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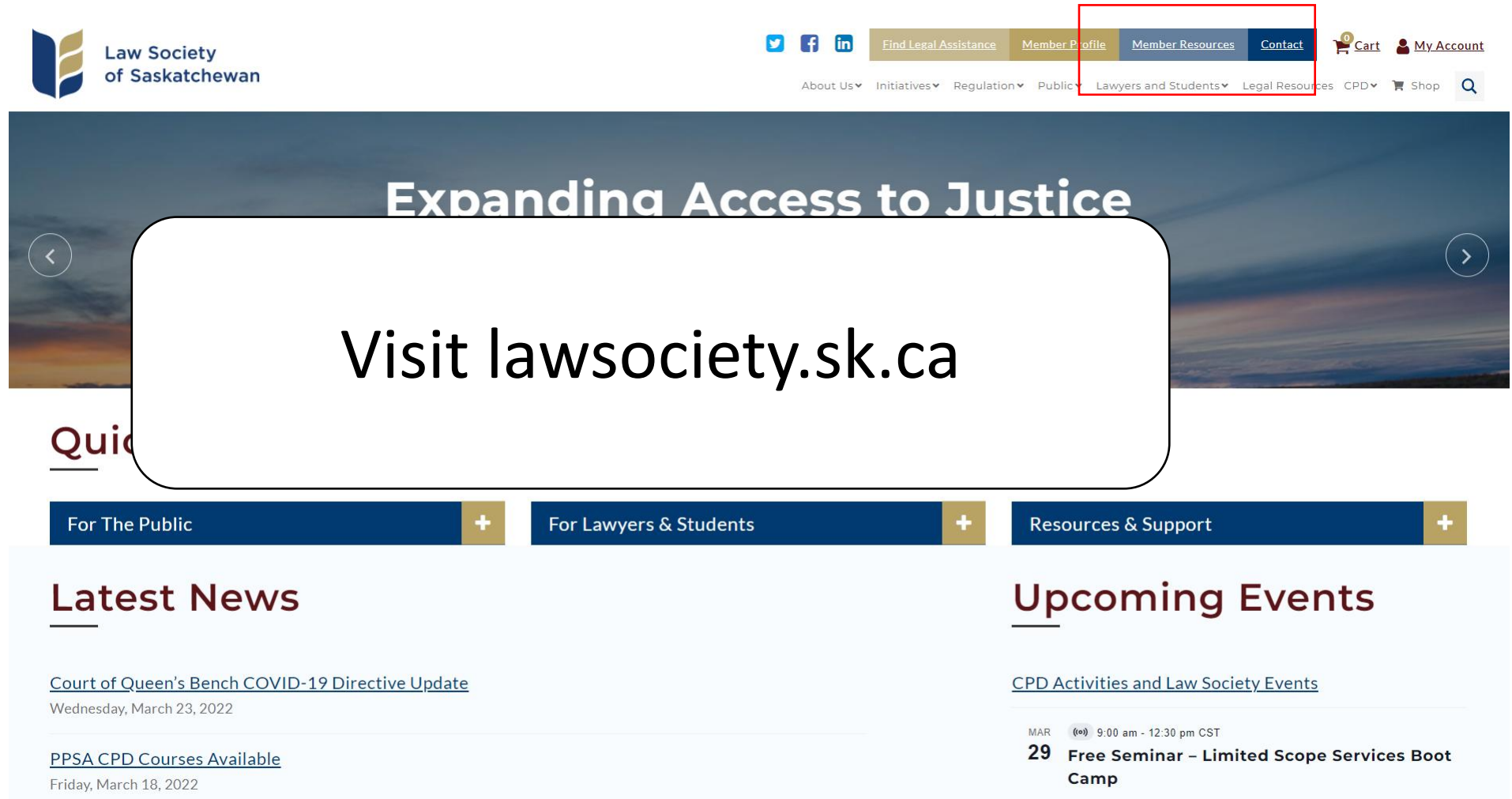
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Resource Spaces

Available to members in Regina and Saskatoon, offering free Wi-Fi, comfortable workspaces, print resources, and in-person expertise.

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 - **Discounted Publications:** We are pleased to continue to offer the [*Saskatchewan King's Bench Rules Annotated*](#) online subscription to Legal Aid Saskatchewan for \$5000 annually (*\$62.50 per lawyer, a 20% discount*).



