

LIS 9318: Legal Information

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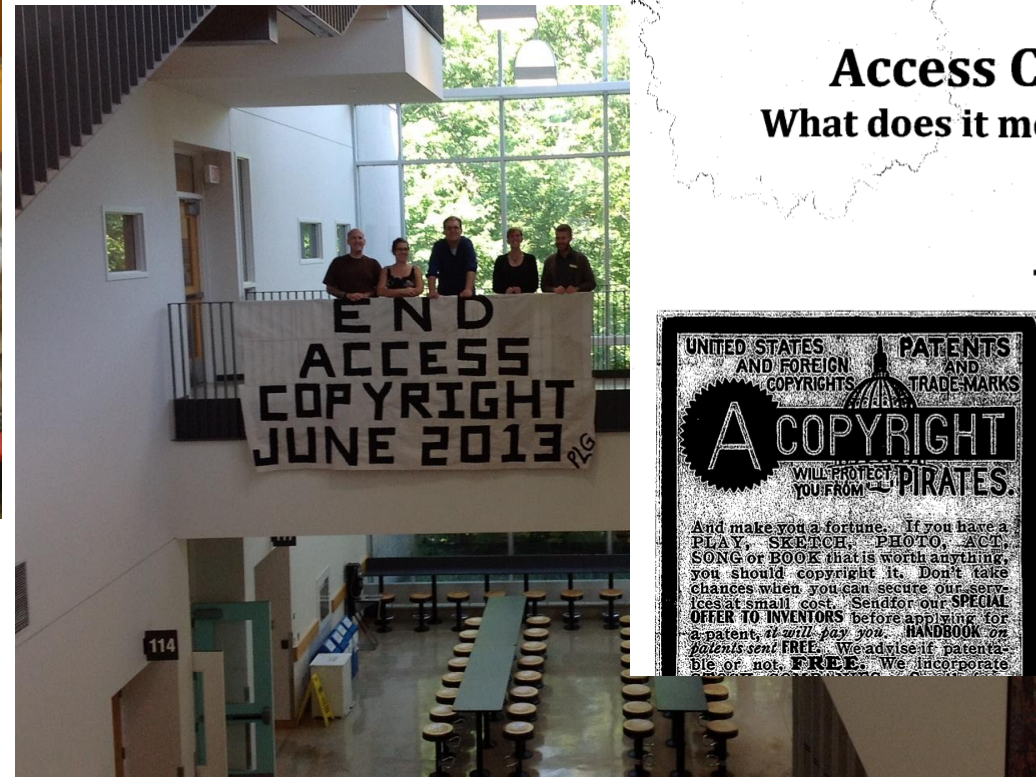
Overview

- Why Did I Become a Law Librarian?
- What is the Law Society of Saskatchewan?
- What Do We Do?
- Tips for Prospective Law Librarians
- Confessions of a New Law Library Director



Why Did I Become a Librarian?

- MLIS 2013, Western



The GRC Presents...

*A series of seminars and workshops
to support graduate students @ FIMS*



Access Copyright:
What does it mean for Western?
... with Alan Kilpatrick

Thursday, October 11th, 2012
→ 12:00pm-1:00pm

See the pirate ship on the horizon? Western 'protected' itself by signing an Access Copyright Agreement. Come out to discuss the implications of this agreement for libraries and librarians at Western!

NCB Rm. 293.

What is the Law Society of Saskatchewan?

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Strategic Directions



Expanded Approach to **Competency**



Trusted and Transparent **Regulation**



Innovative and Flexible Leader of an Engaged and Forward-Thinking Membership



Increased **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion** in the Law Society and Legal Service Provision



