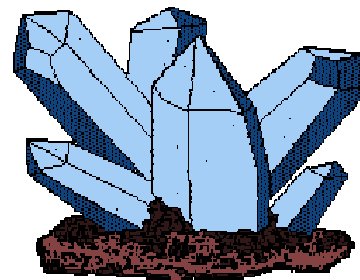


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Nugget Hunters: CALI

CALI's new website, which hosts over 300 lessons in 29 legal topic areas, is now available. Students will find that the lessons haven't changed, but the new site will provide improved stability and support new features and services for users.

To use the new site you will need to register on the CALI site and enter the school's authorization code. The code is available at the Reference desk and from Liz Glankler (glankler@slu.edu) During the registration process you will also create your own password. In subsequent visits to use lessons, you will only need to enter your email address and your password.

To register go to CALI's homepage (www.cali.org) and click on the 'Not a registered user yet?' link.

The CALI lessons are a valuable resource that you may use to review or reinforce material covered in class. The lessons can also challenge your understanding of topics ranging from professional responsibility to torts or environmental law, provide practice in drafting contracts, and allow you to explore the intricacies of administrative law.

Seminar Research: Finding Law Journal Articles, By Kathleen Casey

Seminar research should be comprehensive. Law journal articles can play a significant part in your research. Both LEXIS and WESTLAW provide the full text of law journal articles, but not necessarily the same ones. LEXIS and WESTLAW combined don't offer the full text of all recent law journal articles. You may still miss an important article even if you search both LEXIS and WESTLAW. General indexes to law journals can help you find articles that are not in the full text databases.

If you want a comprehensive search for law journal articles, search general indexes to law journals and the law journal full text databases on both LEXIS and WESTLAW.

There are two general indexes to law journals: Index to Legal Periodicals and the Legal Resource Index. Both are available on either LEXIS or WESTLAW as well as from the library's homepage. LEXIS & WESTLAW provide a link to the full text where available. If online full text is not available, check Merlin (the online catalog) for the journal.

Index to Legal Periodicals

-WESTLAW database name: ILP

-LEXIS tabs: Legal/Secondary Legal - View More Sources/Annotations & Indexes

Legal Resource Index

-WESTLAW database name: LRI

-LEXIS tabs: Legal/Secondary Legal - View More Sources/Annotations & Indexes

Web versions of both available from the Law Library's web page under the 'Databases' tab -- Law Journal & Indexes

Full Text Law Journal Databases

LEXIS tabs: Legal/Secondary Legal/Law Reviews & Journals/US Law Reviews and Journals, Combined

WESTLAW database names: JLR or TP-ALL

Zimmerman's Research Guide, By David Kullman

If Sam Walton had been a research librarian instead of a dry goods salesman he might have created a web site like **Zimmerman's Research Guide**. The first time one explores the Guide the sheer breadth and volume of information available evokes the same sense of awe as a first glimpse inside a wholesale club and the sight of a several football fields' worth of goods stacked to a 50' high ceiling. If you're a professional researcher or simply infected with an incurable case of insatiable curiosity Zimmerman's Research Guide is definitely a site that you'll enjoy.

Drawing on his experience as a lawyer, librarian and research analyst Zimmerman describes his collection of information on over 1000 subject headings as "...[A]nswers...generated by answers, organized by answers and offering answers." And best of all, although the site is hosted by LexisNexis, it is free to everyone. Simply navigate to the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site at <http://www.lexisone.com/zimmermanguide/> and you'll discover guides to finding everything from the meaning of obscure acronyms and legal abbreviations to zoning questions. Each link has been tested and is continually updated to ensure that the most recent information is available. So if your first reaction to a new research problem is "Where in the world do I start?", then this site is for you.

Opal's Oratory

Notes from the the Acting Director, Richard Amelung

Making the Collection more "readable"

You may begin noticing that the location for some items in the catalog has been changed to SLU Law Storage. The reference librarians are currently going through the non-law materials (mainly A-J) to identify lesser used materials and marking them for storage. Since this area is on site, any title that is needed from this location can be paged by requesting it by call number from someone at the Circulation Desk. We hope that this process will make the remaining and more highly used volumes more readily accessible. If you have any questions concerning this process, please let me know.

