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Finding Applicable Law

- Start with division of powers, i.e. find the parties that have jurisdiction, federal, provincial, aboriginal, municipal, or administrative body
 - Look for cross-over between jurisdictions, e.g. going between provincial/national boundaries, transporting dangerous goods
- Find any relevant administrative bodies once the relevant laws are found
- Search for relevant statutes (Acts, laws passed by federal/provincial government), regulations (Regs, passed by administrative bodies), guidelines (may or may not be binding) or practices (non-binding recommendations that can be quickly updated)
 - This goes in increasing order of details
- Note sometimes the date that a statute or regulation comes into effect is not the same as the date it receives assent or the date cited
- Also look for case law (issued by the court) or administrative decisions (by administrative bodies)
 - Administrative decisions can be appealed, which might result in them becoming case law in court
- CanLII can be a great resource