Increased **Access** to Legal Services



Increased Focus on Member **Wellness**



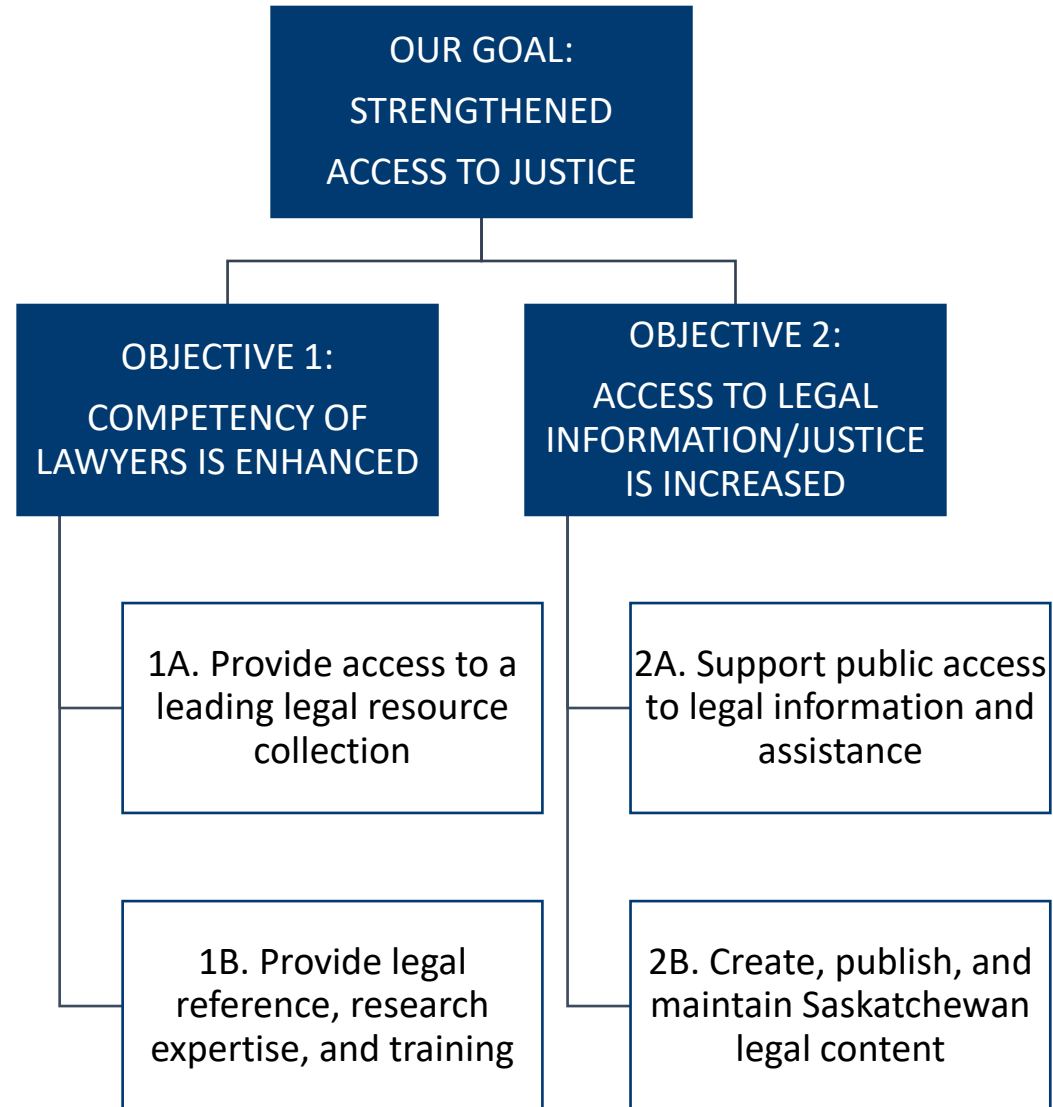
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Legal Resources Department

- Digital Resources
- Print resources
- Reference & Research
- Resource Libraries
- Training
- Public Legal Information

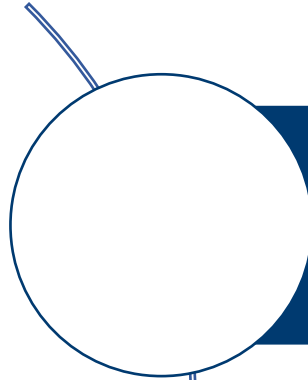


Strategic Priorities



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User groups



(i) The ***lawyers*** in the province who rely on our legal resources to effectively practice law; and

(ii) The ***public*** in need of legal information, competent legal representation, and accessible justice;





What Do I Do?

