



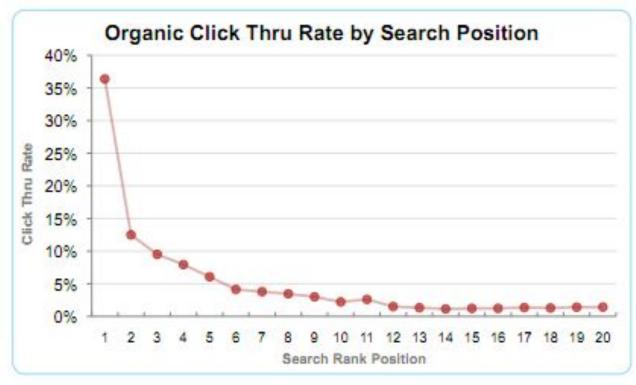
# **Search Engine Optimization**

FOR LAW FIRMS

#### **FUN FACT!**

# The top 5 Google results receive approximately 75% of the clicks







#### **MORE FUN FACTS!**

- 68% of online experiences begin with a Search Engine (Ahrefs, 2020)
- 81% of shoppers conduct some form of online research (Ahrefs, 2020)



# **Search Engine Optimization**

#### What is SEO?

It's the process of optimizing your website through it's content, meta information, backlinks, and related online properties such as Google My Business (GMB)

Thus ensuring your website can rank as high as possible for the keywords (KWs) that are most relevant to your business, and ultimately provide the most exposure to your website

This is based on numerous ranking factors and best practices your site should be optimized around



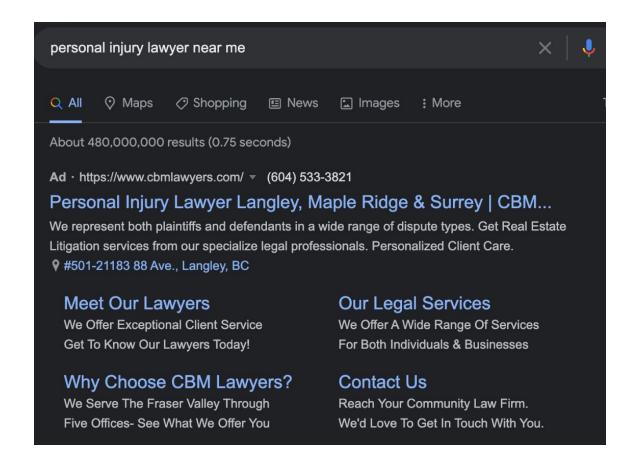
# Organic vs. Paid Search

**Organic Search** - Listings on Search Engine Results Page (SERPs) that appear because of their relevance to search queries decided by Google's algorithm. NOT driven by paid advertisements.

**Paid Search** - Search engine results that appear at the top of (or side of) the SERPs that are paid for by advertisers based on targeted keywords.

