

THIRD ANNUAL ONPOINT FEATURE COURSE

Legal Research:

From Problems to Solutions 2011

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Comments from 2010 attendees:

“FOR A LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE WHO WANTS TO RESEARCH THE LAW WITH CONFIDENCE, IT WAS WELL WORTH THE PRICE OF ADMISSION.”

“I REALLY ENJOYED THE COURSE. I FOUND THE INFORMATION VERY PRACTICAL AND PERTINENT TO MY WORK.”

“A PRACTICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF LEGAL RESEARCH TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES. THE PRESENTERS REALLY KNEW THEIR CRAFT.”

“EXCELLENT SPEAKERS – I ONLY DREAM OF BEING AS WELL EDUCATED AND WELL SPOKEN.”

November 15, 2011
The Sutton Place Hotel
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



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Legal Research: *From Problems to Solutions* 2011

OnPoint Legal Research L.C. has been researching for other lawyers for over 12 years. In the third annual presentation of this course, OnPoint research lawyers and guest research experts will draw from their experience to demonstrate how to map out research strategies, examine which resources to use to tackle various problems, and navigate through electronic sources. We will provide countless “insider” tips, discuss legislative research techniques, and lead an interactive session on how to approach a sample legal issue.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

We have created this course for all levels. It is appropriate for senior lawyers wanting a refresher course or needing to be updated on the latest techniques, junior lawyers wishing to become better researchers, and students wanting to start off their careers with valuable tips from research specialists.

Paralegals will also benefit from this course.

Our Panel Knows Research

Chair: Sarah Picciotto, Founder of OnPoint Legal Research



Ellen Vandergrift, OnPoint Legal Research– Ellen has a winning combination of a keen analytical mind, a clerkship with the Alberta C.A., a stint at Fraser Milner, and a drive to keep digging until she finds the right answer. If it’s out there, Ellen will find it! You will learn from her years of experience when to use what resource and how best to use it.



Gregory Pun, Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang, LLP– Greg is Alexander Holburn’s Director of Research and heads the Appeals Practice Advisory Team. As research lawyer, his practice is primarily focused on providing research memoranda to colleagues, and assisting in the preparation and drafting of opinion letters and trial arguments. As head of the Appeals Practice Advisory Team, he assists lawyers inside and outside of the firm with the preparation of all appeal materials and with appellate advocacy.



Meghan Maddigan, Legal Community Liason, Courthouse Libraries BC– Meghan is the point person for training at the library and is committed to helping lawyers succeed in their practice through outreach. Meghan will show you ways that you can conduct legislative research effectively and efficiently. Prior to joining Courthouse Libraries BC in 2010, Meghan practiced law for five years with a small firm where she gained first-hand experience learning what is required to conduct successful legal research in private practice.

Agenda- *Legal Research: From Problems to Solutions 2011*

8:30- 9:00 **Registration and Pastries and Coffee**

9:00- 9:20 **Welcome from Sarah Picciotto, Founder of OnPoint**

9:20-10:00 **Gregory Pun- "*Preparing for the Trek*"**

- The How and Why of legal research
- The importance of obtaining the proper facts, instructions, and scope of the research
- Ethical and practice management considerations

10:00- 10:30 **Ellen Vandergrift- "*Starting Out on the Expedition and Staying on the Right Course*"**

- The importance of paper and online secondary materials in legal research (texts, digests, encyclopedias and course materials)
- Tips on the best secondary sources to use and how to make the most of them
- Making good research choices- when to stop, when to take a different path, when to check back with the client or supervising lawyer

10:30- 10:45 **Coffee break (with pastries)**

10:45- 12:00 **Ellen and Gregory- "*Navigating the Electronic Terrain*"**

- Insider tips from research lawyers who performs computer research every day
- Cost-efficient uses of electronic resources
- Pointers on when to use which resource for what task
- Tips on how to construct effective searches and manage search results
- Noting up as an essential research tool
- Important resources for keeping current

12:00- 1:00 **Lunch (on own)**

1:00- 2:00 **Meghan Maddigan- "*Tackling Legislative Research Like a Pro*"**

- Making it modern: How to ensure you are looking at the most current, in-force laws
- So many sources, so little time: Where to start and finish when looking at legislation
- Working backwards: How to trace specific provisions through time
- Who said what: Finding judicial consideration of legislation

Agenda (cont.)

- 2:00- 2:20 **Gregory- "Legislative Research- Some Roads Less Travelled"**
- Points on legislative research (electronic and paper)
- Hansard, bills, proclamations, regulations, Court Rules
- Old and repealed statutes
- 2:20- 2:45 **Ellen- "Mapping Your Route"**
- Keeping notes for future research or defend research choices
- A review of our Research Checklist
- 2:45- 3:00 **Coffee break (with goodies)**
- 3:00- 4:00 **Ellen and Gregory- "Time to Take the Plunge: A Sample Research Issue, Step By Step"**

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Course Registration Form

Date: November 15, 2011- 9:00 to 4:00 (continental breakfast starts at 8:30)
Format: Live Program with Materials
Location: The Sutton Place Hotel, Vancouver
Price: Regular: \$495; Paralegal: \$425; Student: \$295

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