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1) Read the whole thing

2) Start writing down facts and terms that look like they might be important

3) Note the jurisdiction
   b. Illinois judiciary map: http://www.state.il.us/court/circuitcourt/circuitmap/map1.asp

4) Note the law you already have:

5) Secondary Sources
   a. Which one?

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   Simplest answer                                                        most detailed answer

   Most general                                      most specific

   b. Georgetown treatise finder

6) If statute, check the annotated statute. Why?

7) (Ok, now we’re in the weeds....) What are you looking for?
8) What to do when you find a case
   a. Read it
   
   b. What cases does your case cite?
   
   c. Shepardize it. Why?
      i. Good law v. bad law
      ii. Citing references
   
   d. Headnotes
   
9) Questions for the vendors: