

## Handouts List

- Flowchart for Prioritizing the Law
- Legal Research Log
- Legal Research Process Chart
- "Who Cares About Legal Research?"

## Legal Research Texts

***Legal Problem Solving: Reasoning, Research and Writing*** by Maureen Fitzgerald (LexisNexis)

- Joan's favourite book on the topic. A readable book that explains the whole legal research process.

***The Ultimate Guide to Canadian Legal Research*** by Maureen Fitzgerald and Susan Barker (LexisNexis)

- Based on *Legal Problem Solving*, this resource directs you step-by-step through any legal problem.

***Legal Research: Step by Step*** by Margaret Kerr, JoAnn Kurtz and Arlene Blatt (Emond)

- This book is regularly stolen from the CCLA Library - must say something about the book!

***Legal Research Handbook*** by D.T. MacEllven, N.A. Campbell and J.N. Davis (LexisNexis)

- Another favourite of Joan's. Not because it covers the methodology of legal research like the Fitzgerald book, but because it gives context to common law, explains historical connections to the UK and has sections the Law of the United Kingdom; Australia, New Zealand and other Commonwealth jurisdictions; American law, and European Union law, and written for the Canadian researcher.

***The Comprehensive Guide to Legal Research, Writing and Analysis*** by Moira McCarney, Ruth Kuras, Annette Demers with Shelley Kierstead (Emond)

- Jen thinks it is Brenda's favourite. Funny pagination, but easily 900 pages, the reason, detailed sections on Researching Provincial and Territorial Legislation.

***Legal Research and Writing*** by Ted Tjaden (Irwin Law)

- This book has a substantial section entitled "Legal Research by Topic." It provides information on Canadian legal resources, broken down into 48 law-related topics. For each topic it provides a scope note, subject headings, books, journals, encyclopedias, case digests, case law reporter(s) and websites or databases and CD-ROMs on the topic.

## Free Online Resources

### ***The Canadian Legal Research and Writing Guide***

(formerly the *Best Guide to Canadian Legal Research*)

Edited by Melanie Bueckert, André Clair, Maryvon Côté, Yasmin Khan, and Mandy Ostick

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### ***Pro Bono Research Checklist***

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