouse stop paying spousal support if I remarry?**

Remarriage does not automatically terminate spousal support in Ontario. The court will consider whether the recipient's financial circumstances have changed significantly. Cohabitation or remarriage may be grounds for variation or termination, but it is not automatic.

### **Will I lose my right to spousal support if I cheated?**

No. Spousal support entitlement is not affected by marital misconduct such as adultery. The Divorce Act and Family Law Act are clear that support is based on need, entitlement, and ability to pay, not fault.

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## COMMON LEGAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT: **Family Divorce**

### What services does a family and divorce lawyer in Ontario provide?

A family and divorce lawyer in Ontario can assist with:

- Drafting contracts before and after marriage and divorce, including Prenup Agreements, Marriage Contracts, and Separation Agreements
- Divorce filings
- Division of property and assets
- Child custody and access
- Child and spousal support
- Court representation

### When should I consult a family and divorce lawyer in Ontario?

You should consider speaking with a lawyer if:

- You would like to learn more about your rights in your relationship — whether you are planning to get married, are already married and want to better understand your legal rights, or are considering separation and divorce
- Your spouse has filed for divorce
- You have concerns about custody or division of assets
- You need a legal agreement before or during separation
- Your relationship has broken down and reconciliation is no longer an option

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The term 'personal injury' often brings to mind the image of crutches, bandages and hospital visits. The visible injuries. However, some of the most severe, life-changing injuries are not visible, rather than appearing on an x-ray, they show up in your mind or mental state. The typical response to a car crash, slip and fall or other incident is of course physical recovery. Visiting the doctor, taking medication and surgery in the worst cases. The first question you will hear from friends or family would be to ask how your back is healing rather than how you're dealing with the situation mentally.

Weeks later, the victim of an injury may wake up in the middle of the night, heart pounding. The victim may avoid certain places, people or even sounds that remind them of the trauma caused by the accident. Loud noises could cause distress, focusing at work becomes difficult, and even cancelling plans with friends or becoming distant from people. All of these are potentially signs of a psychological injury. Namely in the form of conditions such as PTSD, depression, or anxiety which can all develop after a traumatic event. These conditions could limit your independence, damage relationships and make work difficult. Whether the injury is visible or not doesn't make it any less real or serious.

## The Legal Challenge

Ontario law allows you to claim compensation for psychological issues like the ones described. Although, they can be more difficult to prove than physical injuries. If you break a bone, tear a ligament, they will be visible through MRI or X-Ray scans, but this is not the case with PTSD or depression. No single test can 'prove' with certainty that you are hurt.

## When the Injury Is in Your Mind, Not Just Your Body



**Succeeding in one of these cases requires strong evidence;**

- **Reports from a specialist** such as a psychologist or psychiatrist
- **Detailed treatment records** through counselling or therapy
- **Statements from friends, family, or coworkers** describing a change in behaviour
- **Your own notes** linking your symptoms to the accident

The insurance companies know this is a lot of work for you, and they use that to their advantage. That way, they can offer you a small settlement quickly, before you've had time to see the full impact of your injury on your life.

Insurance companies may claim your psychological symptoms had nothing to do with the accident, or that they are temporary. Many victims will accept the insurance companies first offer to get it over with, only to later discover the settlement would not cover therapy, medication, or time off work.

Without pursuing legal aid, your claim will likely be undervalued or denied entirely.

## Your Next Steps to Build a Strong Claim

If you think you might have a psychological injury after an accident, here's how you can protect yourself and your case:

### 1. Get the right help early

Don't just tell your doctor you "feel stressed." Be specific. Describe nightmares, panic attacks, memory problems, or mood changes. Ask for a referral to a psychologist or psychiatrist who understands accident related trauma.

### 2. Keep a claim journal

Write down how your symptoms affect your life each day — trouble sleeping, missing work, avoiding certain places, or withdrawing from friends. Dates and details matter.

### 3. Let people around you know

Tell friends, family, and coworkers what you're going through. Their observations can later back up your claim.

