

Legal Research I: Government Structure & Sources of Law

Exercise 2a: It's Your Opinion

Spine	
What is the volume number?	
Opinion: Find the first page of any opinion – find a nice long one	
What is the page number?	
Who are the parties in the case? (who v. who?)	
What is the parallel citation?	
What is the docket number and year of the case?	
How long did it take the court to publish the opinion?	
What was the holding? (Reversed, remanded, upheld, affirmed, combination?)	
What is the title and key number of the last one?	
Who wrote the opinion?	
On what page does the actual written opinion begin?	
What is the case about?	

Exercise 2b: Know the Rules

Table of Contents	
What is the subject of Title 2?	
What is the subject of Title 3?	
What is the subject of Title 4?	
Opinion: Find the first page of any opinion – find a nice long one	
Locate Rule 1-203. If document needs to be filed the next day, does Saturday count?	
Locate Rule 2-601. Who records the actual date of a judgment?	
Locate Rule 8-111. What is a person called who appeals a case to the Court of Special Appeals?	
Locate Rule 16-106. Who has the authority to close any court in Maryland?	
Locate Rule 15-901. What type of newspaper does a petition for name change need to be published?	