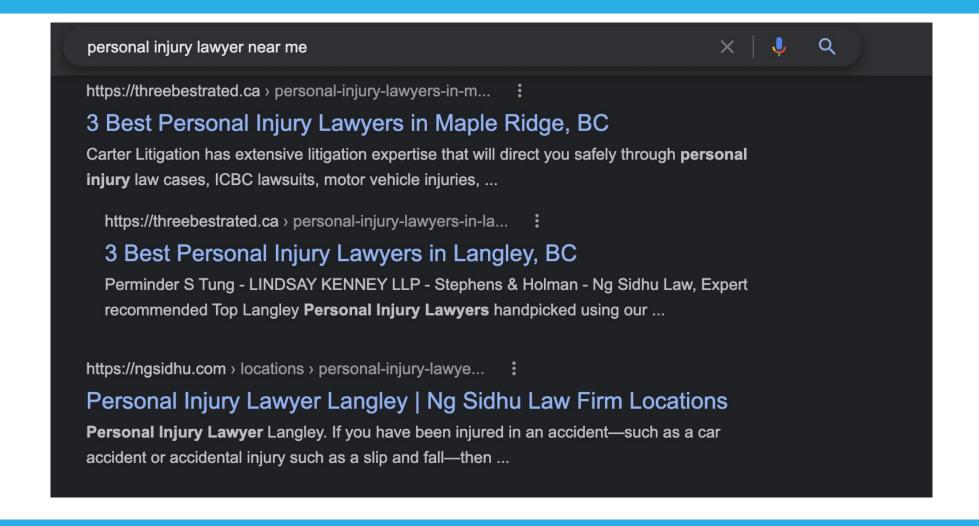


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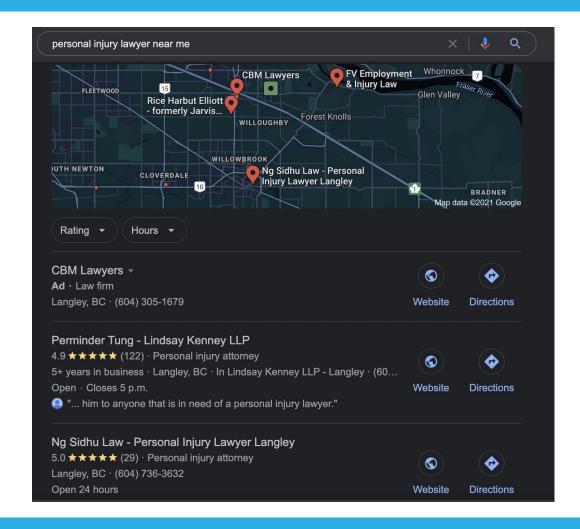
# **Organic Search Results**





# **Local Organic Results**

Local Map Pack Organic Results





# **Backlinks**

- The number of links coming from other websites pointing to and referring your website
- Generally, the more links you receive from other sites, the higher your domain ranking will be



#### **Backlinks**

- Backlinks serve as pointers to your site that signal to Google that your site provides value to viewers, it's a vote of confidence that your site is either an authority on the subject or relevant towards a particular subject
- A large number of backlinks from a wide variety of sources/sites (with high domain authority themselves) proves to Google that your site is worth favouring in the search ranking. Local and relevant niche websites are also excellent links, especially for local businesses.



# **Best Practices On-Page**





# **Uniquely Valuable**

- Page provides authentic, obvious value beyond self-promotion.
- Content quality stands apart from the crowd by a large margin
- Text, images, & multimedia are remarkable.





# **Crawler/Bot Accessible**

- Content is unique to this URL
- All pages are internally linked throughout the site
- Site and important pages are indexable by Search Engine bots





# Phenomenal User Experience (UX)

- Navigation elements are easily understood by users and all pages are easily accessible. It shouldn't take more than 3 clicks to get to a single page
- Design is polished, high-quality, and fits the brand
- Page renders fast (under 3 seconds if possible)
- No broken or dead links
- No annoying pop-up or bad user interface that makes the site hard to navigate or use





# **Keyword Targeted**

- Page targets a single searcher intent (and associated keyword phrases)
- Primary keyword phrase is one of first words of the Title Tag where possible
- Headers are defined by header tags
- Images described by alt attributes





Industry Language	Global Search Volume per month	Consumer Language	Global Search Volume per month
Plush Animals	1,300	Stuffed Animals	22,200
Boys Footwear	210	Boys Shoes	9,900
Boys Outerwear	590	Boys Coats	5,400
Girls Sleepwear	880	Girls Pajamas	2,400
Baby Activity Gear	16	Baby Activity Center	1,600
Kids Drinkware	22	Kids Cups	480
	3,018		41,980



# **Keyword Research**

- The Google Keyword Planner was created with AdWords in mind but does help with organic efforts as well
- While search volume estimates are not absolutes, they do provide insight on search trends
- You can also use a KW Tracker can help & google search will show you a list of popular searches
- Answer The Public for ideas on questions people ask on the internet based on a KW
- https://answerthepublic.com/

	Keyword (by relevance)	Avg. monthly searches	Three month change	YoY change	Competition	
Keyw	ords you provided	,				
	personal inju	110 /	-21%	-35%	Medium	
Keyword ideas						
	personal inju	30 /	+133%	+600%	Low	
	injury lawyer	50 ^	+50%	-40%	Medium	
	personal inju	10	0%	-50%	Low	
	injury attorney	10 ———	0%	0%	Medium	
	injury lawyer	10	0%	0%	High	



### **Keyword Targeted: Title Tag**

<title>Jelly Digital Marketing & PR Agency | Vancouver & Fraser Valley</title>

Jelly Digital Marketing & PR Agency | Vancouver & Fraser Valley https://jellymarketing.com/ ▼

**Jelly Marketing** is an award-winning Digital Marketing & PR firm providing digital ads, social media, SEO, & public relations services to brands everywhere.

Prefered format should look something more like this: "Digital Marketing & PR Agency Vancouver & Fraser Valley | Jelly Marketing". Your KW should be as close to the front as possible. Character length matters, shouldn't be more than 74 characters.



