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The year 2017 marks Canada's 150th anniversary (or "sesquicentennial" for all the logophiles reading this issue!). What better way celebrate the year than with a cross-Canada look at legal research tools (along with a list of contacts!). Thank you to our hard-working *VALL Review* editors, Alexandria Everitt and Stef Alexandru, for compiling this useful feature article. As some of us head to Ottawa for the 2017 CALL Conference, this article will no doubt be a talking point when we encounter colleagues from other jurisdictions.



Sarah Richmond
VALL President
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Since our Fall 2016 issue, VALL members have met to hear from Dom Bautista, Executive Director of the Law Courts Centre, and were encouraged to take part in *Amici Curiae* in their capacity as law librarians (see p. 22). We also celebrated two new Lifetime Members (see p. 19). We then met for morning coffee at Whitelaw Twining, and later learned about Andornot's new discovery interface (see p. 22). In March, I presented on U.S. court structures and case law research.

This upcoming summer is a time for renewal for the VALL Executive. As some members decide to step aside, we invite new individuals to join! Please contact Debbie Millward, Past President, at dmillward@lawsonlundell.com if you are interested in being a part of the Executive. A list of available positions will be circulated and made available on the VALL website.

Thank you to the 2016–2017 VALL Executive (Debbie Millward, Teresa Gleave, Joni Sherman, Megan Smiley, Angela Ho, Alexandria Everitt, Stef Alexandru, Brenda Alm, Christina Tribe and Julie Nadalini) for your continued commitment to VALL over this past year.

Thank you to our editors, Alex and Stef! We hope you enjoy the issue!

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From the Editors

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As colleagues across Canada prepare for the CALL conference in Ottawa in early May, and we welcome spring in all corners of the country, we are pleased to publish the first *VALL Review* issue of the year.

Our theme is conducting legislative research, a significant aspect of the work of law library workers. We canvassed colleagues in most provinces and all territories and were thrilled with the response. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who responded to our call and provided their knowledge and expertise about their home province or territory. The primer to legislative point-in-time research across the provinces and territories features the contributions of 11 librarians from 8 provinces and 3 territories, starting points for conducting legislative research outside of your home jurisdiction, and insider tips from librarians in-the-know. Also included in this issue are the usual suspects: updates from Quickscribe and CLEBC, as well as a roundup of recent VALL events.

As always, we love to hear from you—whether general feedback, ideas for future content, or a wish to contribute an article. With conference season right around the corner, we encourage you to share your experiences and what you've learned with colleagues. Please contact us at vallreview@gmail.com.

Happy conferencing and a great summer to all!
Alex and Stef

Feature article: A Primer to Legislative Research across the Provinces and Territories

This primer to legislative research is arranged by province/territory, with each table providing answers to seven questions.

1. Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?
2. Do you have any resources that help you with Provincial Point-In-Time Research?
3. What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?
4. Where do you go for legislative materials?
5. Does your province/territory have a Continuing Legal Education Society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?
6. Does your province/territory have Courthouse Library Services?
7. Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province/territory that you want to highlight?

The tables below provide a detailed look at legislative research resources in each province/territory, whereas the Quick Reference Table located on page 25 provides a 'quick reference' for each province/territory. We hope you find the information valuable!

A big thank you to the law librarians across the country who contributed to this article, who sent us screenshots, and who

consulted with other colleagues to provide us with more accurate information about legislative research in their jurisdiction. We condensed most of the information provided and any oversight is our own. We would also like to mention [The Comprehensive Guide To Legal Research, Writing & Analysis, 2nd Edition](#) as a valuable resource for researching provincial and territorial legislation. It contains a province-by-province (and territory) guide.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Emily Nickerson, Research Librarian

Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	Yes, in the British Columbia Annual Practice, available in print or online in Quicklaw. It is known as “the White Book”.
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quickscribe for point-in-time legislative research within the last 15 years. This subscription service has features like “Older versions of this Law” and “Legislative History” which make this type of research more streamlined. • BC Laws for the Table of Legislative Changes (1st Edition and 2nd Edition) and the Historical Table • Annual volumes of the Statutes of BC in HeinOnline or in print if the firm keeps them
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Assembly of BC • Bills (1992–present) • Hansard (1970–present) <p>TIP: Use the List of Bills with Hansard Debates feature for integrated access to an easy-to-read table that outlines publication of bills and associated debates.</p>
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quickscribe <p>TIP: Useful PDF downloading option and excellent search functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Laws • CanLII
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLEBC is a paid subscription source with online access to course materials, case digests, and practice manuals. <p>TIP: A variety of practice areas covered and used widely by students, paralegals, and lawyers.</p>
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courthouse Libraries BC. Services available include interlibrary loans, document requests, complex research help, and a comprehensive collection to supplement a firm’s collection.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Court Services Online is very helpful for tracking the status of certain court proceedings and requesting filings.