### 4. Be careful with insurance calls

Even a casual "I'm fine" can be used against you. Until you have a lawyer, keep your answers short and factual.

### 5. Save every receipt

Therapy, medication, travel to appointments — these costs can be claimed, but only if you can prove them.

### 6. Notice patterns

If certain places, sounds, or situations trigger your symptoms, write them down. This helps show the connection between your accident and your injury.



## Why you should call us now

Building a psychological injury claim requires more than just paperwork. A solid case requires a detailed story about how your life has changed. That story must be constructed with evidence, expert opinions, and someone who knows how to deal with insurance companies that want to downplay your suffering for a convenient payout.

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## Summer Roadtrips and Auto Insurance

Summer is the perfect time to plan getaways, road trips, or visits to friends and family across Canada and beyond. If you are considering exploring neighboring Canadian provinces or heading to a U.S. destination, understanding your auto insurance coverage is essential.

### What You Need to Know Before Traveling

There are some important preparations to consider:

#### 1. Check Your Auto Insurance Coverage

Your Ontario Standard Auto Policy provides comprehensive protection for accidents that happen outside the province. This includes travel anywhere in Canada, the United States, and even while on a vessel between Canadian and American ports.

#### Your coverage will include:

- ☞ **Liability coverage in case you are at fault for an accident.**
- ☞ **Accident Benefits to cover medical expenses, rehabilitation, and income replacement, regardless of fault.**

It's important to note that if you're involved in an accident outside Ontario, your benefits will depend on the jurisdiction where the accident occurred.

#### 2. Prepare for Local Road Regulations

Each province or state may have its own driving laws, and it's a good idea to learn the basics before arriving. Common differences could include speed limits, rules around handheld devices, and requirements for specific insurance documentation.

#### 3. Roadside Assistance Considerations

If you have roadside assistance as part of your auto insurance or through membership programs like CAA, confirm that it extends to your planned destinations. Having backup support can be a lifesaver during long trips.

#### 4. Emergency Contact List

Ensure you have all necessary contact numbers, such as your insurance provider's claims department, roadside assistance, and local emergency services in your travel destinations.



## Understanding Coverage Outside Ontario

### Liability Coverage

✓ Should you be involved in an accident outside of Ontario, your liability coverage will adjust to meet local requirements. For example, if the liability minimum where you're driving is higher than Ontario's standard, your policy will automatically increase to match the higher limit. This ensures you're always covered adequately.

### Accident Benefits Coverage

✓ Accident Benefits coverage remains an integral part of your policy, regardless of where you drive. However, you will receive benefits based on the jurisdiction where the accident happens. It's important to know that if another jurisdiction's benefits apply, you won't be eligible for the Ontario Accident Benefits supplement as well.

## Inter Province or Cross Border Accidents

If you're traveling between provinces or into the United States, your policy guarantees coverage for incidents during transit. Additionally, in cases involving multiple jurisdictions, insurance companies determine which party must pay benefits. While this arbitration may take time to resolve, your benefits will not be delayed.

## Key Steps If You're in an Accident During Your Travels

### 1. Ensure Safety First

Move to a safe area, check for injuries, and call emergency services as needed.

### 2. Document the Scene

Collect details about the accident, including photos of damage, license plate numbers, contact information for involved parties, and any witness accounts.

### 3. Contact Your Insurance Provider Immediately

Notify your insurer as soon as possible to report the incident and start your claim. Even small accidents should be reported.

### 4. Follow Local Requirements

Some provinces or states may have unique requirements for reporting accidents.

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## HST Issues in Commercial Real Estate

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In purchase and sale of real estate, knowing whether HST is payable (or collectible) is a very important part of the transaction. This is decided by the type and use of the property being sold. The general rule is that HST is applicable to any sale of property unless it qualifies for one of two exemptions: used residential property or personal use property. This is decided by the seller's use of the property, and not how the purchaser intends to use the property.

When buying commercial real estate, HST is applicable at 13% of the purchase price. Special rules apply when the purchaser of commercial property is an HST registrant. This will allow the purchaser to not remit HST to the seller, but rather directly to Revenue Canada.



