

The University of Arizona Rogers College of Law
Advanced Legal Research

Research Project Worksheet

Project Name: _____

Client Number: _____

Fact Scenario:

Enter fact scenario here....

Preliminary Analysis:

Legal Issues:

Relevant Facts:

Jurisdiction:

Key Terms:

1. Secondary Sources

- A. **Article/source name(s) and citation(s):**
(Include brief description of how found and why cited.)

- B. **Brief summary:**

- C. **Relevant code section(s) cited in article/source:**
(explain why it is relevant) [If none, write none]

- D. **Relevant cases cited:**
(explain why relevant) **[If none, write none]**

2. Statutes:

- A. **Useful index or search terms:**

- B. **Relevant code sections:**
(Don't forget to check surrounding sections for definitions or other substantive information.) (Explain why relevant.)

- C. **Relevant statutory history dates:**
(Session law dates of passage and citations, if relevant.)

- D. **Relevant Topic/Key Number(s) in annotation:**

- E. **Relevant cases in annotations (notes of decision):**
(Explain why relevant.)

- F. **Brief summary of law:**

- G. **Update using KeyCite or Shepard's:**
(Is there pending/recently enacted legislation or some other warning that affects the statute's authority?)

3. Regulations/Other Administrative Materials:

- A. **Useful index or search terms:**

- B. **Relevant administrative materials (administrative code sections or agency interpretive materials):**
(Don't forget to check surrounding sections for definitions or other substantive information.) (Explain why they are relevant.)

- C. **Relevant regulation history dates:**
(Federal Register citations to publication of final rules.)

- D. **Brief summary of law:**

- E. **Update using KeyCite or Shepard's:**
(Is there pending/recently enacted regulation or some other warning that affects the regulation's authority? Do any relevant cases cite to the regulation?) Explain why relevant.)

4. Relevant Cases:

- A. **After reading cases listed in 1D, 2E and 3E above, were any additional relevant cases cited?** (Explain why relevant.)

- B. **Were there any additional relevant Topic/Key Numbers?**

- C. **Were there any additional relevant secondary sources or statutes cited?**
(If so, explain why relevant and repeat the relevant checklist process for the additional material.)

- D. **Using the Topic/Key Numbers listed in 2D and 4B above, look in the appropriate jurisdictional digest(s) in print or on Westlaw for any additional relevant cases.**
(Explain why relevant.) [If none, write none]

- E. **List any additional relevant cases you found using other case law finding methods (keyword/natural language searching, etc.)** (Briefly summarize how it is relevant.) [If none, write none]

- F. **Update all cases listed in 1D, 2E, 3E, 4A, 4D, and 4E above:**
(Remember a flag/stop sign does not necessarily mean case is no longer good law on your point of law.)

Case Name	Status of Case	Any New Citing Cases on point

5. **Brief summary of the law** (no more than a page).