- Setting Strategic Priorities
- Managing Resources
- Reference & Research Services Support
- Providing Training
- Amplifying Public Legal Information Access & Referrals
- Marketing
- Communications



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Managing Resources

■ Digital Resources

■ Member Resource Section

MEMBER RESOURCE SECTION USAGE	ACTIVITY MEASURES 2021	ACTIVITY MEASURES 2022 (to date)
DivorceMate (Child support calculations)	152 total accounts created ¹⁹	160 total accounts created ²⁰
Emond ebook collection (Criminal Law Series, Working with the Law Series)	434 logins ²¹	Stats not available currently
HeinOnline (Law Journal Library, Canadian historical legislation, American law collection)	45,741 total hits 5,012 articles viewed ²²	23,140 total hits 2,631 articles viewed ²³
Irwin Law ebook collection (Essentials of Canadian Law series)	554 logins ²⁴	Moved to vLex Canada
rangefindr (Sentencing ranges)	1,911 logins 7,835 searches ²⁵	807 logins ²⁶
vLex Canada (Vincent AI)	1397 searches 1323 downloads ²⁷	2204 searches 2873 downloads ²⁸
Westlaw (Criminal Source, Employment Source Estates & Trusts Sources, Family Source, Labour Source, Law Source, O'Brien's Encyclopedia of Forms)	307,479 total transactions \$3,094,633 total usage ²⁹	Stats not available currently



Reference & Research Support

- Reference Support
 - Quick reference (Generally, less than 30 minutes)
- Premium Research Support
 - \$120 per hour
- Free/Discounted Services:
 - Legal Aid, Pro Bono Law, Etc.
- Artificial Intelligence & Research

LEGAL RESOURCES

2021 Stats



Total Case
Digests Published:

529 } CA: 171
QB: 308
PC: 50



TOP 5
Areas of Law
Asked About:

- Criminal
- Family
- Litigation
- General
- Wills & Estates

Total Member
Section Views:

182,731



Total Questions Asked:

1,295 } Members: 676
Public: 500
Other: 119

Total Question Time
28,073
minutes



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Providing Training

- One on one or group sessions
- Professional Development Webinars
 - [Discover YOUR CanLII](#) (2022)
 - [Discovering YOUR Westlaw](#) (2022)
 - [Searching Saskatchewan Legislation](#)(2021)
- Video Series
 - [New Student Orientation: Research & Resources](#) (2023)
 - [Research & Resources for USask LAW 245.2 LRW](#) (2020)

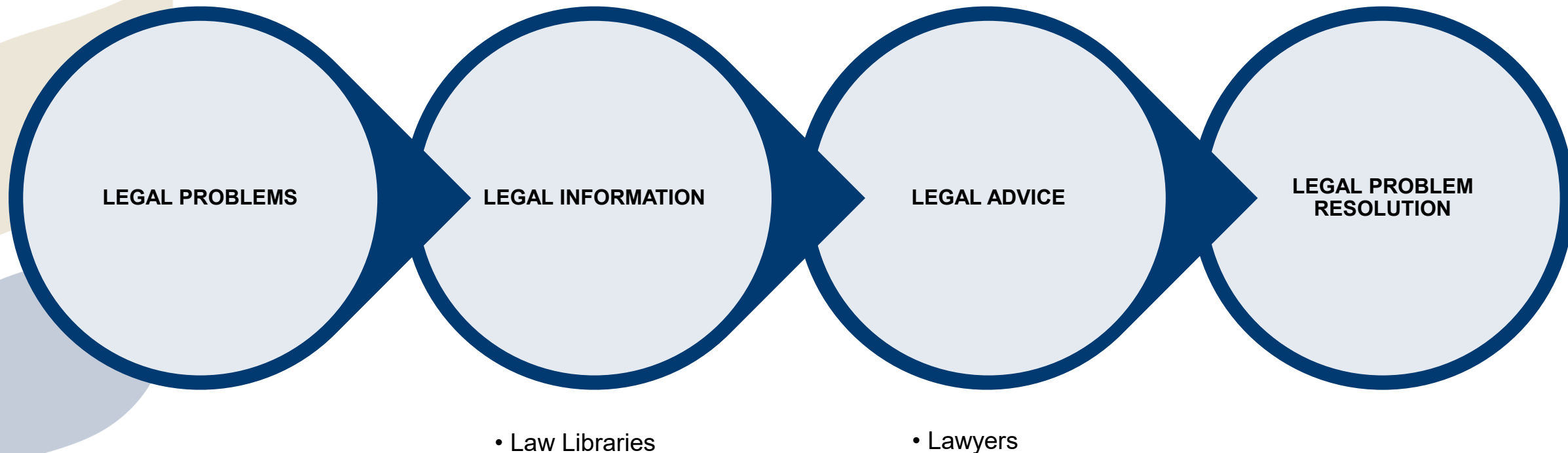




Public Legal Information: Access & Referrals

- We aim to connect the public with credible legal information and assistance by:
 - Amplifying legal information and assistance sources
 - Creating tools and guides
 - Collaborating with other stakeholders
- Law Society Access to Justice Working Group:
 - [Find Legal Assistance Directory Update](#)
 - Incarcerated Persons Project
 - [Legal Information Guidelines](#)
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Marketing

- Expertise,
 - Blog posts
- Stakeholder
 - Canadian Judicial Council Meeting



Our dedicated library staff are trained to assist you in finding legal information to suit your needs.