ALBERTA

Megan Siu, Community Development & Education Specialist

Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta (CPLA)

<p>Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Rules of Court Annotated (Fradsham) • Alberta Civil Procedure Handbook (Stevenson & Cote): annual publication • Alberta Rules of Court via Government of Alberta's official publisher, Alberta Queen's Printer, free and online
<p>Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LexisNexis Quicklaw • QP Source Professional: online paid subscription resource for legislation (2002–present) from Government of Alberta's official publisher
<p>What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Assembly of Alberta • Alberta Hansard (1972–present) • Scrapbook Hansard (1906–1971)
<p>Where do you go for legislative materials?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Queen's Printer for free, online Alberta statutes and regulations • QP Source Professional: online paid subscription resource for Alberta statutes and regulations, <i>Alberta Gazette</i>, Rules of Court, Orders in Council, and more. • HeinOnline: online paid subscription for PDF copies of RSC 1886–1985, Annual Statutes of Canada 1792–2015, RSA 1906–2015, Annual Statutes of Alberta 1906–2015 • Our Future, Our Past: free online PDF copies of Alberta Statutes and Regulations (1905–1990), Ordinances of the NWT (1877–1905), <i>Alberta Gazette</i> (1906–1990), Bills of the Legislature (1906–1990), Journals of the Legislature (1906–1989) • Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Bills (1906–present), Assembly Documents and Records (Hansard, votes and proceedings, committee meeting transcripts, house journals, electoral boundaries commissions, etc. from approximately 1990–present)
<p>Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA): paid subscription for course packages or individual print/digital course materials offered at itemized pricing. The LESA Library collections includes digital course materials (2012–present) and Practice Manuals.
<p>Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Law Libraries. Services include reference and research (free), and customized legal research services like statute or case note-up, statute or case note-up, document request, and access materials from other libraries (paid).

Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?

- [Alberta Courts Publications and Forms](#) for court services.
- [Our Future, Our Past](#) offers free, online access to Alberta cultural and heritage materials including digitized legislative history, newspaper articles, and photographs.

SASKATCHEWAN

Alan Kilpatrick, Librarian

Law Society of Saskatchewan Library

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court of Appeal Rules and Queen's Bench Rules online at publications.gov.sk.ca/freelaw. • The Law Society of Saskatchewan Library publishes annotated print copies of these rules. <p>TIP: The Saskatchewan Queen's Bench Rules Annotated 2016 Consolidation and Civil Appeals in Saskatchewan feature high quality commentary and practical observations on case law and legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of rules are available for sale on the Law Society website.
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	<p>Yes through Publications Saskatchewan website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point-in time consolidations • historical legislation <p>From Law Society of Saskatchewan Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saskatchewan Bills and the Saskatchewan Regulations databases. <p>TIP: These searchable databases track changes to Saskatchewan statutes and regulations over time, chart the progress of bills, feature proclamation dates, and include legislative summaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saskatchewan Proclamations (2000–present)
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan website charts the progress of bills before the current session of the Legislature as well as previous sessions from 1998 to the present. • Debates and Hansard (1998–present) and can be browsed by date through the legislative calendar, searched through the subject index or speaker index. <p>TIP: Information about committees, minutes, orders, and journals can also be found here.</p>
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications Saskatchewan website <p>TIP: Comprehensive collection of current Saskatchewan legislation available, a growing historical collection, and legislative tables essential for historical research.</p> <p>TIP: The legislation available online is considered authoritative, not official. Only paper copies of legislation are considered official.</p>
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	<p>The Law Society of Saskatchewan operates a mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) program for members.</p> <p>Some past editions of CPD materials, Bar Course materials, and other legal education materials are available for free online through the CPD Full-Text Search, maintained by the Law Society Library.</p>
Does your province have Courthouse	<p>No but the Law Society of Saskatchewan Library serves the legal information needs of Saskatchewan members, articling students, and the</p>

Library Services?	public by providing a print and online library collection, high-quality legal research services, and a variety of Saskatchewan focused legal publications.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CanLII, which features a nearly complete record of Saskatchewan case law from 1907 to the present.• Saskatchewan Cases (late 1980s–present) is a searchable database featuring digests of Saskatchewan cases• The Law Society of Saskatchewan Library at reference@lawsociety.ca or 306-569-8020 provides assistance with Saskatchewan legal research.

