



Ontario Anti-SLAPP Report

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The Ontario government has released the Report to the Attorney-General of the Anti-SLAPP Advisory Panel. (A "SLAPP" is a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation" - in other words a lawsuit intended to silence criticism by employing a strategy of financial attrition). As the government's summary indicates, Quebec passed anti-SLAPP legislation in 2009 (the relevant provisions are in Section 54.1 of the Code of Civil Procedure, RSQ c. C-25). The Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General has a comprehensive website available which includes links to the Uniform Law Conference of Canada's anti-SLAPP report, a previous Ontario bill aimed at SLAPPs, British Columbia's now-repealed Protection of Public Participation Act, and a plethora of other articles and materials, including comparable United States legislation.

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