The Supreme Court of Canada has been Canada's Court of Final Appeal since appeals to the UK Privy Council were abolished in 1949. Generally, the Court's decisions are subject to legislative supremacy, but on constitutional issues, the court has the authority to declare legislation to be inconsistent with the constitution and of no force and effect. Nonetheless, legislative supremacy is ultimately protected. The federal Parliament and provincial legislatures have the power to override key guarantees of rights. Moreover, they have the power to amend constitutional provisions. To date, these provisions have not been invoked to displace Court decisions, and it is likely that any effort to do so would engender strong public opposition. Nonetheless, the public mood can change, and the final say on constitutional issues in Canada remains in the hands of political majorities.

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