

# Debtor/Creditor & Small Claims Court **Legislative Framework**

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## **Legislative Framework**

#### **Provincial Legislation**

There are multiple Provincial statutes which govern various aspects of debtor/creditor law:

- i. Consumer Protection Act and Payday Lenders Regulations:
   http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/consumer%20protection.pdf &
   http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/cppayday.htm
- ii. Collection Agencies Act: <a href="http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/collecta.htm">http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/collecta.htm</a>
- iii. Consumer Creditors' Conduct Act: http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/consumcr.htm
- iv. Personal Property Security Act:
  <a href="http://nsleqislature.ca/legc/statutes/personal%20property%20security.pdf">http://nsleqislature.ca/legc/statutes/personal%20property%20security.pdf</a>
- v. Judicature Act: http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/judicatr.htm
- vi. Small Claims Court Act & Regulations:

  <a href="http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/smallclm.htm">http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/smallclm.htm</a> &

  <a href="https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/sccfrmpr.htm">https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/sccfrmpr.htm</a>

### Federal Legislation

The major piece of Federal Legislation to be aware of is the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*: <a href="http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/B-3/index.html">http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/B-3/index.html</a>

This is a very lengthy and complex piece of legislation – don't worry! There are experts in the field who can assist your clients with issues related to bankruptcy.

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