MANITOBA

Karen Sawatzky, Director of Legal Resources

Manitoba Law Library, Law Society of Manitoba

<p>Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?</p>	<p>Yes through Manitoba Laws website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench: Civil Rules and Criminal Rules The Court of Appeal: Civil Rules and Criminal Rules <p>TIP: Hyperlinks to the forms in Word format also available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annotated Manitoba Queen's Bench Rules (Busby) are available in print as a looseleaf subscription from Carswell, or online through a subscription to Litigator. Every two years a perfect-bound paperback is published which includes the rules only.
<p>Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manitoba Laws for consolidated and unconsolidated Acts; unconsolidated Annual Chapters (1988–present); Proclamations; individual statutes; and regulations, which are only available in PDF format. <p>TIP: The last major revision of the statutes was in 1987 due to a constitutional challenge which resulted in the Supreme Court of Canada ordering that all Manitoba Statutes be available in English and in French.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CanLII <p>TIP: CanLII allows searching across statutes and regulations at the same time, while the laws website only allows searching one type of document at a time.</p>
<p>What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Assembly of Manitoba Hansard (1958–present) available online or in print the Reading Room at the Legislative Assembly on Broadway Committee debates (1974–present) <p>TIP: Hansard is a challenge to search and is almost easier to do in print.</p>
<p>Where do you go for legislative materials?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Assembly of Manitoba for Status of Bills (a PDF document updated daily during the legislative session) and Sessional Bills (current bills). Online access 1999–present.
<p>Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?</p>	<p>No but the Law Society of Manitoba governs recently implemented mandatory continuing professional development for members. The Law Society often partners with the Manitoba Bar Association to produce educational courses. Materials from these programs are usually for sale from the Law Society or available to view at the Manitoba Great Library.</p>
<p>Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Great Library is a Law Society members-only library in the Manitoba Law Courts in Winnipeg serving the entire province. Services include case law, legislation, computer searches, manual research, interlibrary support, and photocopy, computer printing,

	<p>and other document delivery.</p> <p>Self-represented litigants and the public may request access to the library, but they only have access to the books and free websites like CanLII or Manitoba Laws. There is no staff available to assist them.</p> <p>TIP: The Great Library has a print copy of many of the old unpublished decisions from the 1970s until the online databases started publishing all decisions in the early 2000s.</p>
<p>Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Courts for court notices and practice directives as well as general information about the court system • Courts Registry System for a listing of all documents filed and hearings scheduled for the Court of Queen’s Bench back to 1984. <p>TIP: The registry can be searched by party name. Though there is no link to the published decision, you can retrieve the file number and the names of the parties, and search CanLII for the decision. The file number in the registry has no spaces (e.g. AI15-30-08390) but the file number on the decision does (AI 15-30-08390).</p>

ONTARIO

Brenda Lauritzen, Reference Librarian
County of Carleton Law Association

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Annual Practice; also frequently consulted: Ontario Family Law Practice, Ontario Civil Practice, Ontario Small Claims Court Practice
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Laws for current consolidated law, source law (2000–present), period in time law (2004–present), and repealed, revoked and spent law (1991–present) <p>TIP: Laws viewed on or downloaded from e-Laws are official copies of the law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanLII • Quicklaw
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Assembly of Ontario • Hansard (1977–present)
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Laws for current consolidated law, source law (2000–present), period in time law (2004–present), and repealed, revoked and spent law (1991–present) • Osgoode Digital Commons for statutes (1970–1999) • HeinOnline, a paid resource, for statutes
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AccessCLE, the Law Society of Upper Canada's CLE materials database (2004–present). Free access to materials older than 18 months; for articles dated within last 18 months, preview and purchase PDF copy through the online store. Materials also available in print at all courthouse libraries.
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 courthouse libraries under LibraryCo.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Statute Citator is an annual subscription looseleaf service based on the <i>Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990</i> and contains Table of Statutes; Table of Cases; and statutes passed by the legislature subsequent to the 1990 revision. • Legislative Assembly of Ontario older legislative materials (Hansards, Bills, etc.) on the Internet Archive.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Pam Borden, Library Manager

