Basic Legal Research

Start with Relevant Textbooks
- Identify key terms
- Identify key statutes
- Identify key cases

Reserve Collections

Is there relevant legislation?
Search CanLii, LegisInfo or Justice Laws cites

• Federal Statutes
• Provincial Statutes
• Municipal Bylaws

Yes
Ensure Legislation is up to date
- check top of electronic documents for currency or go to next step

No
Use Reserve Collection to identify key cases and search on CanLii or the Court Website

Statute Citators or Consolidated Statutes

Use Canadian Statute Citations to Locate Cases

Have you answered your question?

Yes
Write up your research

No

Available at the Sir James Dunn Law Library and some resources available at the Halifax Public Libraries

See More on Statute Citators Below

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Any Questions, ask a Law Librarian at the Sir James Dunn Law Library and they will try to help.

**Canada Statute Citator**

Starting with Legislation

This is available at the Sir James Dunn Law Library in aisle 1 with the Federal Statutes. This tool will provide you with the history of an act including any amendments and significant cases.

**Short Title and Citation of Act**

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**


Amended 1989, c. 9; in force June 29, 1989

**Canadian Statute Citations**

This is located in aisle 33 of the Sir James Dunn Law Library in the Canadian Primary sources room.

It is used to determine if an act has been considered in court.

Searching alphabetically for Statute by its title, then chronologically to locate the current version, and then search for relevant section.

A citation will include:
- Style of Cause (name)
- Date of decision
- Volume, reporter, page
- Court and jurisdiction
- Parallel locations

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Canadian Case Citations

This set allows you to locate the history of a case and any other cases that have cited your case. This is found in aisle 33 of the Sir James Dunn Law Library in the Canadian Primary Sources room.

Here is the citation you uncovered above….

Stroh v. Stroh v. Millers Cove Resources Inc.

Kamloops 30272
2003 BCSC 82, 2003 CarswellBC 82 (B.C. S.C.)
additional reasons / motifs supplémentaires (May 9, 2003), Doc.
affirmed / confirmed (January 7, 2004), Doc. Vancouver
CA030551, 2004 BCCA 9, 2004

Millette v.
July 18, 1
(1996), 59
swellNS 5
view Bd.)
Millett R
Millette, F
(6 juillet 1
actinthe 75th
swellQue 7
Millette v.
October 1
1989 CAS

This is an appeal decision. The reference will note whether the case was affirmed (good) or overturned (bad) on appeal.