WestlawNext Canada Training

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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
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