Law Society of PEI Library

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	No but the Prince Edward Island Annotated Rules of Civil Procedure are available online on the PEI Government website under “Supreme Court” or in print from by KKP (Division of Kwik Kopy Printing) in Charlottetown.
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	Yes. PEI point-in-time research is usually conducted through LexisNexis, Quicklaw or CanLII. The online Table of Public Acts and Table of Regulations found on www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/legislation are resources updated monthly by the Legislative Counsel Office to reflect statutory and regulatory amendments. The print annual act and Royal Gazette (1999–present) also contain tables of amendments covering the last calendar year.
What is your legislative assembly’s website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislative Assembly of PEI • Hansard (Spring 1996–present) • Other resources include First and Third Reading bills (1997–present), and records and motions (1997–present).
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanLII • Legislative Assembly of PEI for bills and debates • Courts of PEI for Court Rules
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	Yes, the Law Society of PEI’s Continuing Legal Education Committee which provides two seminars to lawyers and articling clerks per year. Course materials are provided in print and the charge is per course. The Law Society of PEI office maintains a print archive of all recent CLE seminars for future reference.
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	Yes. Members of the PEI bar and the public have access to Courthouse Library Services through the Law Society of PEI Librarian Pam Borden. Services include access to print materials (bar members and the public) and WestlawNext.Canada and LexisNexisCanada Quicklaw (bar members only). Print materials from the Supreme Court of PEI Judges Library in the Charlottetown Courthouse are available to PEI bar members as well.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	The Community Legal Information Association (CLIA) of PEI is an invaluable resource for both members of the PEI Bar and the public. Resources include forms, articles and many items helpful in conducting legal research on many topics.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Brenda Blundon, Law Librarian

Department of Justice and Public Safety

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian

Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	No but the Rules of Court can be accessed through the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Supreme Court, 1986 • Family Law Rules The House of Assembly website and CanLII have the full text while Westlaw has full text and annotations.
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanLII • Print Hansard from the Law Library and through the Legislative Assembly Library • Online Hansard (1998–present)
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador • Newfoundland Hansard (1980–present) and Debates of the Legislature (1932–1933)
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador. Most material is found under Education and some under Publications. All course materials from Continuing Education Courses held by the Law Society are available at the Law Library or via Photocopies/Scans/ Interlibrary Loans request.
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	No.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanLII • Westlaw • Quicklaw • First Resort for labour and employment law • LexisInternational

NOVA SCOTIA

Janet Arsenault, Librarian

Justice Canada

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	Yes through the Courts of Nova Scotia website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Procedure Rules
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nova Scotia House of Assembly: statutes (1998–present); regulations; bills (1998–present); <i>Royal Gazette</i> (Part I and Part II)
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nova Scotia House of Assembly • Hansard (1997–present)
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nova Scotia House of Assembly • Nova Scotia Proceedings for Hansard (Debates of the House); first and third readings of Bills; the Statutes of Nova Scotia; Regulations; and the Speech from the Throne.
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Library provides access to CPD materials (2002–present) and CLE Society of Nova Scotia materials (1979–2002), some in full-text available by searching the catalogue.
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	No.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	No info provided.

YUKON

Natalie Wing, Law Librarian

Yukon Public Law Library

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	<p>No but the Rules are available through the Yukon Courts website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Court for the Supreme Court of Yukon. • Territorial Court practice directions. Territorial Court does not have comprehensive rules. <p>TIP: Use practice directions when statutes don't provide guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Yukon for Small Claims Court regulations
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yukon Legislation Historical Statutes page <p>TIP: For point-in-time research pre-2002, refer to the table of public statutes located at the back of the annual volume published after the year you are researching but before the next revision/consolidation. Key volume years for this are: SY 2001, SY 1986, and OYT 1971.</p>
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yukon Legislative Assembly • Hansard (1978–present)
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yukon Legislative Assembly Progress of Bills (Spring 2004–present) <p>TIP: Useful explanatory notes are provided with third reading versions of bills.</p>
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	No.
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yukon Public Law Library. Services include legal research, access to Yukon Law Reports which are not available online, and legal research eLibrary.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yukon Archives Digital Library Law & Legislation collection, which includes historical legislation beginning in 1897.

NUNAVUT

Riel Gallant, Legislative Librarian

Nunavut Legislative Library & Information Services

Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian (formerly Manager, Court Library Services at Government of Nunavut)

Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

<p>Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?</p>	<p>No but the Nunavut Rules of Court can be accessed through the Nunavut Courts website. They are supplemented by approximately 40 operational directives and practice directives created by the Senior Judge to address issues not covered by the out-dated rules adopted from the NWT when Nunavut was created in 1999.</p> <p>TIP: No print copies of the Rules available. There is an ongoing project to develop new Rules of Court; however, as of April 2017, they are not yet in place.</p> <p>TIP: No e-filing available; everything must be provided by email, fax, or snail mail.</p>
<p>Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanLII • Department of Justice under the Legislation tab <p>TIP: Government of Nunavut does not produce print copies of their statutes and regulations.</p> <p>TIP: Use the Nunavut Gazette to trace older copies of legislation.</p> <p>TIP: Not all Nunavut's legislation is available in up-to-date consolidations. Use the dreaded "Miscellaneous Statute," omnibus statutes that update a variety of different statutes. Find both the original statute on the Nunavut website and the amendment to adjust your copy to get the current piece of legislation. All of this can be done online.</p>
<p>What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Assembly of Nunavut • Hansard (1999–present) • Also available: Tabled Documents and First and Second Reading of Bills
<p>Where do you go for legislative materials?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Assembly of Nunavut for Hansard, Tabled Documents, and Bills • Department of Justice website for Statutes, Acts and Gazette (Part I and Part II) <p>TIP: Online versions are considered unofficial, but are accepted for everything except court submissions. To obtain an official version for the purpose of evidence in court, contact the Territorial Printer.</p>
<p>Does your territory have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you</p>	<p>No, but the Law Society of Nunavut governs legal continuing education, and offers free professional development events for lawyers.</p>

<p>have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?</p>	
<p>Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nunavut Court of Justice Law Library. Membership to the Law Library is extended to all members of the Nunavut bar since the Court of Justice Law Library is the only law library in the territory, <p>TIP: Free access, but materials can only be borrowed within Iqaluit and they do not circulate out to the communities or down south.</p> <p>TIP: Members of the public can use the facility for legal research but use is restricted and the public do not have borrowing privileges. The library does not collect popular materials, legal history, criminology/sociology.</p> <p>Note: At April 2017, the law library is unstaffed and research assistance is unavailable.</p>
<p>Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quicklaw • Westlaw • CanLII

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Do you have a centralized resource for Court Rules (either print or online)?	Yes through the Department of Justice website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northwest Territories Rules of Court
Do you have any resources that help you with provincial point-in-time research?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Justice website for current consolidated law and bills (2004–present) CanLII Quicklaw
What is your legislative assembly's website? Can you access Hansards from this website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories Hansard (2000–present)
Where do you go for legislative materials?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Justice website for current consolidated law and bills (2004–present) <p>TIP: Use Legislation Search but note that these consolidations are updated monthly and may not be the most current version available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories for bills (2010–present), motions, and Hansard (2000–present) Northwest Territories Gazette (1994–present) The Legislative Library has Hansard records going back to December 1951. Visit the Library in person or contact the Legislative Librarian by phone at (867) 767-9132 ext 12056, fax at (867) 873-0207, mail or email for assistance.
Does your province have a Continuing Legal Education society? If yes, do you have access course materials and other resources? Is it a paid subscription?	No. The Law Society of the Northwest Territories has an agreement with the Law Society of Alberta to allow members to use their Practice Advisors .
Does your province have Courthouse Library Services?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NWT Court Library System consists of the M.M. de Weerdt Law Library in Yellowknife and one satellite library in Hay River.
Is there any other resource that you find invaluable for legal research? Are there any other resources specific to your province that you want to highlight?	No info provided.

Member Announcements

New Members:

Amar Sihota – Queen’s Printer

Ryan Allworth – BC Securities Commission

Anne O’Shea – Manager, Programming and Learning, VPL

Danielle Brosseau – Library Manager, Harper Grey LLP

Heidi Schiller – InfoAction, VPL

Lisa Anderson – Manager Research & Knowledge Management, Singleton Urquhart LLP

Theresa de Sousa – BC Securities Commission

New Student Members:

Alessandra White

Gillian Blore

Suzanne Jay

Lifetime Members

During the 2016 December Social the Vancouver Association of Law Libraries recognized two new Lifetime Members: Sarah Munro and Karen Kerfoot.



To be eligible for Lifetime Member status, one must have been a longtime member of VALL, for at least 5 years, must have been an active participant in VALL, must want to be a Lifetime Member, that is, would truly be pleased by the honour and would likely attend Seminars periodically. To view member bios of all Lifetime Members, visit the [VALL website](#).

Sarah Munro

Sarah retired from Singleton Urquhart in June 2016. During her distinguished career as a law librarian, Sarah served on the VALL executive in the three-year President role (2011–2014) and as secretary (1997–1998). She has also been an active member of CALL and was a session moderator at the 2002 CALL conference. Sarah's professional involvement also extended to memberships in the Special Libraries Association, Westcoast LEAF, and BC Legal Management Association. Sarah was an adjunct professor at SLAIS, the iSchool@UBC, team-teaching the law libraries course.



