

## Secondary sources

### How to do legal research: The BASICS



#### o Frequently asked questions about legal periodicals

Questions	Answers & Examples
What is a legal periodical?	<p>Academic law reviews/journals <i>Harvard Law Review</i></p> <p>Bar journals <i>ABA Law Journal</i></p> <p>Legal newspapers <i>National Law Journal</i></p>
When are legal periodicals issued?	<p>Periodically/on a regular basis/every so often/from time to time</p> <p><i>Daily: New York Law Journal</i> <i>Weekly: Legal Times</i> <i>Monthly: Arizona Attorney</i> <i>Quarterly: Conflict Resolution Quarterly</i></p>
Where are print periodicals found in the Law Library?	<p>KF10 (on First Floor) for bound law reviews published by law schools <i>Cornell Law Review, KF10 .C81</i></p> <p>Special Reserve (ask at the circulation desk) for unbound issues of current year + 5 most recent years <i>Cornell Law Review, Vol. 89, no. 1 (March 2003)</i></p> <p>JX1 (New Ground) for international law reviews <i>The American Journal of International Law, JX1 .A51a</i></p> <p>K1-30 (Old Ground) for general law &amp; through out the collection by topic <i>Labor Law Journal, K12 .A15</i></p>
Where are online journals?	<p><b>Westlaw</b> <a href="http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com">http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com</a> [Look in "Law Reviews, Bar Journals &amp; Legal Periodicals"]</p> <p><b>Lexis</b> <a href="http://www.lawschool.lexis.com">http://www.lawschool.lexis.com</a> [Look in "Secondary Sources; Law Reviews and Journals"]</p> <p><b>HeinOnline</b> - available on CUL Gateway</p>

<p>How to find the journal that contains the article that you want?</p>	<p>In the Library: Use the <b>Online Catalog</b>, select <b>Basic Search, Journal Title</b> and enter the exact title of the journal in the search box. Then use the journal's call number to locate the print copy in library.</p> <p>Online: Use <b>Find this Database (Westlaw)</b> or <b>Find a Source (Lexis)</b> feature and enter the journal title; or scan the contents of the database</p>
<p>Why use articles in periodicals?</p>	<p>Articles in legal periodicals are excellent secondary sources that discuss, analyze, and critique current hot topics, and point to primary and other sources in footnotes</p> <p><b>Sample footnote:</b></p> <p><b>180.</b> See, e.g. <i>NLRB v. Yeshiva Univ.</i>, 444 U.S. 672, 691 (1980) (overturning Board's "conclusory" holding that faculty members are not "managerial employees"); <i>Overnite Transp. Co. v. NLRB</i>, 280 F.3d 417, 436 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002) (criticizing Board's "conclusory" justification for issuing bargaining order instead of ordering new election to remedy employer's ULPs); <i>Be-Lo Stores v. NLRB</i>, 126 F.3d 268, 282 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997) (same); <i>Henry Bierce Co. v. NLRB</i>, 23 F.3d 1101,1110 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994) (same).</p>
<p>How do you find the article when you know the citation?</p>	<p>In the library: Find the print volume denoted in the citation -- article starts on the indicated page Key elements of citation: AUTHOR, "TITLE OF ARTICLE," Vol.# JOURNAL Page # (Year)</p> <p><b>Kysar, Douglas, "Kids and Cul-de-Sacs: Census 2000 and the Reproduction of Consumer Culture," 87 Cornell Law Review 853-99 (2002).</b></p> <p>Online database: Use the "Get this Document" or "Find" feature and enter the citation to pull up full text <b>87 Cornell L. Rev. 853</b></p>
<p>How to find an article on your subject using an index?</p>	<p>An index is an alphabetical arrangement of topics &amp; authors' names with relevant articles listed under each heading. Many indexes also list cases/laws and the articles about each. <b>Most indexes provide citations only, not the full-text of the article.</b> Some indexes also provide a short <b>abstract</b> of the article or a few full text articles.</p> <p><i>Legal Resource Index (LRI)</i> <i>Index to Legal Periodicals</i> <i>Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals</i> <i>Hein online</i></p>
<p>When to use</p>	<p><b>USE AN INDEX FOR</b> Precise results</p>

and index and when to search full text?	General subjects <b>USE FULL TEXT FOR</b> Broad results Unique search terms
How to find articles by a specific author?	Using a print or online index, search by author name (check to see if search should be done last name first) Kysar, Douglas Terms & Connectors Search Douglas w/2 Kysar Full text search with segment restrictions (author) au(Kysar w/2 Douglas)
How to find articles by title?	<b>YOU CANNOT FIND ARTICLES USING AN ONLINE CATALOG OR PRINT INDEX</b>  Search online database using title as phrase "Kids and Cul-de-sacs" Restrict search using title segment ti (census 2000 and consumer culture)  Full Text: Terms & Connectors Search "census 2000" w/s "consumer culture"
How to find articles by topic or subject?	Using print or online index, search by descriptive words Constitution, Bill of Rights  Full text: use key words in Terms & Connectors search "bill of rights" /s enforce! Search using Library of Congress subject headings Constitutional law - Interpretation and construction; Judicial power – Philosophy; Judicial review – Philosophy; Civil rights - Laws, regulations
How to select a persuasive article?	1.Scholarly article by expert, law professor, judge, attorney Kysar, Douglas, "Kids and Cul-de-Sacs: Census 2000 and the Reproduction of Consumer Culture," 87 <i>Cornell Law Review</i> 853-99 (2002).  2.Student Comment or Note Jennifer Saulino, Note, "Locating Inevitable Disclosure's Place in Trade Secret Analysis," 100 <i>Mich. L. Rev.</i> 1184 (2002)  3.Magazine article Joseph T. Hallinan and Stephanie Francis Cahill, "Motion Warriors," 88 <i>ABA Journal</i> 28 (Nov. 2002)  4.Legal newspaper article Mark Hamblett, "Insurer Must Defend Law Firm," <i>New York Law Journal</i> , Oct. 31, 2002 at Sec. 1, p. 1  5. Wall Street Journal Mitchell Pacelle, "Conseco's Tale of Success Ends in Chapter 11," <i>Wall Street Journal</i> , Dec. 19, 2002 at C1