This obligation to pay will be offset by the input tax credit which can be claimed by the purchaser. When purchasing or selling commercial real property, we recommend that you speak with your accountant with respect to your HST options.

HST applies to the sale of most commercial properties in Ontario. This includes:

- Office Buildings
- Retail Spaces
- Industrial Properties
- Vacant Commercial Land
- Mixed Use Properties:

Properties used for both commercial and residential purposes may have different tax treatments for each portion. It is crucial to allocate the purchase price accordingly and apply the appropriate tax rules to each part.

### • Rebates and Adjustments:

There may be rebates available for certain types of transactions or adjustments if the property is used for exempt activities. Consulting with a tax professional can help identify these opportunities.

## Vacant land

If the seller used the property for personal use, no HST will be payable. Personal use property includes property owned by an individual that is not used primarily in a business or sold in the course of a business. If a property has been subdivided or severed, the sale by the individual of one or more of those parts will generally be subject to HST, unless the purchaser is related to the seller and buying the property is for personal use. A sale by a corporation is almost always taxable.

## Farmland

Generally, any sale of farmland that has been used by the seller in a farming business is subject to HST. An exemption may apply if the farmer sells the farmland to a relative for their personal use. There can also be an exemption for a portion of the farmland that is a home and yard that has been used for personal use. When purchasing or selling farmland, we recommend that you speak with your accountant with respect to your HST options.

## Who Pays the HST?

The responsibility for paying HST typically falls on the buyer. However, the vendor is required to collect and remit the tax unless the buyer is registered for HST. If the buyer is HST registered, they may be required to self

assess and remit the tax directly to the CRA. This means that the buyer calculates the amount of HST owing and reports it on their HST return. A registered buyer can often claim an input tax credit for the HST paid or self assessed, effectively recovering the tax paid. However, this is contingent on the property being used primarily in the course of commercial activities.

### Election for No HST Payment

On an asset purchase of a Business, HST is due payable on the business being sold. However, if both the Vendor (supplier) and the Purchaser (recipient) have a valid HST Number and are both HST registrants, the parties would be eligible to jointly elect so that the HST does not apply to the supply of the business.