Before joining Singleton Urquhart as the firm's librarian in 2008, Sarah was with the Courthouse Libraries BC for many

years, as a reference librarian and as the collections librarian.

Karen Kerfoot

Karen Kerfoot (formerly Imeson) retired from The Continuing Legal Education Society of BC after an amazing 40-year career in the law-publishing business. Karen and CLEBC have been long-time supporters of the Vancouver law library community, and regular participants at VALL events over the years. Karen served as the *VALL Review* Editor (1989–1990) and Secretary (1993–1995).

Peter Bark Bursary

Congratulations to the 2017 recipients of the Peter Bark Bursary! They are:

- Emily Nickerson, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP
- Sarah Sutherland, CanLII
- Evelyn Taylor, Department of Justice Canada

Stay tuned for their recipient reports in the next issue of the *VALL Review*.

What's New at Quickscribe?

Since launching the new user interface and search engine in the spring of 2016, Quickscribe has introduced a number of new features and enhancements to the [Quickscribe Online 2.0](#) platform.

The most notable enhancement has been a recent update we applied which has resulted in the laws now loading up to ten times faster than previously. We understand that some lawyers may have been reluctant to use Quickscribe in the past due to the delay it took for some of the larger laws to load to the page. Please help us spread the word that this issue is now resolved.

A new bookmark feature allows users to save their favourite sections or laws so they are readily accessible on the left navigation. Combined, these two enhancements will ultimately save users time.

Several new lawyers have been added to the growing [list of Quickscribe expert annotation contributors](#) including [Katherine Hardie](#) and [Devyn Cousineau](#), legal counsel for the Human Rights Tribunal. Quickscribe continues to search for new contributors covering various areas of practice so if you have any ideas on who might be a good candidate from your firm, please contact [Mike Pasta](#) directly for more information on the benefits of participating.

Work continues on the new Hansard project, which when complete, will help to provide insight on government intent behind legislation—directly from the section level. Thank you to those who have contributed your thoughts on this important initiative.

Quickscribe continues to invest time and resources into making it easier for professionals to research, navigate and track annotated legislation.

News from CLEBC

Reduced Prices on All CLEBC Online-Only Books

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing affordable and accessible legal education and information, CLEBC is delighted to announce that we have reduced prices on all online-only book subscriptions.

All CLEBC books are now available as online-only subscriptions featuring:

- fully searchable text
- links to full text of case law and legislation
- downloadable forms and precedents
- document builder function for select books to help you draft complete documents from a bank of prepared clauses
- options for yearly or monthly payment plans

Here's a sample of some of our adjusted prices:

Title	Previous Price	New Yearly Price	New Monthly Price
Land Title Practice Manual	\$475/year	\$299/year	\$25/month
BC Creditors' Remedies	\$250/year	\$109/year	\$9/month
BC Strata Property Manual	\$250/year	\$109/year	\$9/month
Advising BC Business	\$250/year	\$109/year	\$9/month
Commercial Leasing	\$235/year	\$99/year	\$8/month

For a complete listing of all CLEBC Online-Only Books, visit: <http://www.cle.bc.ca/onlinebooks>.

Spring Programming Review

The December Social

Presented by Executive Director Dom Bautista, the focus of VALL's December seminar was the *Amici Curiae* workshop series. Hosted by the Sutton Place Hotel, the dinner was a traditional Christmas turkey dinner with vegetarian options, all well received by attendees. Over lunch, Dom explained that the *Amici Curiae* program began from "the compassion of law librarians who reached out to those who needed help". Specifically, *Amici Curiae* helps self-represented litigants fill out legal forms. Unlike legal aid, at *Amici Curiae* volunteers with legal backgrounds, including law librarians, supervise the drafting process. On the topic of access to justice, Dom quoted Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin: "I believe that justice is a basic social good, like food, shelter or adequate medical care". Current volunteers report that community members who come to *Amici Curiae* for assistance always show their appreciation, whether through quiet gratitude or unbridled joy. Dom stressed that *Amici Curiae* embodies the phrase "passion out trumps perfection", a call-to-arms of sorts, one that inspired many VALL members looking to become involved.



VALL Executive at the December Social

L-R: Teresa Gleave, Debbie Millward, Stef Alexandru, Julie Nadalini



Dom Bautista speaking to VALL about *Amici Curiae*

Spring Events

Early risers of the VALL community met at the offices of Whitelaw Twining on a sunny January morning and were hosted by Whitelaw librarian and VALL programs committee member Brenda Alm. Members enjoyed the scenic view of Vancouver's harbour from Whitelaw's open concept space and mingled over delicacies from Crème de la Crumb. The New Year brought us VALL's first Brown Bag of the year, hosted at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP (formerly Bull, Houser & Tupper LLP). Guest speaker Jonathan Jacobsen of Andornot Consulting presented Andornot Discovery Interface aka AnDI to a captive audience, including a demo of AnDI's simple yet refined user interface. And in March, VALL President Sarah Richmond presented on U.S. court structures and case law research to a full house.



