

Basic Legal Research
Assignment Due Date:
Weight: 5 Points

ASSIGNMENT 2
CITATORS AND CASE UPDATING

This assignment is designed to help you practice the process of validating case law. These practical problems should help solidify concepts discussed in class and will allow for more complex problems in the weeks ahead.

All Citations should be in Bluebook format.

Cases see- Rule 10

Directions:

Please read the sample email from an attorney and answer the two questions that follow in a separate Word Document. The document should be formatted as an emailed response to the Senior Partner. Your completed assignment should then be submitted through Canvas to your Legal Research Professor.

From: Senior Partner
Sent: September 7, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Law Clerk <lawclerk@bestfirm.com>
Subject: Updated Law Needed ASAP

I've got to handle a matter in court in an hour because another attorney had an emergency. The file was passed on to me with no indication that the main case the attorney was relying upon was updated. Please update the following case immediately and let me know whether or not I can still use it in court. I am interested in using it for the explanation of law regarding slip and fall cases in Utah.

Price v. Smith's Food and Drug Centers, Inc., 2011 UT App 66, 252 P.3d 365.

Best,
Senior Partner

Address the questions below in a professional, emailed response to the Senior Partner. Be sure to use proper formatting, tone, etc. Please do not number your answers in the emailed response, but be sure to address all of the questions in the body of the response.

1. What is the status of the case? Where did you look and why?
2. Should the attorney use the case in court later today? Make sure to discuss any yellow or red symbols and the implication of any symbols for the attorney – i.e. provide a practical recommendation on what should be done if the case has received negative treatment (how should the attorney bring up any negative treatment in court).