### An HST Election can be jointly made by the Vendor and the Purchaser if:

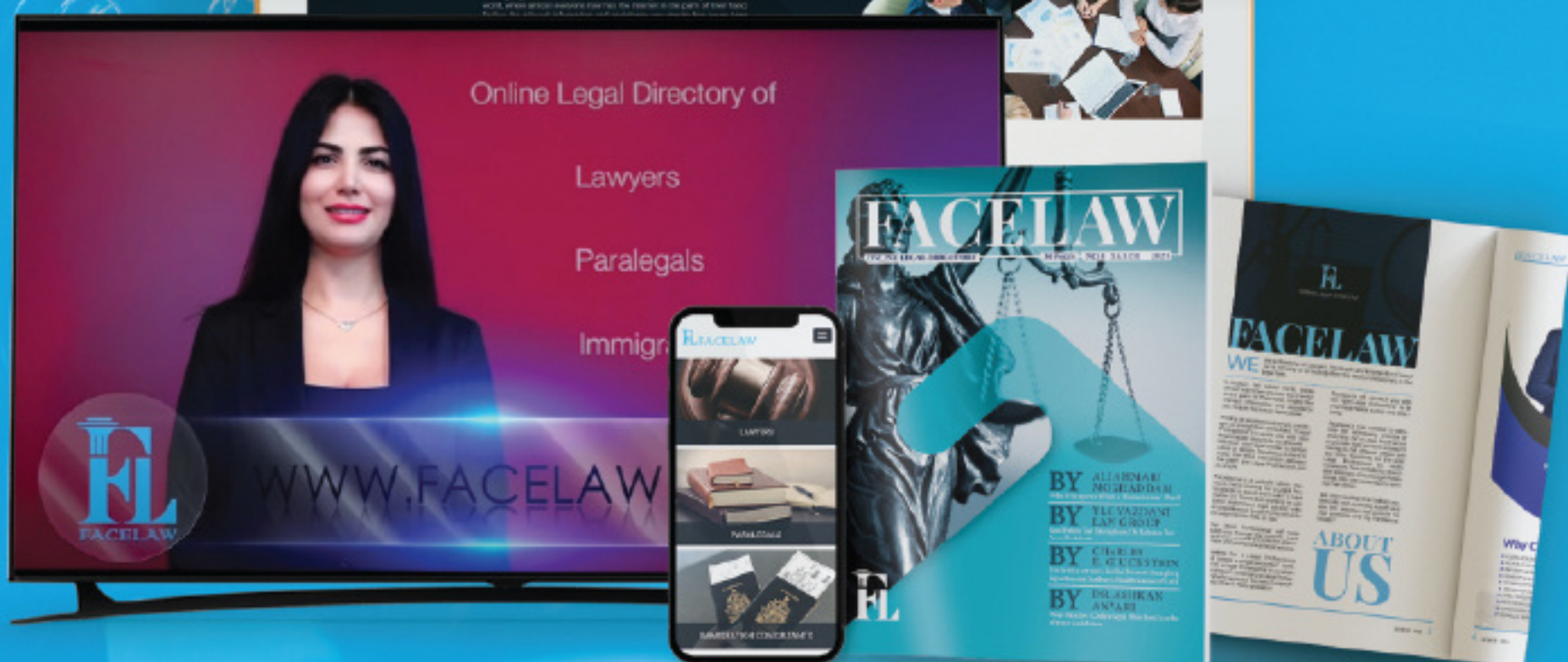
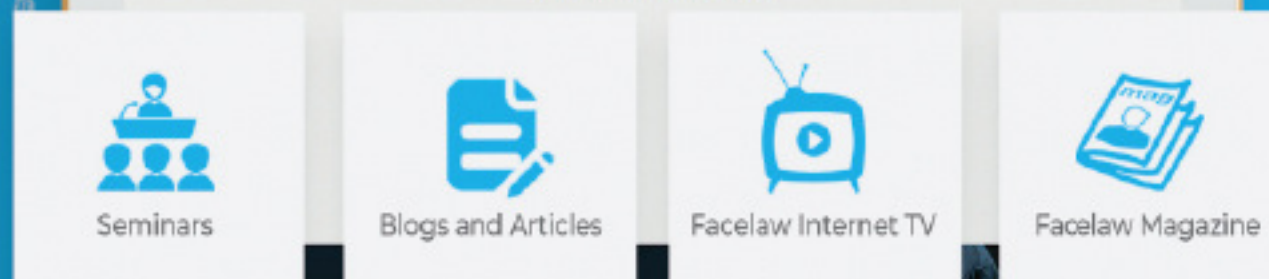
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## A Failing Grade: Sexual Abuse In School Settings

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Any and every type of sexual violence is wrong. Yet, in certain situations, there is an added layer of hurt. When a survivor knows and trusts (or should be expected to trust) a perpetrator, a breach can compound what is already a traumatic experience.

Teachers and school staff are supposed to be trustworthy individuals. We ask them to act **"in loco parentis"** (in place of parents) for a significant portion of our children's waking hours, and understand that their work is to shape young minds - not only in terms of academics, but also by instilling values that support societal goals.

Most teachers understand the imbalance of power they have over students and conduct themselves ethically, and with integrity and professionalism. Some, unfortunately, do not.

### Sexual Abuse in Schools: By the Numbers

In a 2022 study, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) examined five year's worth of

disciplinary records, media sources, and criminal case law. It found 252 current or former school personnel in Canadian schools (kindergarten to Grade 12) that **"committed or were accused of committing offences of a sexual nature against a minimum of 548 children between 2017 and 2021 inclusively."**

The study also identified an additional 38 current or former school personnel who were criminally charged for stand alone child pornography related offences. Limitations in terms of access to legal cases and disciplinary records, and underreporting by survivors, likely mean the true extent of abuse is vastly greater.

## What I'm Encountering

While no two cases of abuse are ever alike, I have noticed some trends. Many of the school sexual abuse cases we see are historical. The survivor is most often no longer a student. In some cases, survivors are questioning whether what happened to them was actually abuse.