The sunny view from Whitelaw Twining's office

Upcoming VALL Events

June Seminar | "Canada's First Online Tribunal" with guest speaker Shannon Salter

Date: Tuesday, June 13th, 2017

Location: The Law Courts Inn. 800 Smithe Street, 4th Floor. *The restaurant is located inside the Law Courts building. Enter through the main doors (off of Nelson Street), go up the main flight of stairs and straight to the end of the main hall.*

Cost: \$50 VALL members. \$60 Non-members. Additional \$2 fee for paying online only.

Times: Registration @ 11:45am. Lunch @ 12:00pm. Seminar to conclude by 1:15pm.

Registration: Register by mail or [online](#).

Don't forget to check out the [VALL website](#) for future events.

Upcoming Conferences

Save the date for these upcoming 2017 annual conferences!

CALL

This year's [conference](#) will be held in Canada's capital, Ottawa, from May 7-10th.

SLA

The [2017 Annual Conference](#) will be held June 16-20th in Phoenix, Arizona.

AALL

The [110th AALL annual meeting and conference](#) will be held July 15-18th in Austin, Texas.

If you are going to any of these conferences, please consider writing a review for the summer issue of the *VALL Review*!

Contact Alexandria and Stef at vallreview@gmail.com.

VALL Review Newsletter Article Content Submission Guidelines

Please take a look at the guidelines below and contact the *VALL Review* Editors if you have any further questions. You do not have to be a VALL member to write for us. Anyone is welcome to contribute to the *VALL Review* as long as you meet the guidelines below. Thanks for your support and interest!

Purpose of VALL Review

- To provide short news and articles on library information and knowledge management developments of interest to VALL members with a priority focus on legal information and related issues concerning the legal sector.
- To highlight resources of interest to VALL which would be useful to the legal community and for professional library staff development.

Authors are advised to submit their draft articles that meet the minimal criteria:

- 1) In Microsoft Word, plain text or RTF.
- 2) Maximum of up to 800 words for full articles.
- 3) Single spaced with paragraphs.
- 4) Functional URLs and corresponding footnote bibliographic information for further reading.
- 5) Identification of author, their official position title and parent organization.

Publishers and vendors should only highlight for submission any new product developments that the vendor has not yet publicly released or that the vendor would like feedback from its customers. (Note: If a vendor has already released public marketing information to all customers on its corporate web site, *VALL Review* editors will exercise rights to determine if there is sufficient space to include the submitted information, in light of other VALL content publishing priorities.)

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British Columbia	British Columbia Annual Practice (print or Quicklaw) It is known as "the White Book".	Quickscribe BC Laws has a "Table of Legislative Changes" and "Historical Table" for each statute. HeinOnline (Annual Statutes of BC) Courthouse Libraries BC print collection of Annual Statutes	Legislative Assembly of BC Bills : 1996 to present Hansard debates: 1972 to present	Quickscribe BC Laws CanLII	yes. CLE BC is a paid subscription source with online access to course materials, case digests, and practice manuals.	yes. Courthouse Libraries BC .	BC Court Services Online
Alberta	Alberta Rules of Court Annotated (Fradsham) Alberta Civil Procedure Handbook (Stevenson & Cote) Alberta Queen's Printer	LexisNexis Quicklaw QP Source Professional	Legislative Assembly of Alberta Alberta Hansard : 1972-present Scrapbook Hansard : Hansard 1906-1971	Alberta Queen's Printer QP Source Professional HeinOnline Our Future, Our Past Alberta Statutes and Regulations 1905-1990, Ordinances of the NWT 1877-1905, Alberta Gazettes 1906-1990, Bills of the Legislature 1906-1990, Journals of the Legislature 1906-1989 Legislative Assembly of Alberta	Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA) LESA Library	Alberta Law Libraries	Alberta Courts Publications and Forms Our Future, Our Past
Saskatchewan	Publications Saskatchewan publishes the Court of Appeal Rules and the Queen's Bench Rules online	Point-in time consolidations and historical legislation are available online on the	The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan website charts the progress of	Publications Saskatchewan website	The Law Society of Saskatchewan operates a mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) program for members.	No but check out the Law Society of Saskatchewan Library	CanLII : 1907 – present Saskatchewan Cases

