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Where to start?

1. **Encyclopedias**
 - Canadian Encyclopedic Digest (CED): in print, on WestlaweCarswell
 - Halsbury's Laws of Canada: in print, on Quicklaw/LexisNexis
2. **Books** - in Osgoode/York Libraries Catalogue <http://www.library.yorku.ca>
 - Keyword search
 - vs.
 - Subject search: subject headings authorized by *Library of Congress Subject Headings*
 - cross-references
 - broader and narrower related headings
 - also used in periodical indexes such as ICLL, LegalTrac
 - on Reserve (most current, Canadian texts, including Irwin Law texts)
3. **Journal/Periodical articles - Indexes**
 - **Index to Canadian Legal Literature** - in print; WestlaweCarswell and Quicklaw
 - **Index to Legal Periodicals and Books (ILP)** - in print; on eResources
 - **LegalTrac** - *Current Law Index* in print; on eResources
 - **Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals** – in print, on eResources
 - **AGIS Plus Text** – eResources (for Australia, New Zealand, Pacific, Asia)
 - Law Library Research Databases page http://library.osgoode.yorku.ca/res_data_law.html
 - eResources > Find articles by Subject > Law (and other subjects)
<http://www.library.yorku.ca/ccm/Home/eResources/FindBySubject>
4. **To FIND Full text of journal articles:** Electronic and/or Print
 - link from within periodical indexes: ILP, LegalTrac, etc.
 - eResources - Find by [journal] Title
 - link from York Libraries' catalogue record
 - Hein Online - eResources (note: current year usually not available)
 - Database of Law Journals Available Electronically and at the Bora Laskin Law Library (UofT) <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/journals/search.asp>
Includes titles free on the Internet, Quicklaw, WestlaweCarswell, LexisNexis, Hein Online, U of T eresources (most of which York also has – but must use York eResources access instead)

5. **To SEARCH Full text of journal articles**

Hein Online

WestlaweCarswell

Quicklaw/LexisNexis

Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com>

Legal Scholarship Network/Social Science Research Network <http://www.ssrn.com>

6. **Other eResources at York Libraries:** Government publications, Statistical sources, News (Factiva), etc.

7. **Internet**

- Law Library Web Links pages http://library.osgoode.yorku.ca/res_web_links.html

- web sites of legal and law-related organizations, government departments, etc.

- Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com>

- York University Libraries' Internet Tools

<http://www.library.yorku.ca/ccm/Home/eResources/internettools.htm>

8. **Current awareness sources:** Quicklaw/LexisNexis NetLetters, WestClip, Lexis Eclipse, CCH Alerts, blogs, listservs, podcasts, RSS feeds, Law Library web page-Current Awareness Services, **Legal Scholarship Network/Social Science Research Network** <http://www.ssrn.com>

9. **Direct Borrowing** at other university (law) libraries

10. **InterLibrary Loan**

RACER online system

<http://racer.scholarsportal.info/zportal/zengine?VDXaction=LoginPage>

see http://library.osgoode.yorku.ca/serv_inter.html to register, for Help and details

11. **Citation/Bibliography manager programs:** RefWorks (York Libraries); EndNote