Moreover, survivors frequently experience guilt if the abuse occurred at a time when they had reached sexual maturity and their bodies responded to the sexual activity in ways that might suggest arousal.



## What Can Be Done?

When it comes to sexual abuse, it's not enough to say an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Prevention is priceless.

C3P's Commit To Kids Program was designed to assist child-serving organizations in their efforts to reduce the risk of sexual abuse for children in their care.

If the harm has already been done, survivors have numerous options when thinking about what, if anything, they want to do about it. These include filing complaints to regulatory bodies, pursuing criminal charges, and/or filing a civil lawsuit against the perpetrator and any third parties such as the school board whose negligence allowed the abuse to occur.

Deciding if, when and/or how to come forward about the abuse you suffered is a consideration solely for the survivor. While the decision belongs to the survivor alone, it's important to know that support is available to you both before and after you make it.



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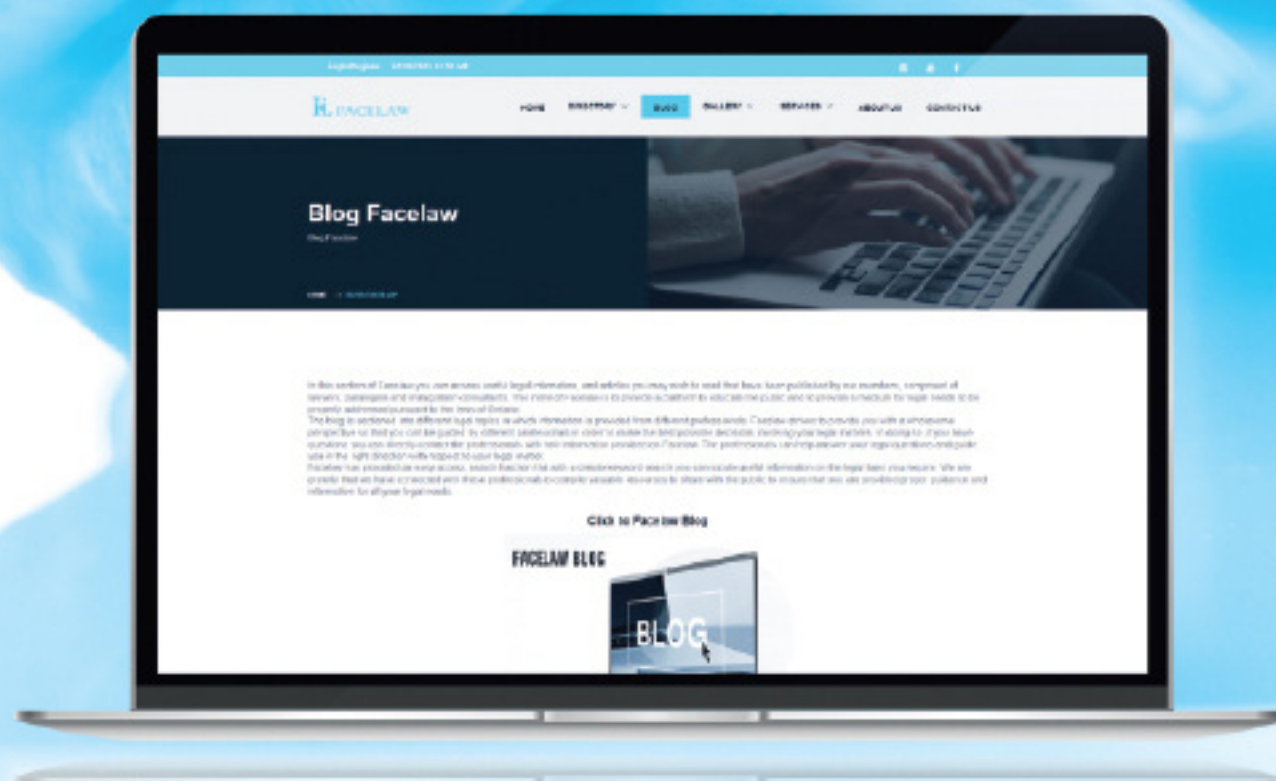