FREE CPD

- We encourage you to watch this free recorded CPD:
 - [CPD 320 – Discovering YOUR Westlaw: Get the Most Out of this Amazing Tool!](#) (March 2022)
 - [CPD 340 – Discover YOUR CanLII \(October 2022\)](#) (October 2022)



Good Practices for Legal Research

~~BAD HABITS~~
GOOD HABITS

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Good Practices for Legal Research



- Jungle
- Cost
- Usability
- Skill
- Knowledge
- And more





Good Practices for Legal Research

- Tip: The **best** legal research,
 - Is iterative
 - Is messy
 - Includes mistakes and missteps
 - Has multiple starts and stops
 - Isn't static
 - Is rarely complete after the first attempt





Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Use commentary to **energize** your research.

Free to use sources:

- [Law Library Catalogue](#)
- [CanLII's Commentary](#)

Commercial sources:

- Irwin Law/Emond Publishing ebooks
- Westlaw/Quicklaw ebooks
- Canadian Encyclopedic Digest
- Halbury's Laws of Canada

Consider:

- A law library [libguide](#), resource guide, or colleague

Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Use non-traditional sources for *recent developments*.

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- Quicklaw newsletters

- Lawyer/firm contact information
- Parallel citations
- American Case law and Articles
- Recent issues in the news



Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Learn to use online and offline resources in tandem.

- It can be difficult to understand how digital resources are organized without any sense of how the corresponding print resources are organized
- [Using Vinyl & Spotify to Understand Legal Information](#)



Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Visit the [Legal Resources homepage](#) if you aren't sure where to start.

Legal Resources

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- > [Saskatchewan Cases](#)
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- > [Gladue Rights Research Database](#)

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- > [Gladue Rights Research Database](#)

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Articles

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Forms and Precedents

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Ebooks

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- > [Emond Ebooks](#)
- > [Irwin Law Ebooks](#)
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Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Choose the best **primary law** resource.

Case Law

Free to use

- CanLII

Commercial

- Quicklaw
- Westlaw Canada
- vLex Canada

Legislation

Consider:

- Case digesting newsletter ([Saskatchewan CaseMail](#))
- Quicklaw newsletters
- The Canadian Abridgment (Westlaw)

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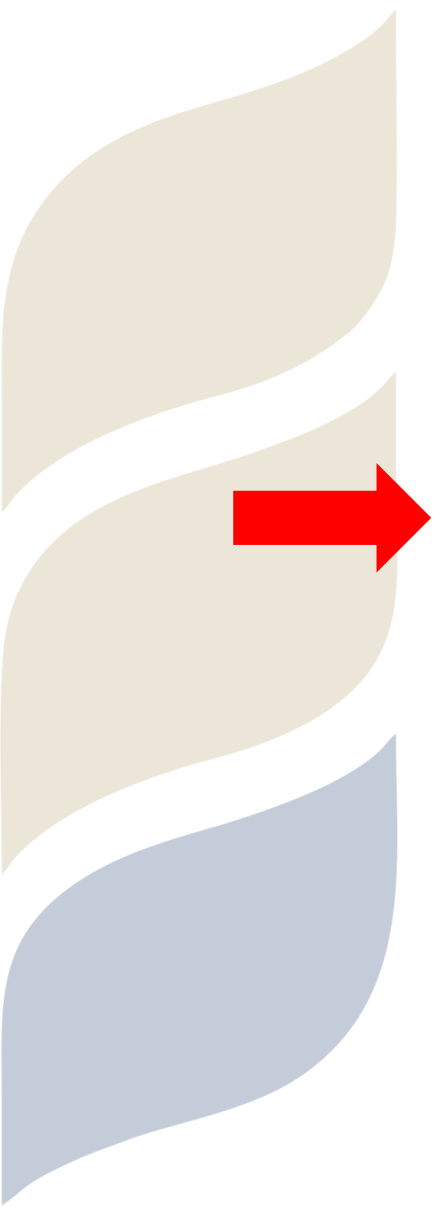
- Justice Laws
- Legisinfo



Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Choose the best **primary law** resource.

- Primary law coverage across Canada's free and commercial legal databases (CanLII, Quicklaw, Westlaw, etc.) is largely comparable with similar coverage being offered.
- Commercial resources exceed free resources in terms of the **digital commentary** content available.



