RESEARCH METHODS AND LEGAL WRITING

➢ Research

- What is Research? Meaning and Objectives
- Research methods vis a vis Research Methodology
- Legal Research - Meaning, scope and purpose. Relation between law and society
- Types/kinds: Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal (empirical); Applied, fundamental; Library research, field research and laboratory research, analytical, descriptive, conceptual; Participatory and Non-Participatory; Comparative, historical, statistical, critical, socio-legal; Mono disciplinary and trans disciplinary; quasi disciplinary, inter-disciplinary (multi-disciplinary) research; Quantitative and qualitative, one time and longitudinal, clinical or diagnostic research; Research for legal reform

➢ Research Methods

- Research Design
- Various Steps in Research: Research Process
- Research Problem: Identification and Formulation
- Hypothesis
- Use of Library
- Use of Modern Technology/ Computer Assisted Research
- Tools and Techniques for Collection of Data
  - Primary and Secondary Sources
  - Literature Review
  - Observation Method
  - Questionnaire
  - Interview
  - Case study
  - Sampling
  - Jurimetrics
- Analysis and Interpretation of Data
  - Use of Deductive and Inductive Methods in Research
  - Preparation of Research Report and Writing of Research report
  - Budgeting of Research
  - Ethical and Legal Issues: Plagiarism and Copyright Violation

➢ Legal Writing

- Essentials of Good Legal Writing
- Structured Legal Writing: Organization of Legal Materials
- Framing of Write Up: Research Question, Title, Identifying relevant areas of law, Identifying Literature and Case Laws, Analysis, Discussion, Recommendations and Conclusion
- Sources of Authority
- Kinds: Informative, Persuasive; Writing for Individual Purposes; Writing for Academic Purpose; Writing for Court Purposes: Briefs, Plaints etc.; Writing for Publication: reviews, articles, books etc.; Judicial writing
- Citation, Reference and Footnoting
- Editing and Proof reading
- Writing of Research Proposal
- Dissertation/ Thesis Writing

**Suggested Readings**


* Suggested Readings are not exhaustive. Need to be supplemented with additional readings.