The Process of Legal Research

1. Decide: What question am I trying to answer?
2. Create list of relevant keywords and concepts
3. Determine Jurisdiction
   - Federal vs. State vs. Local
4. Search Primary Law
   - Cases, Codes, Regulation
   - Are you very familiar with this area of law?
   - Do you keep seeing same answers?
   - No
     - No, but you do know what to look for
     - Maybe
   - Yes
     - Use Citators to make sure still "good law"
5. Search Secondary Sources
   - Law Reviews, Encyclopedias, Treatises, ALRs
6. Did you find the answer?
   - No
     - Determine format
   - Yes
   - Put citations in correct format so others can find your answers
7. Determine format
   - Ask who is the audience?
8. Done