Richard Amelung

LibQual Survey:

Beginning March 15th, the Law Library is participating in an electronic survey in order to assess the quality of our services.

Please help us by responding to the web-based survey.

All participants become eligible for one of six prizes: five \$25.00 gift certificates to the Pasta House and one Grand Prize, a \$75.00 gift certificate to any Barnes and Noble Bookstore (which includes our own campus bookstore).

For more information contact:

Peggy McDermott (977-2739) or David Kullman (977-3947).



The LII – The Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School, by Peggy McDermott

The Legal Information Institute at Cornell <http://www.law.cornell.edu/> is a good starting point when you need to locate foreign statutes and constitutions. The LII can also be extremely useful when searching for resources on a variety of legal topics. The LII's "Laws About" section provides summaries of law topics and links to relevant primary material, Internet resources, and references to paper resources. This section covers over 100 topics and includes everything from *Admiralty* and *Adoption* to *White Collar Crime* and *Workers' Compensation*. The materials may be accessed by key words or browsing the alphabetical list of topics.

The topic "Adoption," for example, includes federal statutes and regulations, links to the adoption laws of every state, federal and state court decisions, relevant conventions and treaties, and key Internet resources. The LII will be valuable for those writing seminar papers, and also for first year students. Some of the first year topics in the "Laws About" section include Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Torts. Take a look at what has been named the "Best Law School Web Site" by legal. online and see how it can work for you.

Free Websites for Federal Cases and Case Information by Lynn Hartke

1. **Curiae** - <http://curiae.law.yale.edu/> United States Supreme Court Records and Briefs. This site is in its beginning phase, select briefs currently available with more to follow.
2. **Case.net** - <http://casenet.osca.state.mo.us/casenet/> provides select Missouri Circuit Courts' dockets available online. The site provides, party names, attorneys, charges, and the status of a case. It is not the easiest site to use as it has limited search capabilities.
3. **United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit** - <http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/index.html> The 8th Circuit has made more information available, briefs, opinions, oral arguments, and more, searchable by party name, attorney name, or text searching. One of the best sites available for free court information.
4. **Findlaw** – <http://findlaw.com/> owned by West/Thompson publishing has links to District Courts, Court of Appeals, US Supreme Court Cases and US Supreme court briefs.
5. **Lexis One** – <http://www.lexisone.com/> has US Supreme Court Cases 1790 to date free; last 5 years of case law free, other services available for fee.
6. **Supreme Court of the United States** - <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/> -gives, docket information, opinions, and oral arguments schedule.
7. **Oyez, Oyez,** - <http://oyez.at.nwu.edu/> this site provides oral arguments from the United States Supreme Court via the internet.
8. **USSCPLUS** – <http://www.uscplus.com/> a commercial vender, with a free email alert for opinions from the U.S. Supreme Court, plus the current court's opinions are available.
9. **The Federal Judiciary** has a clickable map at <http://www.uscourts.gov/links.html> which links to each federal courts' page. Most federal courts are on PACER, an electronic subscription services, for dockets, documents, and opinions. A few still make opinions available for free, some may only have landmark or noteworthy cases on their site, whereas other courts, like the Seventh Circuit, has opinions and search capabilities. Each court does have its own page with varying free content.
10. **Cornell** website <http://www.law.cornell.edu> Legal Information Institute, an excellent starting point for free online research, has statutes and cases.
11. Washburn Law School <http://www.washlaw.edu/> is also a good starting point. The site has many links.
12. **University of Michigan** site for their collection of legal documents for the Gratz and Grutter cases: <http://www.umich.edu/~urel/admissions/legal/> The page contains US Supreme Court dockets, briefs, Court of Appeals opinions, briefs, transcripts, District Court opinions, briefs, and transcripts as well as related information, such as the Bakke opinion, and other background materials.