

The Canadian Legal Research and Writing Guide

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Research Checklist

Texts & Looseleaf Services

Access through catalogues in

- Firm library
- Courthouse library
- Law faculty library

- Online texts
- Worldcat.org

Encyclopedias

- CED (in print or on LawSource)
- Halsbury's Laws of Canada
- Halsbury's 4th (UK)
- Halsbury's 3rd (UK) & Converter
- Halsbury's Laws of Australia (Aust)
- AmJur 2d (US)
- Corpus Juris (US)
- Other _____

On-line Research

- CanLII (Cdn)
- Quicklaw (Cdn)
- WestlawNext Canada (Cdn)
- BestCase (Cdn)
- Maritime Law Books (Cdn)
- BAILII (UK)
- AustLII (Aust)
- Lexis (US, UK, Aust, European, International, some NZ & Cdn)
- Westlaw (US, UK, European, International)
- UBC Law Library Electronic Resources
- Courthouse Libraries BC Databases

Digests

- Abridgment Canadian Case Digests (in print or on LawSource)
- The Canada Digest (QL)
- SCC Reports Service
- Criminal Law Digests (CLE Society of BC)
- Civil Law Digests (CLE Society of BC)
- All Canada Weekly Summaries (BestCase)
- Weekly Criminal Bulletin (BestCase)

-] The Digest (UK, Commonwealth, Europe)
-] Australian Digest (Aust)
-] New Zealand Digest (NZ)
-] West's General Digest (US)
-] Other _____

Periodicals & CLE Materials

-] CLE Online (CLE Society of BC, starting 2001)
-] Full text periodicals databases in Lexis, Westlaw, Quicklaw, WestlawNext Canada
-] Canadian Bar Review at cba.org
-] Index to Canadian Legal Literature (in print or online)
-] Hein Online (Courthouse Libraries BC or UBC)
-] Index to Canadian Legal Periodical Literature
-] In Conference (Insight papers on CD ROM)
-] Canadian Law Symposia Index (QL)
-] Index to Legal Periodicals (US, Commonwealth)
-] LegalTrac (US, Commonwealth)
-] Legal Journals Index (UK)
-] Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (not US or Commonwealth)
-] Index to Periodical Articles related to Law
-] ALR Annotations (US)
-] Other _____

Law Reports – General

-] Dominion Law Reports
-] Western Weekly Reports
-] National Reporter
-] All England Reports (UK)
-] Law Reports (UK)
-] Australian Law Reports (Aust)
-] Commonwealth Law Reports (Aust)
-] New Zealand Law Reports (NZ)
-] West Reporters (US)
-] Other _____

Law Reports – Jurisdictional

-] Supreme Court Reports
-] Federal Court Reports
-] Federal Trial Reports
-] British Columbia Law Reports
-] British Columbia Reports
-] British Columbia Appeal Cases
-] Alberta Reports
-] Alberta Law Reports
-] Saskatchewan Reports
-] Manitoba Reports
-] Western Appeal Cases
-] Ontario Appeal Cases
-] Ontario Reports
-] New Brunswick Reports
-] Nova Scotia Reports
-] Newfoundland & Prince Edward Island Reports
-] Atlantic Provinces Reports

- Yukon Reports
- Other _____

Law Reports – Topical

- See Topical Reporters chart

Cases Judicially Considered

- QuickCite on Quicklaw
- KeyCite on WestlawNext Canada
- Reflex on CanLII
- Canadian Case Citations
- Full text searches on Quicklaw, LawSource or CanLII
- Case reporter indices
- Current Law (UK)
- The Digest (UK)
- Australian Citator (Aust)
- Westlaw: Shepard's, KeyCite (US)
- LawCite (UK/Commonwealth)
- Lexis: Shepard's, AutoCite (US)

Statutes Judicially Considered

- KeyCite on WestlawNext Canada
- Canadian Statute Citations
- QuickCite on Quicklaw
- Statutes of BC Judicially Considered
- Annotated statutes
- CCH looseleaf services
- Full text searches

Words & Phrases

- Carswell's Words & Phrases (in print or in LawSource)
- Quicklaw's Canadian Legal Words and Phrases
- Irwin Law's Canadian Online Legal Dictionary
- Canadian Case Digests (Abridgment Digests in LawSource)
- Contracts – Interpretation
- Statutes – Interpretation
- Time
- Words & Phrases Legal Maxims Canada
- CED
- Statutory Interpretation Texts
- Contracts Texts
- Canadian Legal Dictionary
- Black's Law Dictionary (US)
- West's Words & Phrases (US)
- Words & Phrases Legally Defined (UK)
- Stroud's Judicial Dictionary (UK)
- Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law (UK)
- Halsbury's (in Index under Words & Phrases)
- Case reporter indices
- Dictionaries

