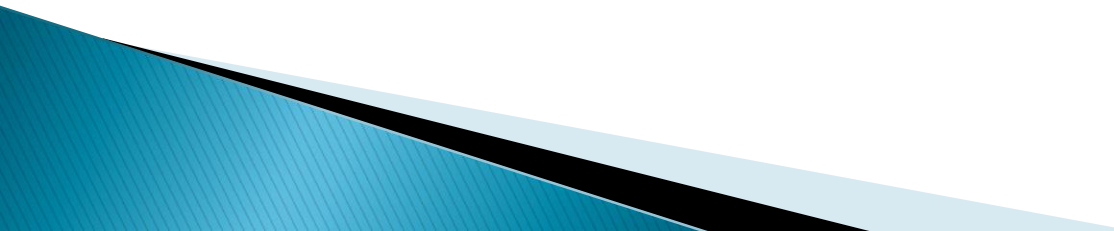


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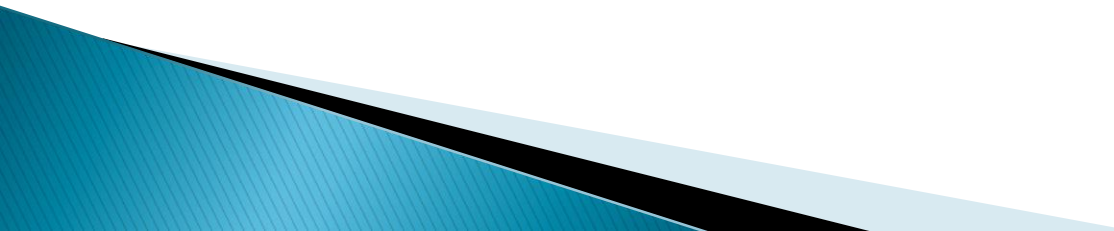
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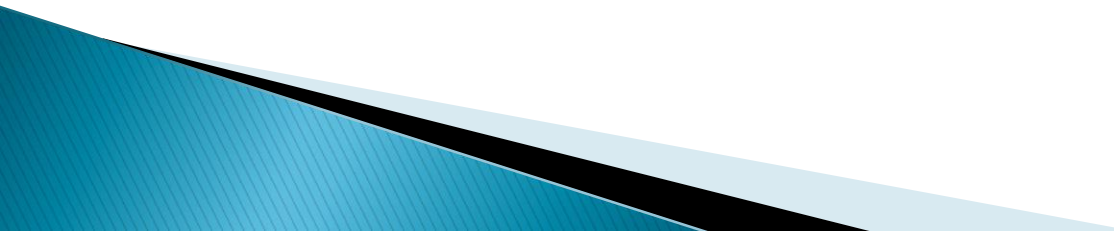
Overview

- ▶ What is legal research?
 - ▶ General ethical considerations
 - ▶ Ethics and Law
 - ▶ Ethics in relation to human participants
 - ▶ Legal research in practice
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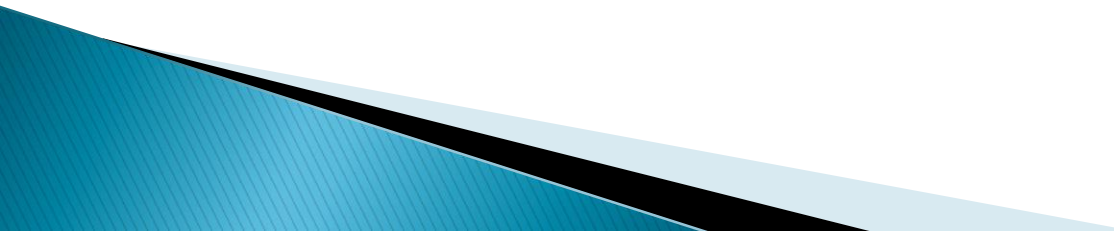
What is legal research?

- ▶ Doctrinal – legal theory
 - ▶ Problem-based
 - ▶ Reform oriented
 - ▶ Discipline specific methods
 - Case analysis
 - Precedent
 - Interpretation
 - language
 - ▶ Methodologies
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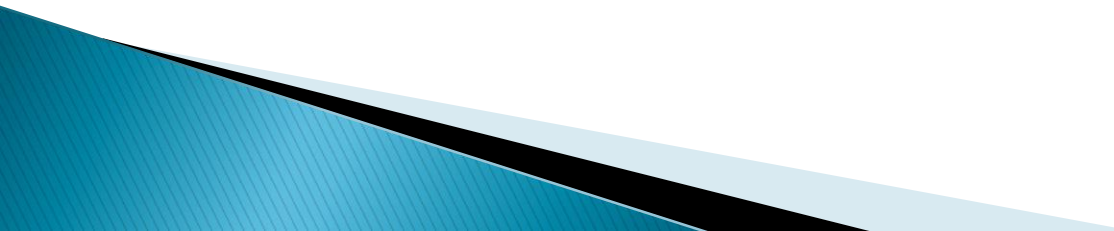
General ethical considerations

- ▶ Up to date knowledge
 - ▶ Professional referencing
 - ▶ Integrity in research
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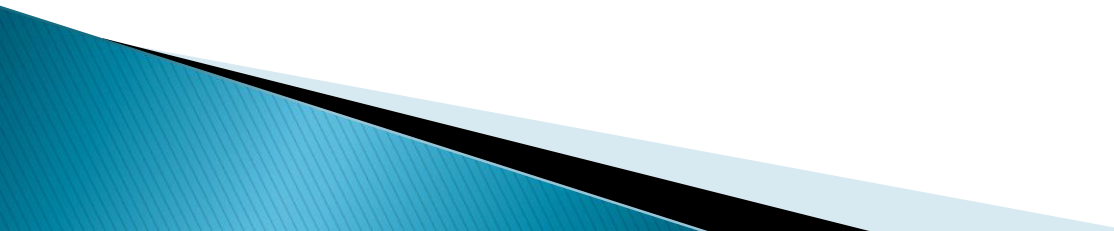
Ethics and Law

- ▶ Complementary or competing relationship?
 - ▶ Which takes priority?
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Ethics and Human Rights

- ▶ Respect for human rights of participants as ethical practice
 - ▶ Human dignity and autonomy
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Ethics in relation to Human Participants

- ▶ Informed consent
 - ▶ Right to Information
 - ▶ Legal authority/basis
 - ▶ Right to Privacy?
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Legal Research in Practice

- ▶ Being approached for legal advice
 - ▶ Advocacy of causes
 - ▶ Benefit to 'research subjects'
 - ▶ Counseling
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