



Law Librarians' Institute (LLI)

Online courses begin: March 3, 2025

In-person training: May 24, 2025

Designed to build legal research skills for information professionals, this course offers a:

- cost-effective
- problem-based
- virtual course
- culminating in a letter of completion* from CALL/ACBD

*To receive a letter of completion, LLI participants must, within two calendar years, complete all of the required modules *and* attend an in-person wrap-up session, held prior to the annual CALL Conference as part of the pre-conference activities. All required modules will be offered twice per year.

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Learning Objectives

See CALL/ACBD Legal Research Competencies [here](#).

Class Hours and Logistics

Format: videos accompanied by worksheets, answer sheets, occasional live sessions and the ability to ask questions

Larger problems to be worked on together at the pre-conference workshop

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Class Announcements: by email

Course Description

The Law Librarians' Institute is an opportunity for legal information professionals of any level of expertise to learn and / or refresh their legal research skills. This course will provide basics concepts pertinent to the Canadian legal system and includes plenty of detail, depth and opportunities to practice. In particular, the course will focus on developing research skills on federal legislation and regulations, court and tribunal decisions, and other topics including secondary sources, forms and precedents, and more. The emphasis is mostly on online sources which will be used in practice.

Pedagogical Approach

This course is broken down into skill-specific modules. A series of online preparatory videos are provided. These videos discuss the content of the module and how it is used in practice.

Practice is an essential part of the course which is intended to develop your skills by applying what you have learned to a variety of problems.

Course Materials

Videos and Class Notes

Supplemental readings:

McCarney, et al. *The Comprehensive Guide to Legal Research, Writing and Analysis*, 4th ed, (Emond Montgomery, 2024). Annette Demers is a co-author of this text.

McGill Law Journal. *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation*, 10th ed (Scarborough: Carswell, 2023) and

COAL-RJAL Editorial Group, *Canadian Open Access Legal Citation Guide*, Canadian Legal Information Institute, 2024 CanLIIDocs 830, <<https://canlii.ca/t/7nc6q>>, retrieved on 2025-01-14.

Passwords for Lexis+ and Westlaw: Please *let me know if you do not have access to one of these products*.

Weekly Routine

Preparation

Review the assigned readings from the textbook.

Review the videos.

Practice Exercises are available for each module with answers provided.

A problem-based wrap-up session will take place as a pre-conference event prior to the annual CALL Conference. LII participants are encouraged to register for the pre-conference LII event in order to receive their letter of completion.*

Accessibility

If you require any accommodation, please identify as soon as possible.

Alternate format for lecture videos is provided:

- video link
- slides
- script (transcript)

Practice Exercises - answers are provided

Weekly Modules

March 3: Introduction to the Canadian Legal System, legal terms and concepts (with virtual meet up)

March 10: Federal Legislative Research and Annual Statutes

March 17: Federal Consolidated Statutes and amendments

March 24: Federal Regulations

March 31: The Operation of Time in Legal Matters (with virtual meet up summarizing federal research)

April 7: Judicial Decisions Part One – introduction, case law citation styles, surveying sources for judicial decisions

April 14: Judicial Decisions Part Two - research process for case law, conducting efficient searches

April 21: Judicial Decisions Part Three – understanding precedential value of case law, how to note up, update and locate the history of a case, citing case history (with virtual meet up summarizing case law)

April 28: Secondary Sources Part One

May 5: Secondary Sources Part Two (with virtual meet up summarizing secondary sources)

May 24: Pre-Conference Workshop (in person): Indigenous Law workshop, LLI in-person exercises (to be finalized).

Full details of the objectives, readings and resources available for each module will be provided at the start of each week.

Optional Modules

(Dates and facilitators to be confirmed)

- International Law Research
- Foreign Law Research
- Quebec Civil Law
- Provincial Research
- Indigenous Law Research
- Artificial Intelligence and Legal Tech

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