# **Keyword Targeted: Meta Description**

<meta name="description" content="Jelly Marketing is an award-winning Digital Marketing & PR firm providing digital ads, social media, SEO, & public
relations services to brands everywhere." />

#### Jelly Digital Marketing & PR Agency | Vancouver & Fraser Valley

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The meta description is not a ranking factor, but it helps improve click through rate (CTR) which in turn gets you more clicks and more potential clicks over your competitor. If you don't add one in, Google will attempt to create on themselves based on the page content. Can be messy and nonsensical if you don't do it yourself.



# **Keyword Targeted: SEO Title & Meta Description Example**

https://cbmlawyers.com

# CBM Lawyers: Your Fraser Valley Community Law Firm

At **CBM**, we are proud to offer our clients a wide range of legal services, including family law, personal injury, and business law, among others.

https://cbmlawyers.com > contact-us > head-office-langl...

# Langley Office | CBM Lawyers Community Law Firm

**CBM Lawyers'** head office is part of the vibrant Langley community and has been offering legal services to the area for 40 years.



# **Keyword Targeted: Image Alt Attributes**



How to optimize your Alt tags: <img alt="Man in Suite at Table With Books" src="/law\_services.jpg"/>

#### Why optimize images?

- Potentially have products or services show up on image search providing you more exposure.
- Your images could lead to backlinks when someone find one of your image they like and link it on their website.



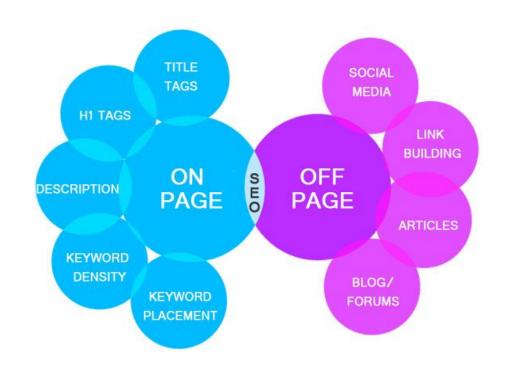
# **Multi-Device Ready**

- Renders in every popular browser properly
- Optimized to render legibly on every screen size
- Optimized for mobile first





# On-site vs. Off-site Optimization





# **On-site Optimization**

The process of making backend, technical adjustments to one's website in order to achieve an improvement in the user experience of the website and an increase in the organic search ranking for relevant keywords.

→ Title tags, meta descriptions, site headings, site copy, ALT image attributes,, etc.



# **Off-Site Optimization**

- The process of obtaining backlinks from other high domain ranking websites to build up the link profile and search ranking of one's website.
- Links from other websites serve as pointers and signals to your site and will in turn cause your website to be seen as more valuable and authoritative in Google's eyes. When this occurs, your domain ranking and search ranking will both improve. It's like a job reference!



# **Local vs. Organic SEO**

Organic SEO results are the blue links you see on the SERPs page.

Whereas Local SEO is showing up on the Map pack in the Maps section and any SERPs with a local Map Pack.

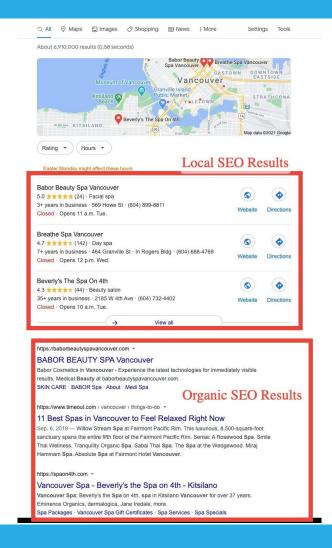
Local SEO relies more on directories (Google My Business, Bing Places, Foursquare, YP, Yelp, ect), local backlinks and mentioning local areas you serve on your site.

To improve your Organic SEO you need high quality backlinks from national, local, & relevant niche websites, as well as ensuring your on-site optimization is optimized correctly.



# **Local vs. Organic SEO**

Not all searches will have local map pack results, usually you need to have the city name in the search for it to appear.





### **Google My Business**

Make it easy for people to find you, contact you and see reviews. The most important listing on the internet for local businesses

- 1. Add as many photos as you can, including photos of your team and workplace (aim for at least 5)
- Fill in the description section to provide more information about your business
- Encourage clients to review/rate your service (great if they can include the area or specific product or service they received)
- 4. People are more inclined to buy/engage with a brand that has positive reviews





#### **Additional SEO Resources**

- Visit the Jelly Website for Access to SEO whitepapers: jellymarketing.ca/law-firm-marketing/
- Our SEO services