	CanLII	Quicklaw	vLex	Westlaw
Cost	Free	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial
Who?	Public	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial
Searchability	Comparable	Comparable	Comparable	Comparable
Case Law	Comparable	Comparable	Comparable	Comparable
Legislation	Comparable	Comparable	Ontario Only	Comparable
Commentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CanLII Connects case digests• Growing collection of miscellaneous and older commentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case law headnotes• Dictionaries• Drafting materials• Halsbury's Laws of Canada• Legislative concordances• Multiple eTexts & commentary• Practical guidance• Quantums• QuickCite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irwin Law eBooks• Vincent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Articles & newsletters• Canadian Abridgment• Canadian Encyclopedia Digest• Case law digests• Citing references• Criminal Source• Employment Source• Estates Source• Family Source• ICLL• Labour Source• O'Brien's Forms• Words & Phrases



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Tip: Four questions to ask **before** searching a legal resource tool for the first time.

1. What is the scope of the database?
2. What constitutes a record?
3. What is the search syntax?
4. How will the results be ordered?

Good Practices for Legal Research

- Tip: Boolean operators offer more **precision** and **efficiency**.



Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

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Good Practices for Legal Research

- Tip: Boolean operators offer more **precision** and **efficiency**. Common search syntax include:
- AND robbery AND weapon
- OR (armed OR weapon OR knife OR gun)
- “ ” “child of marriage”
- () (drugs OR “controlled substance”)
- creat! creature, creation, create, creating, etc
- /p officer /p ask
- /5 officer /5 ask

Search all databases

Document text

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Case name

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Primary

Canada

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Alberta

Saskatch

Manitoba

Commentary

CanLIIDoc

CanLII Comm

2019-03-12 R v Sincian: The Disappearance of The Right to Counsel in Canada: R. v. Sincian, 2019 SCC 55, [2019] 2 SCR 510

2019-03-12 Privacy (Appropriately) Reigns Supreme: R v. Marakah: R. v. Marakah, 2017 SCC 59 (CanLII)

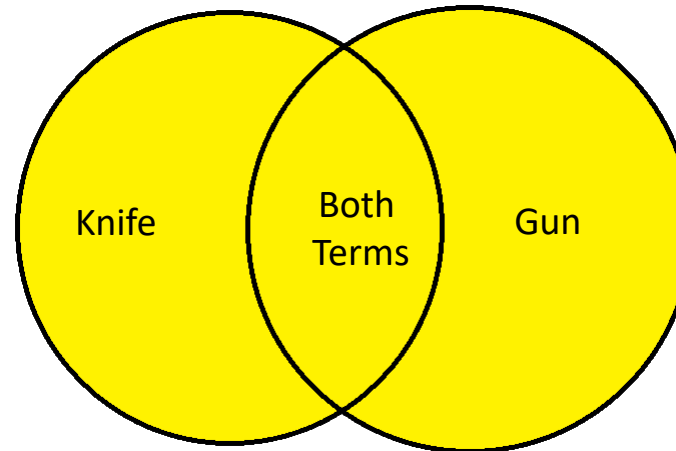
2019-03-12 Affaire Vallières (Psychologues) : La déclaration de culpabili...: Psychologues (Ordre professionnel des) c. Vallières, 2018 QCTP 121 (CanLII)

2019-03-12 Supporting Robust Discussions through Source Protection: R. v. Vice Media Canada Inc., 2018 SCC 53 (CanLII)

News

2019-03-07 You Can Now Search Commentary on CanLII by Subject

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Broadens the search & more results



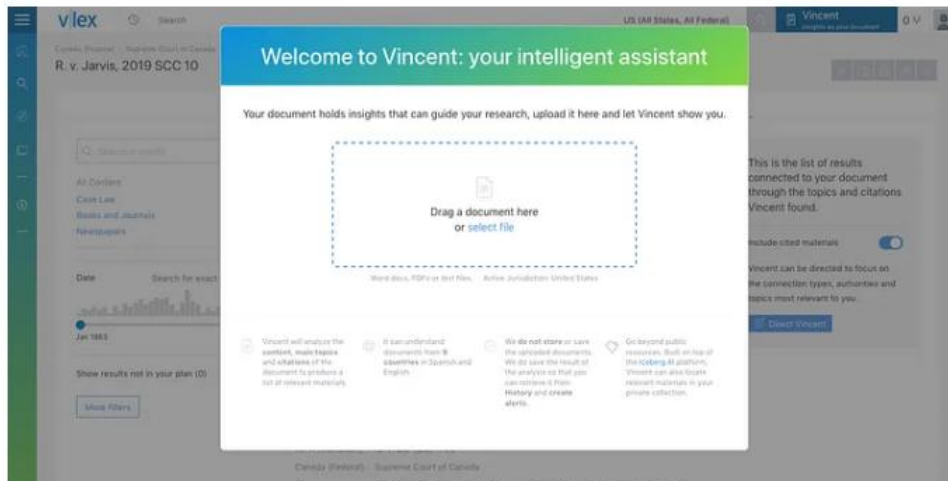
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Tip: What about legal research
AI?

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<https://blog.vlex.com/ai-powered-legal-research-added-to-the-tool-kit-of-every-lawyer-in-saskatchewan-a9b8050ddbde>



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Good Practices for Legal Research

- Tip: **Targeted** Resources for Legal Aid lawyers
 - Criminal
 - Family



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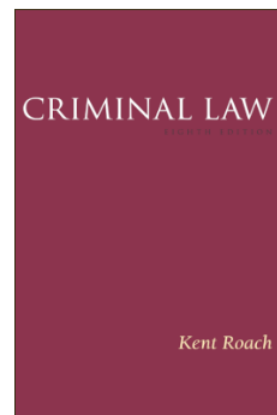
Tip: Targeted **Online Commentary**

vLex: Irwin Law eBooks

- Criminal Law (2022)
- Child Support Guidelines in Canada, 2022
- Canadian Family Law (2022)
- Sentencing in Canada (2020)
- Criminal Procedure (2020)

Criminal Law. Eighth edition

🔍 Criminal Law. Eighth edition



Since the publication of the first edition in 1996, *Criminal Law* by Kent Roach has become one of the most highly regarded titles in Irwin Law's Essentials of Canadian Law series. Professor Roach's account of the current state of substantive criminal law in Canada has become essential reading not only in law schools, but also among judges, practitioners, and others involved in the criminal justice system. The eighth edition of *Criminal Law* has been thoroughly updated to include new developments. It includes a detailed discussion of *R v Brown* striking down restrictions on the extreme intoxication defence and the likely parliamentary reply, and Parliament's reply in Bill C-28. It also examines changes in jury selection upheld in *R v Chouhan*; important decisions on fault, such as *R v Zora*,

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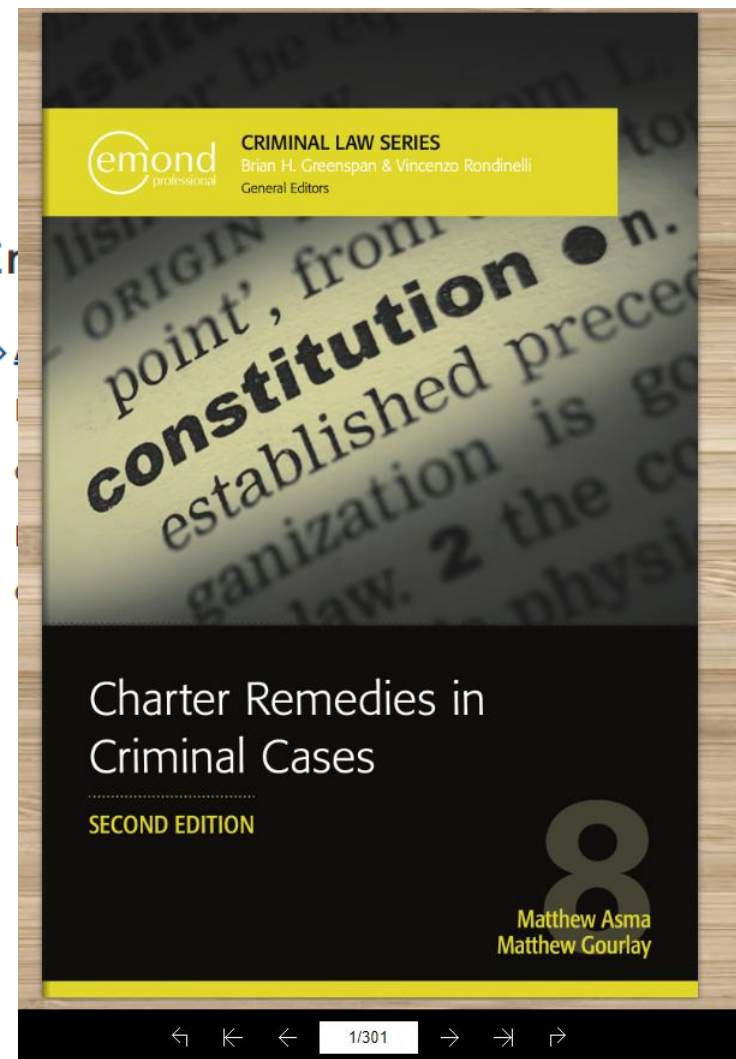
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Tip: Targeted **Online Commentary**

Emond eBooks: Criminal Law Series

- Charter Remedies in Criminal Cases (2023)
- Witness Preparation, Presentation, and Assessment (2023)
- Indigenous People and the Criminal Justice System (2022)
- Digital Evidence (2022)
- Sentencing: Principles and Practice (2022)



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Tip: Targeted **Online Commentary**

Westlaw Canada

Westlaw: Family Source

- Canadian Divorce Law and Practice (2023)
- Child Protection Law in Canada (2023)
- Domestic Contracts (2023)
- Enforcement of Family Law Orders and Agreements (2023)
- Parenting Law and Practice in Canada (2023)

Administrative Law

☐ ☐ I — Introduction

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☐ ☐ 1 — The Relationship Between Administrative Law and the Rule of Law

☐ ☐ 2 — Statutory Delegation of Governmental Power

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☐ ☐ 2 — Standing

☐ ☐ 3 — Delay

☐ ☐ 4 — Grounds for Judicial Review

☐ ☐ IV — Standards of Review

☐ ☐ 1 — General Principles

☐ ☐ 2 — Two Common Law Standards of Review

☐ ☐ 2.1 — Statutory Standards of Review



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Tip: Targeted **Online Commentary**

Westlaw: Criminal Source

- Canadian Criminal Procedure (2023)
- Criminal Law Evidence, Practice and Procedure (2023)
- Drug Offences in Canada,
- Martin's Annual Criminal Code (2023)
- Sentencing: The Practitioner's Guide (2023)

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Tip: Targeted **Case Law**

Westlaw: Canadian Abridgment Digests (2023)

- Alternative dispute resolution
- Constitutional law
- Criminal law
- Evidence
- Family law



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CRM Criminal law [Copy link](#)

Covers virtually every case reported in Canada since 1803, and every reported or unreported case received

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☐ I General principles

- ☐ 1 Actus reus
- ☒ 2 Fault [mens rea]
- ☒ 3 Statutory interpretation
- ☒ 4 Classification of offences
- ☒ 5 Criminal responsibility
- ☒ 6 Criminal responsibility of parties
- ☐ 7 Miscellaneous

☐ II Constitutional authority

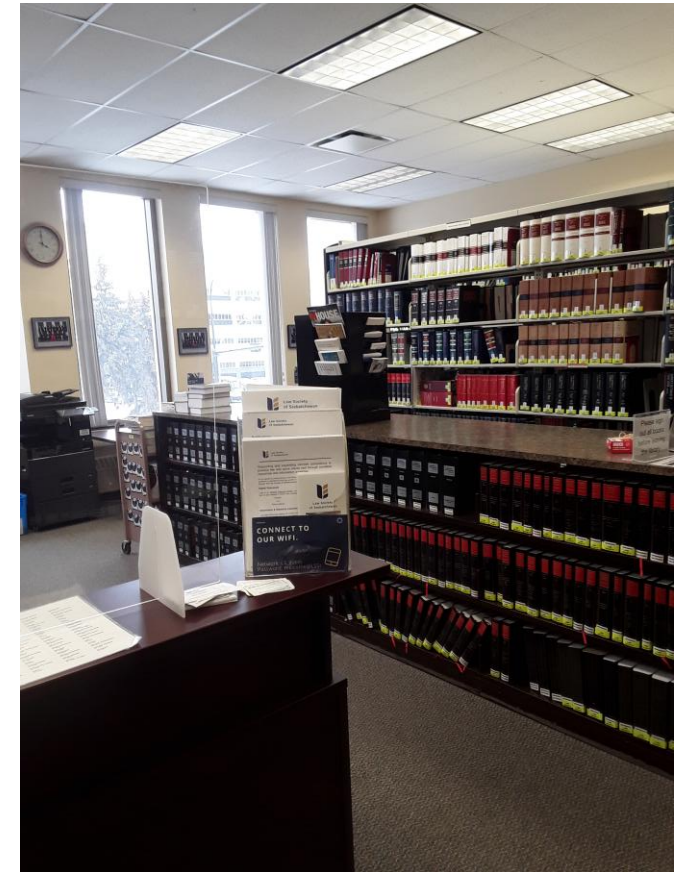
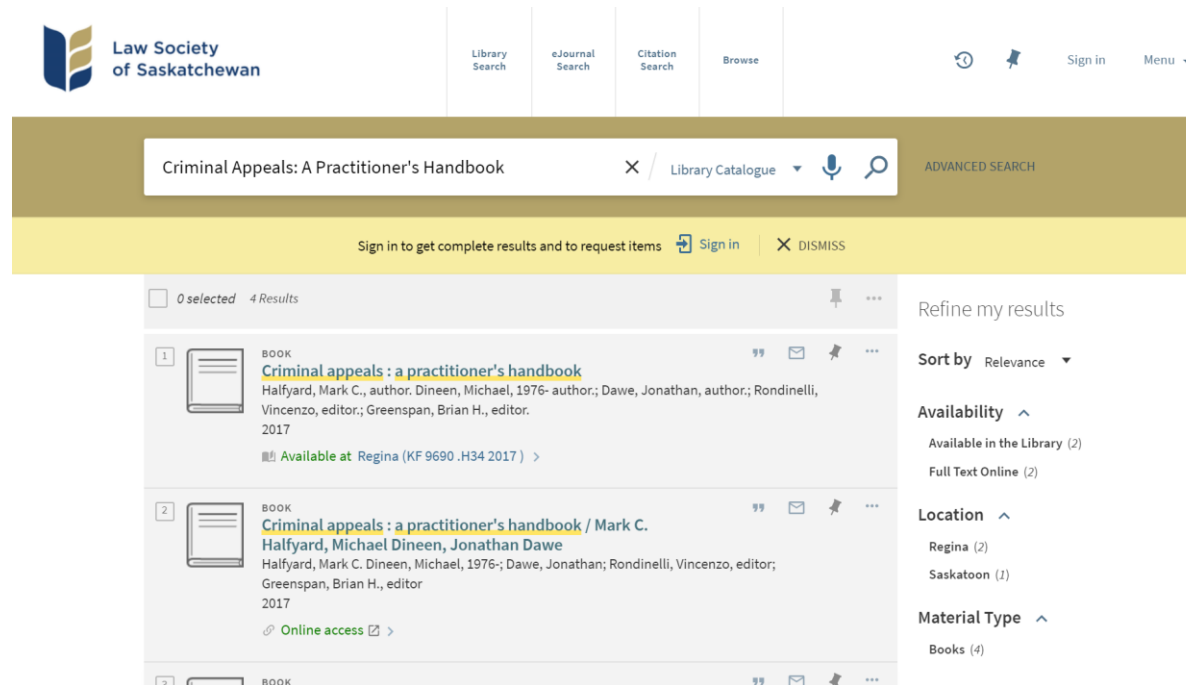
- ☒ 1 Federal criminal law powers
- ☒ 2 Provincial powers in quasi-criminal law matters
- ☒ 3 Prosecutorial responsibility
- ☐ 4 Miscellaneous

☐ III Canadian Bill of Rights

- ☐ 1 Fundamental rights
- ☐ 2 Principles of natural justice
- ☐ 3 Due process
- ☐ 4 Equality before law
- ☐ 5 Protection of law

Good Practices for Legal Research

Tip: Targeted **Print** Commentary



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Scenario





Scenario Demonstration

- Our Scenario:
 - Children live with parent A, who works M-F. Parenting schedule is based on Parent B's shift-work schedule. The result is instability for the child and custodial parent, as parenting time is not coordinated to parent's work schedule. Would the current law in Saskatchewan support a change to this arrangement?



Scenario

- Keyword Search Strategy:
 - Step 1: Brainstorm for keywords
 - Step 2: Identify concepts
 - Step 3: Create search query
 - Step 4: Analyze results
 - Step 5: Reformulate search

