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Preface

This short guide to the Family Law Act comes at what may very well be a critical juncture in the development of family law in Ontario. Although there is no question that law should remain flexible and capable of response to changing social conditions, radical changes often result in unforeseen problems and statutory language which may indeed repel judicial attempts to arrive at equitable solutions to particular problems.

The efficacy of this particular Act still remains to be seen; however, its impact and general importance cannot be under-estimated. The Act will not only affect persons who may separate and divorce but will indeed affect the property rights of all married persons in Ontario.

I have relied on unpublished judgments issued up to mid-September of 1987 in the preparation of this guide and statutes have been rendered current as of the same time.

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