Section 1: Primary Law: Legislation

[--> Go to the 'Legislation' tab on the Law guide]

1. Go to the Justice Laws Website and click on the link to Constitutional Documents. Click on the Consolidation of Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982. Scroll to sections 91 and 92 ('Distribution of Legislative Powers') to answer this question:

   Is the federal or provincial government responsible for criminal law? [__________]

   Which section (and subsection) indicates this? [__________]

2. Go to the CanLII website and search for the Criminal Code.

   What is the citation for this Act? [__________]

   Use the Table of Contents to locate which Part and Sections of the Code deal with offences against public order. Part #: [______] Section #: [______]

   Drill down further in the Table of Contents to identify which sections deal with unlawful assemblies and riots. Section #: [______]

   Which section defines what a riot is? Section #: [______]

   Does the Criminal Code have any regulations? Yes or No [______]

3. In the BC Primary Law collection in CanLII, click on “Statutes and Regulations”. Search in the Document Text field for the word landlord. Limit your results to only “Consolidated Legislation”.

   What is the name of the statute that deals with landlord and tenant rights? [__________]

   How would you cite this statute? [__________]

   Does this statute have any associated regulations? Yes or No [______]

4. Go to the federal LegisINFO website to view a list of Bills introduced in the House of Commons during the current session of Parliament. Search for a government bill related to copyright that became a statute.

   What is the Bill number? [__________]

   When did the Bill receive Royal Assent? [__________]

   What is the citation for the new statute created by the bill? [__________]

   When does (or did) the new statute come into force? [__________]
Section 2: Primary Law: Case Law
[-> Go to the ‘Case Law’ tab on the Law guide]

5. In CanLII, look up the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision in the R v Chehil case.
   Provide a neutral citation for the decision: __________________________
   Write down the first four key phrases in the headnote:
   1. __________________________ 2. __________________________
   3. __________________________ 4. __________________________
   How many SCC judges heard this case? ______
   Was the decision unanimous? Yes or No

6. Go to LawSource and look for this case citation: 120 C.C.C. (3d) 344
   What is the name of this case? __________________________
   Which Court heard this case? __________________________
   Which judges heard this case? __________________________
   Was the decision unanimous? Yes or No
   What does C.C.C. in the case citation stand for? [hint: you can look up these law report abbreviations online: http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/]

7. Use LawSource to note up the following case: 2008 SCC 27
   [Tip: click on the Citing References tab at the top of the decision.]
   How many other cases have cited this one? ______
   Have any of those citing cases treated this decision negatively? Yes or No
   [i.e. do any of the cases says “not followed” or “distinguished”?]

8. Search in LawSource for the word cyberbullying.
   How many cases does this match? ______ How many of these cases are from appeal courts? ______

Section 3: Secondary Sources (also called Commentary)

Legal Dictionaries - help you understand the meaning of unfamiliar legal words
[Found on the ‘Start Here’ tab on the Law guide under ‘Tools for Background Info’]

9. Use the Canadian Online Legal Dictionary to look up the definition of the word tort.
   Is a tort a part of criminal or civil law?
   What is the title and author’s name of the third book listed as a definition source?

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http://libguides.kpu.ca/law
Books - usually the best place to start your research on any legal topic
[→ Go to the 'Books and E-books' tab on the Law guide]

10. Look up the title of the book from Question 9 in the library catalogue. What is the call number?

   Circle the campus libraries that have this book. Cloverdale | Langley | Richmond | Surrey

   Click on the first subject heading listed in 'Catalog Record' tab for the book to launch a new catalogue search for that subject. What is the title and author of the first book listed?

Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (CED) - brief statements of the law with references to key cases and legislation
[Found on the 'Start Here' tab on the Law guide]

11. From your last search in LawSource in Question 7 (for the word cyberbullying), click on the results from the Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (CED) and select the first match.

   The first paragraph in this CED entry mentions a section of the Criminal Code related to this subject.

   What is the section number? __________________________

   The first paragraph also cites a case which has tested this section of the Criminal Code.

   What is the name and citation for this case? __________________________

Law Journals: good source of in-depth articles on specific topics or legal cases (“case comments”)
[→ Go to the 'Articles' tab on the Law guide]


   How many journal articles did you find? ________________

   For the 4th article, write down the following information:

   Title of journal article: __________________________

   Author's name: __________________________

   Title of the journal: __________________________

   Year: __________ Volume number: __________ Page numbers: __________

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