

Selection Guidelines for *Law Books for Libraries: Recommended Titles for Public Libraries*

These guidelines are used in the LawMatters program to select materials for the list of recommended titles in *Law Books for Libraries*, and allows for occasional exceptions. If you wish to purchase materials not currently on the list, please use the guidelines in making your selection and forward your list to the LawMatters project coordinator **before purchasing**.

- 1) **Jurisdiction:** BC/Canadian law.
- 2) **Currency:** Published within the last 5 years.
- 3) **Practical:** Legal resources for individual citizens rather than legal theory and analysis.
- 4) **Legal:** Resources include a significant legal component:
 - For non-profit organizations and small businesses, there has to be a significant legal component and **not** be a resource for a specific business such as *Start and Run a Bed and Breakfast*.
 - Another example: estate planning (primarily law based) but **not** wealth planning (accounting based).
- 5) **General Reference:** Legal research/legal procedure/legal dictionaries.
- 6) **Varied:** Where possible avoid duplication of similar titles by several publishers

If you have suggestions to add to the core list, or comments and questions about the selection guidelines, please contact me anytime.

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