	The Law Society of Saskatchewan website	Publications Saskatchewan website. The Law Society Library maintains the Saskatchewan Bills and the Saskatchewan Regulations databases. Saskatchewan Proclamations	bills (1998 – present) Debates and Hansard : 1998-present		CPD Full-Text Search		The Law Society of Saskatchewan Library at reference@lawsociety.ca or 306-569-8020 provides assistance with Saskatchewan legal research.
Manitoba	The Manitoba Court of Queen’s Bench Civil Rules , Criminal Rules , Court of Appeal Civil Rules and Criminal Rules Annotated Manitoba Queen’s Bench (Busby)	Manitoba Laws CanLII	Legislative Assembly Hansard : 1958 - present	Manitoba Laws CanLII Proclamations	Law Society of Manitoba Manitoba Bar Association	The Great Library is a Law Society members-only library in the Manitoba Law Courts in Winnipeg	Manitoba Courts Courts Registry System
Ontario	Ontario Annual Practice ; also frequently consulted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ontario Family Law Practice ▪ Ontario Civil Practice ▪ Ontario Small Claims Court Practice 	e-Laws CanLII Quicklaw	Ontario Legislative Assembly . Hansards : 1977 – present	e-laws Osgoode Digital Commons HeinOnline	LSUC CPD	Yes, 48 courthouse libraries under LibraryCo .	Ontario Statute Citor Internet Archive .
Prince Edward Island	No, but the Prince Edward Island Rules of Court are available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ online on the P.E.I. Government website under “Supreme Court” ▪ in print form by KKP (Division of Kwik Kopy Printing) in Charlottetown. 	Point-in-time research is usually conducted through LexisNexis, Quicklaw or CanLII. See also The online Table of Public Acts and Table of Regulations .	The Legislative Assembly of P.E.I. Hansards :1996 to present.	CanLII The Government of Prince Edward Island , under “Supreme Court”	Yes, the Law Society of P.E.I.’s Continuing Legal Education Committee The Law Society of P.E.I. office maintains a print archive of all recent CLE seminars for future reference.	Yes, the Courthouse Library Services through the Law Society of P.E.I	The Community Legal Information Association (CLIA) of P.E.I.
Newfoundland and Labrador	No but the Rules of Court can be accessed through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supreme Court of Newfoundland website ▪ House of Assembly website 	CanLII Online Hansard (1998–present)	House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador Newfoundland Hansards Legislative Assembly	House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador	Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador All course materials from Continuing Education Courses held by the Law Society are	No.	CanLII, Westlaw, Quicklaw, First Resort, and LexisInternational

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full text and annotations can be accessed through CanLII or Westlaw. 		Library		available at the Law Library or via Photocopies/Scans/Interlibrary Loans request		
Nova Scotia	The Courts of Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules can be accessed on the Courts of Nova Scotia website	House of Assembly – Office of the Legislative Counsel	House of Assembly – Office of the Legislative Counsel Nova Scotia Legislature Hansard : 1997 - present	House of Assembly – Office of the Legislative Counsel Nova Scotia Legislature	CPD (2002 - present) and CLE Society of Nova Scotia (1979 to 2002) material, some in full-text available through the NS Barristers Library Catalogue	No.	n/a
Yukon	No, but: Yukon Courts website for Supreme Court Government of Yukon for Small Claims Court	Yukon Legislation Historical Statutes	Legislative assembly website Hansards : 1978 – present)	Yukon Legislative Assembly Progress of Bills	No.	Yukon Public Law Library	The Yukon Archives Digital Library Law & Legislation collection .
Nunavut	Nunavut Courts – Rules of Court Practice Directives Operational Directives	CanLII Department of Justice Legislation	Legislative Assembly of Nunavut Hansard (1999–present)	Department of Justice Legislative Assembly of Nunavut Territorial Printer: Territorial.Printer@gov.nu.ca	No, but the Law Society of Nunavut governs legal continuing education	yes, Nunavut Court of Justice Law Library	Quicklaw Westlaw CanLII
Northwest Territories	Department of Justice Northwest Territories Rules of Court	Department of Justice website for current consolidated law and bills (2004-present) CanLII Quicklaw	Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories Hansard (2000–present)	Department of Justice website for current consolidated law and bills (2004-present) Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories for bills (2010-present), motions , and Hansard (2000–present) Northwest Territories Gazette (1994-present) Legislative Library	No.	Yes. The NWT Court Library System consists of the M.M. de Weerd Law Library in Yellowknife and one satellite library in Hay River.	