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Learning Objectives

After This Training Session You Will Be Able To:

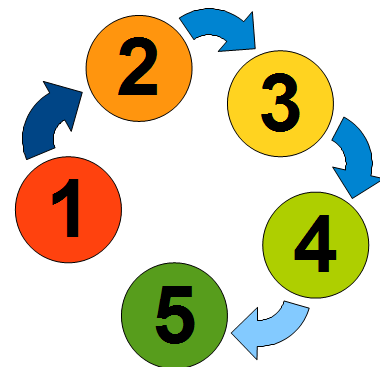
- Follow sound legal research methodology
- Identify helpful Secondary Sources
- Perform effective keyword searches
- Find Documents by Citation or Name
- Note-up Cases & Legislation with KeyCite Canada
- Work more efficiently using advanced tools
- Access International materials



Legal Research Methodology

In general, your research should follow this path...

- Create a Plan
- Start with Secondary Sources (Texts, Journals, CED, etc.)
- Find the Primary Law (Cases, Legislation)
- Update/Note-Up: Ensure the law is still good
- Consult additional Authorities if required



Keyword Searching



Compare the number of cases found...

- **Plain Language:** animal owner standard of care
- **Boolean:** “animal owner” & “standard of care”
- **Boolean:** (animal /5 owner!) & (standard /5 care)
- **Why are there differences?**
- **What is the best method of searching?**



Primary Law

Find the following...

- 59 BCLR (3d) 1
- **Whiten v Pilot Insurance Co.** from the Supreme Court of Canada
- Section 244 of the Criminal Code of Canada R.S.C. 1985



Noting Up with KeyCite Canada

How many cases are in the Citing References for...

- 2001 SCC 2 (R. v. Sharpe)
 - How many of those cases are from BC
- Criminal Code RSC 1985, s. 268



Canadian Abridgment Digests

- Use the CAD to find cases that deal with keeping a proper lookout for cyclists when operating a motor vehicle
- What are some of the advantages of the CAD compared to keyword searching?
- Should the CAD be used in place of keyword searching?

Getting Assistance

- Consult your library, Prof or other school resources
- Call us 24/7 at 1-800-387-5164
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