

INTRODUCTION

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Key Questions

Which documents protect human rights?

How is a human rights

Begin by checking the **Key Terms** and **Key Questions** at the beginning of each chapter. They tell you what words and phrases will be important to your understanding, and what the chapter will focus on.

Fast Fact

In Ontario, teenagers under the age of 18 have the right to equal treatment with respect to

The **Fast Fact** margin feature gives you interesting information related to something in the text.

Consider This

In 2004, Ruth Walden, a nurse, filed a complaint alleging that nurses working

Consider This questions give you the chance to reflect on what you are reading in the text and to discuss different aspects of controversial subjects.

Legal Link

You will find links to all provincial human rights codes at our Web site. Find a section in

The **Legal Link** margin feature refers you to our Web site, which provides useful links to help you with your legal research. But don't stop there. If a topic interests you, explore the links for more information. Your teacher will provide details on how to access our site.

Law in Your Life

Identify some facilities that you are restricted from because of your age or

Law in Your Life helps you to make connections between your life and what you are reading in the text.

These are summaries of actual legal **cases**. They will help you to understand how laws are applied in the courts and the kind of thinking that goes into making legal judgments. Cases are accompanied by questions that help you to analyze the important points of law.

Case *Brillinger v. Imaging Excellence* (2006, 17 C.H.R.R. 15) (Que. Bd. Inq.)

1. How were Brillinger and the Architects discriminated against?
2. Explain the role that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms played in this case.

Ray Brillinger, a member of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives ("Archives"), approached Imaging Excellence to print envelopes, brochures, and business cards for his organization. The president of Imaging Excellence, Scott Bricker, refused to provide this service based on his religious belief that homosexuality is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. A complaint was filed by Brillinger and the Architects against Bricker and Imaging Excellence claiming discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Guided Case

Huck v. Canadian Odeon Theatres Limited (1985), 18 D.L.R. (4th) 93 (Sask. C.A.)

The **Law in Action** feature helps to illustrate legal concepts. It presents legal situations that may never have gone to court but are relevant to the point of law under discussion. Sometimes a Law in Action describes events that unfolded after a court decision.

Freedom of Expression and Human Rights

Freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and is such a protected right by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Criminal Code of Canada prohibits hate-motivated hatred against any "identifiable group" on one of the basis on freedom of expression. The role of human rights legislation is to protect people from being treated unfairly and to help establish a positive environment for all Canadians. But should human rights commission judge cases involving freedom of expression? This question grabbed the public's spotlight in the fall of 2007 when

1. What limits on freedom of expression did you read about in Chapter 4 and in this article?
2. Why is it necessary to limit freedom of expression? What would you suggest?

An **Issue** feature in each chapter gives you the opportunity to analyze and discuss different perspectives on controversial topics.

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