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HOW TO FIND CANADIAN CASES

1. WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPLETE CITATION

e.g.

<i>Masson v. Kelly</i>	(1991),	85	D.L.R.	(4th)	214	(Ont. C.A.).
Case name (Names of parties)	Year	Volume	Reporter (Dominion Law Reports)	Series	Page	Jurisdiction and court (Ontario Court of Appeal)

See handout **Abbreviations - Selected Law Reports** to find call number of report series.

OR

If not on **Abbreviations** handout, find full title of law report in either the **Abbreviations Catalogue** behind the Reference Desk or the abbreviations list in any bound **Canadian Abridgment** volume (DIG B35). Then find the call number of the law report either on **Yorkline** or the **Law Report Holdings** binders at the Circulation or Reference Desks.

Find cases in **Rep-Can** section on ground floor, east side of courtyard (see map, p. 4 for location).

2. WHEN YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES BUT NOT THE CITATION

CHECK: Canadian Abridgment: Consolidated Table of Cases (DIG B35) (see map, p. 4 for location), bound volumes and supplements.

OR

CHECK: Canadian Abridgment: Canadian Case Citations (DIG B35) (see map, p. 4 for location), bound volumes, annual, quarterly and monthly supplements.

Find case in **Rep-Can** section (see No 1).

3. WHEN YOU KNOW OF ONE CASE AND WANT TO FIND OTHERS ON THE SAME TOPIC

Locate case in the *Canadian Abridgment* "Consolidated Table of Cases", bound volumes or supplements (DIG B35) (see map, p. 4 for location).



Note volume number and digest number at end of entry (eg. R12.1174 refers to Volume R12 of the *Canadian Abridgment*, digest no. 1174. "Supp" refers to the supplement to the bound volume).



Locate digest of case in appropriate *Canadian Abridgment* volume.



Note topic and "classification number" in upper right hand corner of digest (eg. Contracts III.2.C.) All other digests under the same "classification number" are on the same point of law.

(Note: See the "Table of Classification" at the beginning of each topic for complete subject classification.)



Update with supplement to the bound volume, under the same topic and "classification number".



For more recent cases, update with *Canadian Current Law: Case Digests* (DIG B35) under the same topic and "classification number". Use the Cumulative Case Law Update at the back of the *General Index* volume to determine if cases on your topic have been digested in the monthly issues.



Find full text of reported cases in **Rep-Can** section (see No. 1).

4. WHEN YOU KNOW THE TOPIC BUT DO NOT KNOW OF ANY CASES

CHECK: *Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (CED)*
 "Research Guide and Key"
 volume (DIG A242) (see map,
 p. 4 for location).



Consult "Part V: Index Key"
 under subject and follow
 reference to appropriate
 volume, title and paragraph
 (e.g. 6-36 §30 refers to
 Volume 6, Title 36, paragraph
 30).



Update with yellow pages at
 front of title, under same
 paragraph number.



Find digests of cases in the
Canadian Abridgment (DIG
 B55) (see No. 3).

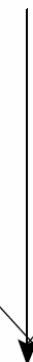
OR CHECK: *Canadian Abridgment* "General Index"
 volume (DIG B35) (see map,
 p. 4 for location).



Consult "General Index"
 section under subject and
 follow reference to digests in
 bound volumes and
 supplements (e.g. R21. 2294-
 11200).



Check in quarterly Cumulative
 Index in *Case Digests* for
 more recent cases. Update
 using Index in most recent
 issues of *Case Digests*.



Find full text of reported cases
 in **Rep-Can** section (see No.
 1).

OR *Canadian Abridgment* "Key
 and Research Guide" volume
 (DIG B35) (see map, p. 4 for
 location).



Consult "Key Classification
 Section" under subject and
 determine topic and
 "classification number".



Find digests of cases in bound
 volumes and supplements and
 current issues of *Case Digests*
 (see No. 3).



For more recent cases, update
 with *Canadian Current Law:
 Case Digests* (DIG B35). Use
 the Cumulative Case Law
 Update at the back of the
General Index volume to
 determine if cases on your
 topic have been digested in the
 monthly issues. Update using
 Index in most recent issues of
Case Digests.

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