EXPERTISE



We are your legal information navigators, guiding law society members, articling students and the public through our extensive online and print library collection.

NAVIGATION



We offer personalized service through our law libraries conveniently located in the Regina and Saskatoon courthouses.

CONVENIENCE



We have the best online legal resources for law society members in Canada, offering up-to-date legal information through partnerships with legal organizations.

INNOVATION

Midwinter

CONTACT

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Email: reference@lawsocietysk.ca
Chat: lawsociety.sk.ca/legal-resources-library



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Communications

- Basic communications
- Clear processes
- Knowledge Management
- Annual Report
- Access to Justice Week





Tips for Prospective Law Librarians

- It's never too early to start networking
- Get active
- Network widely and wisely
- Share your story
- Embrace new situations



Confessions of a New Library Director

- Research your home
- Budgeting
- Expand your focus
- Relationships



Thank you!

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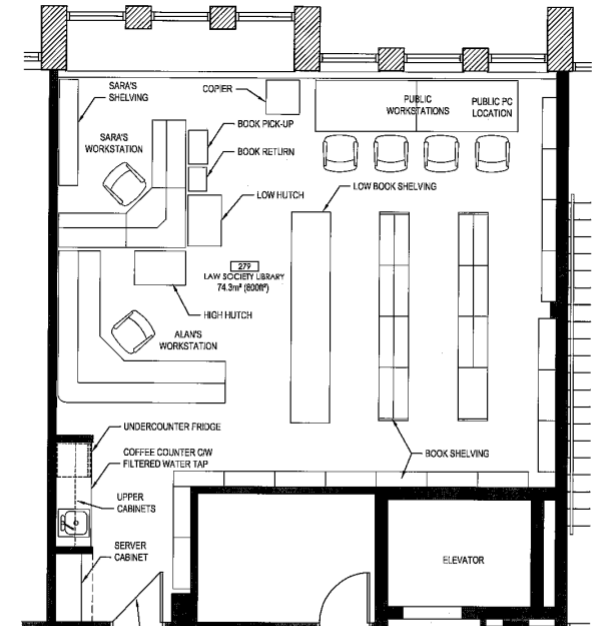
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Space Management



Blog Post: [What's a Bit of Space?](#)

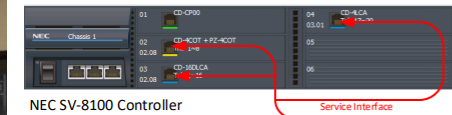


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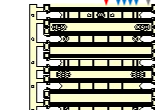
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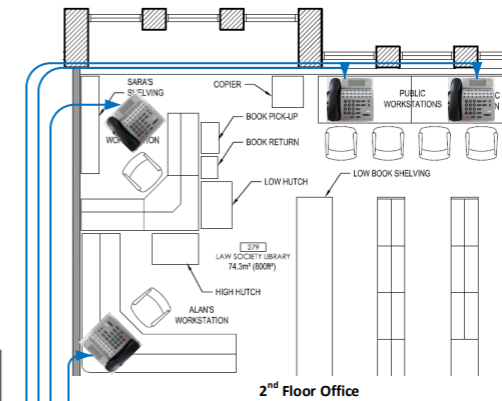
- Preferred Move Sequence**
- Install 25 pair feed from Sask. Tel. Dmark / Electrical Room BIX to Network BIX
 - Install house cabled from phone jacks on 2nd floor to Network Bix
 - Install house cables from 2nd floor fax to Network Bix, terminate and label
 - Move NEC phone controller with service interface
 - Install into network rack if possible
 - Jumper controller to house cables and verify set operation



NEC SV-8100 Controller



25 Pair Cable for Phone Lines



2nd Floor Office

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System Move Drawing
October 17, 2019



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