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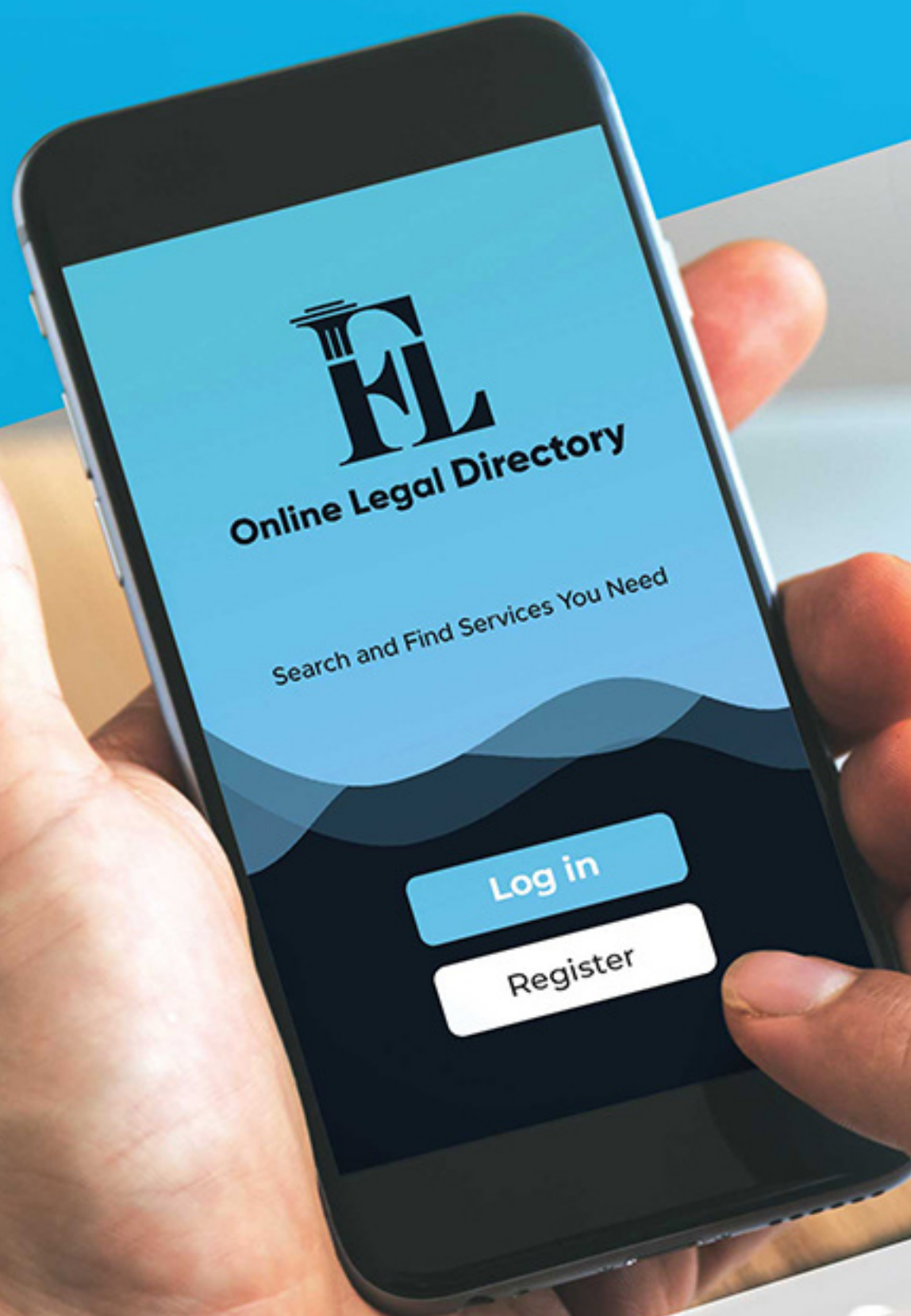
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