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RESEARCH AND REFERENCE ASSISTANCE

Need help planning your research or using a particular resource in the Library? The Reference Librarians are available at the Reference Desk, on S-2, during the following hours: Fall and Winter terms: M-Th 9 a.m.-9 p.m., F 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun. noon-9 p.m. In addition to our on-the-spot assistance, Reference Librarians conduct customized computer searches in a broad range of non-legal databases, obtain materials from libraries around the country through interlibrary loan and conduct research seminars on specialized legal research topics. This fall, legal research seminars have already been offered in Immigration Law and Tax Law. Legislative history research and advanced LEXIS and WESTLAW training are planned for the near future. Please contact a Reference Librarian if you would like to suggest additional seminar topics.

NEW FACES AT THE REFERENCE DESK

You may have already noticed that we have a number of arrivals to the staff of the Reference Desk. These arrivals are Reference Department interns, all of whom are part of the law librarianship program at the School of Information and Library Studies and have already earned law degrees or had substantial experience in law libraries. This term we have the assistance of five such students, Cynthia Hansen, Jim Martin, Lisa McNulty, Leslie Schaefer and Carolyn Towar.

The Law Librarianship program includes a course in legal bibliography taught by Virginia Wise, a course in law library administration taught by Margaret Leary and a field experience component. Over a dozen students are currently enrolled in this program, learning from the human and physical resources of the Law Library while they put their skills to work in the Reference Department. Their presence helps us help you.

Interested in becoming a law librarian? If so, Linda Maslow, Virginia Wise or Margaret Leary can give you information.

LEXIS AND WESTLAW UPDATE

New Files

Many states' statutes are now available on both LEXIS and WESTLAW. Check the database directories when you sign on to find out the specific states currently online. More states will be added in the future.

Many Bureau of National Affairs specialized reporters are also available on both LEXIS and WESTLAW. A few examples are U.S. LAW WEEK, DAILY TAX REPORT, DAILY LABOR REPORT, ANTITRUST & TRADE REGULATION REPORT and INTERNATIONAL TRADE REPORTER. Again, check the directories, since new material is added all the time.

WESTLAW has also made the Tax Management Inc. TAX MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIOS available through TaxSource. See a description and searching tips on the following page.

WEST Topic and Key Number Searches

Don't forget that you can use West topic and key number searches on WESTLAW to either begin or update your research. The WESTLAW REFERENCE MANUAL contains a list of West Digest topics and their numerical designations.

Example 1. topic(217)/p beneficiary

This search would retrieve cases with a headnote classified under the West topic Insurance(217) on the subject of beneficiaries.

Example 2. 170Bk415 & date (after 1986)

This search would find 1987 cases under the topic Federal Courts(170B) and the key number 415 (damages, interest, costs and fees).

Key number searches can be used in combination with other search terms.

ALR Annotations on LEXIS

ALR annotations are available on LEXIS. ALR Federal, 4th, 3rd and 2nd are available, as well as Lawyers' Edition 2nd annotations. You can search full text for any word or word pattern in these annotations.
Reminder about LEXIS and WESTLAW off-peak use

Remember that you have access to both LEXIS and WESTLAW through the PCs in S-236 during off-peak hours. We have 2 LEXIS off-peak IDs that can be used weekdays from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. and on the weekends. This reflects expanded off-peak time. We also have 2 WESTLAW off-peak IDs that can be used weekdays from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. and on the weekends. You will need to borrow the Smartcom communication software for WESTLAW or the LEXIS software from the MAIN DESK. Look under Computer Software in the course reserve book to find the reserve number. The off-peak IDs are also available from the MAIN DESK upon presentation of your Law School ID. Instructions for accessing LEXIS and WESTLAW on a PC are included with the software. If you have any questions please talk to one of the Reference Librarians in S-223 or the consultants on evening and Sunday duty in S-236.

WESTLAW

Introduction

TaxSource™, developed by The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (BNA), West Publishing Company, and Tax Management Inc., is one of the most extensive collections of tax databases currently available online. TaxSource brings together comprehensive and continually updated tax information from each publisher including the experienced advice of experts from Tax Management Portfolios and Journals, up-to-the-minute news coverage from BNA publications (i.e., Daily Tax Report, BNA Tax Updates, BNA Pension Reporter, and BNA Pension & Benefits Daily) and extensive case law, statutes and regulations, and administrative materials from West.

Portfolios

The Tax Management materials featuring the highly respected Portfolios and Journals is available for over 20 new databases on WESTLAW. These databases contain valuable practice-oriented materials.

If you want to review what databases are available, access the TaxSource subdirectory by entering taxsource at the WESTLAW directory. You will retrieve a description of each database, its identifier, scope of coverage, field information, and search tips.

The Find Command

Because FIND is available for many TaxSource databases, you can research with greatly increased ease and efficiency. You can use FIND not only to move throughout the Portfolios, but you can retrieve documents from the case law and federal statutes and regulations databases without losing your search results. Therefore, if you see an interesting reference to a document from any TaxSource database, use the FIND Command to go directly from the document citation to its full text. For example, if your Portfolio cites Rev. Rul. 64-279, 1964-2 C.B. 121, to view the full text of the Revenue Ruling, enter fl rev. rul. 64-279. To return to the Portfolio, enter gb. If the Portfolio cites U.S. Code section 401(k), to view the full text of the section, enter fl 26 usc 401. Enter loc (k) to view subsection (k). To return to the Portfolio, enter gb xl.

Search Tips

1. Become familiar with the Tax Management Portfolios by using the Master Lists. To see a list of current Tax Management Portfolios, enter TM-LST. By entering this database identifier, you automatically retrieve a list of Portfolios that are currently active, organized by portfolio number (rank 1) and by subject matter (rank 2). From this point, to view a list of portfolios that have been retired or replaced, enter db TM-LST-OLD.

2. Each Tax Management Portfolio contains a Detailed Analysis Table of Contents. This Table of Contents is a detailed description of the Portfolio in outline form. It provides a review of the Portfolio and the location of its contents, and can be used to discover the page number of the printed equivalent. To view the Detailed Analysis Table of Contents for Portfolio number 231 of the U.S. Income Series, access the TM-US database, and enter cl(231 & da100).

3. To retrieve information on the tax consequences of deferred compensation plans, access the Compensation Planning Series (TM-CP), and enter deter(1/compensat1/ (economic /benefit) (constructive/* /is reecl)).

4. In reviewing your search results, if you see a reference to a footnote that you would like to read, use the LOCATE Command and the footnote number to go directly to the footnote. Enter loc fn82 (To cancel LOCATE, enter xl).

5. Portfolio changes and additions are added to the online version as soon as they are released from Tax Management, Inc. To view any changes or additions that pertain to your search results, enter loc "material updated".

For more information on the TaxSource databases, please contact your WESTLAW Accountant Representative, or call WESTLAW Customer Service at 800-328-9833. In Minnesota or Alaska, call collect at 612-228-2737.
COMPUTER ACCOUNTS

Double your money, double your fun! All students, staff and faculty at the University of Michigan are entitled to Request Accounts through the University of Michigan Computing Center. This month, the Computing Center announced that the automatic allocation for student and staff accounts would be doubled from $50 to $100 per semester in order to encourage use of the system. What are the advantages of getting a request account? You can use the Message system on MTS, which allows you to communicate with faculty, staff and other students on campus without the hassle of playing phone tag. You can participate in the online conferences or use facilities like the Xerox 9700 page printers to print out seminar papers. Over 13,000 students and 1,900 staff members have Request Accounts. Students may open accounts by taking a valid University ID and one piece of photo ID to the Computing Resource Center, 3113 School of Education Building, 8am - 5pm M-F or to the third floor of the Computing Center building on North Campus which is open 8am - 4:30pm M-F. When you open a Request Account, you will get a packet of materials explaining basic information about signing on to MTS and campus computer facilities. If you have questions about Request Accounts, you should call 764-8000. Take advantage of the many computer resources offered here at the University.

CHECKING UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COLLECTION

Did you ever want to avoid a trip to another library on campus on a cold winter day? One service that is available to anyone, with or without a Request Account, is access to the University Library's GEAC Community Access Module. To access this system, one only needs a PC and a modem. Dial into MTS (763-6520) and at the Which host? prompt, type umlib. Hit the carriage return two or three times and the welcome screen to the GEAC Community Access Module will come up. Instructions will then be given on how to proceed. One can search the system by author, title or call number. Unfortunately, not all the books at the Grad Library are available on the system, nor are any books held by the Law Library represented. If you do not find a book online, you should always double check the Card Catalog at the Graduate Library. If a book is online, however, one can usually find out how many copies there are, which library units house the book and whether the book is checked out. You can save yourself a trip to the Card Catalog if the book is located online or save yourself a trip to another library if the book is already checked out. Students can use the Smartcom software on RESERVE at the MAIN DESK in the Law Library (Reserve numbers 1975 and 1975A) to access GEAC. GEAC instructions and examples are included with that software.

RLIN: A NETWORK OF LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

The Law Library, along with the University Library, is a member of the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN). Access to RLIN through a PC provides cataloging records in a machine-readable database. This database contains:
1). The equivalent of the Law Library's card catalog for material cataloged after 1979.
2). The University's catalog for most items cataloged after 1975.
3). The catalogs of over eighty major research libraries, and

Reference Librarians can search in RLIN by names, title words or phrases, subject phrases and various other indexes. This allows us to check library holdings as well as verify bibliographic information.

If you would like to have an RLIN search done for you, please stop by the Reference Desk (S-223) and talk to one of the Reference Librarians.

COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION

What is CCALI, a new wine cooler? CCALI stands for Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, an organization of law schools started in 1982 to establish standards and coordinate the writing and distribution of software used in legal education. There are presently about thirty different lessons available to law students. The University of Michigan Law School is a member of CCALI and the lessons are available in two places, on
the hard disk in B10 Hutchins Hall and on RESERVE at the MAIN DESK for use in the Law Library Computer-Assisted Research Room, S-236. Why would anyone want to use this software? The first reason is the luxury of exploring a subject at your own pace. Did you ever really have time to understand future interests in your first year property course? The computer allows you to reread the question and concentrate on the answer without the fear of criticism from a professor or embarrassment in front of classmates. The second reason is instant feedback. The lessons are designed to tell you immediately if you enter an incorrect answer and the reason that it is incorrect. The third reason one might want to use the software is to reinforce what one already knows about a subject, in preparation for a bar exam, for instance. There is an exercise on the Battle of Forms, UCC 2-207, for example. Some of the software is arranged in a simple multiple choice style format, like the Hearsay Rule and Its Exceptions which takes you through a trial, while others like the Debtor-Creditor game involve multiple players and have elaborate instructions. Most are somewhere in the middle. Subjects covered include Civil Procedure, Contracts, Corporations, Evidence, Insurance, Labor Law, Professional Responsibility, Torts, Trial Practice and Trusts and Estates. Most exercises take about one hour to complete. For a complete list of the available CCALI disks, check the Reserve Notebooks at the MAIN DESK in the Law Library under the heading COMPUTER SOFTWARE- CCALI SOFTWARE for the appropriate Reserve numbers for particular subjects.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Supreme Court

Two recent works provide insight into the impressions of important figures in the work of the Court:

Articles from the ABA JOURNAL by and about Supreme Court justices appear in a new anthology:

Comparative State Legislation

With the gradual addition of state statutes on the LEXIS and WESTLAW databases, the process of multi-state statutory research is becoming less cumbersome. There are also several print sources that facilitate such research. In the field of evidence a new publication that serves this purpose is:


This four-volume treatise devotes a chapter to each Federal Rule of Evidence, providing the text of the federal and uniform rule, discussion of the form in which it has been adopted in the states, analysis and commentary on the rule and the text of state provisions.

Surveys of state statutes in a broad range of fields may be found in law review articles from time to time. Such articles are indexed by two bibliographies:

-and-
Both bibliographies are in REF COLL: BIBLIOGRAPHY; LEVEL S-2.

**Looseleaf Services**

BNA'S ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION REPORT (ENG PER; LEVEL S-3, North Wing) is a biweekly publication containing summaries of court decisions, federal and state legislation and new developments on all aspects of alternative means of conflict resolution in civil litigation. It also includes brief analyses of issues and listings of dispute resolution publications and resources.

The BNA ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE MANUAL (LOOSELEAF SERVICES; LEVEL S-2, West Wing) consists of a practice manual volume and a current reports volume. The practice manual provides brief summaries of federal agencies' organization and a chronological guide through issues in administrative practice relating to adjudication and rulemaking. The current reports volume provides biweekly updates on agency-specific rules, court decisions and other activities along with general news and comment.

SOCIAL SECURITY LAW AND PRACTICE (LOOSELEAF SERVICES; LEVEL S-2, West Wing) is a multi-volume looseleaf published by Lawyers Co-op. It provides analysis, statutes, regulations, citations to cases and rulings, proposed legislation and regulations, forms and finding lists for social security benefits, social security taxes and Medicare issues.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**

In addition to the looseleaf service described above, a number of treatises, reports and journals cover the growing area of dispute resolution. One such report is DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEVICES IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY: FINAL REPORT OF THE 1985 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN CONFERENCE ON ADVOCACY IN THE UNITED STATES, Washington, D.C.: The Roscoe Pound-American Trial Lawyers Foundation, 1985 (C534 J96r 1985; LEVEL S-3, West Wing).

Two relatively new law reviews are devoted to the topic: the MISSOURI JOURNAL OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION and the OHIO STATE JOURNAL ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION (both in ENG PER; LEVEL S-3, North Wing).

**Topics of Current Interest**

BUDGET DEFICITS


US-CANADIAN TRADE


TEXACO-PENNZOIL CASE


**New Law Reviews**

Legal periodicals that have recently begun publication include:


- JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND LITIGATION. Eugene, Ore.: University of Oregon School of Law, 1986-. Annual.

The new 1987 edition of the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION will soon become available. It is a valuable source of analysis and references in constitutional research. The last edition, located in REF COLL: CONST; LEVEL S-2, came out in 1972 and was last updated in 1983.

WRITINGS OF JUDGE ANTHONY KENNEDY.

A list of citations and brief West editorial synopses for the 438 Ninth Circuit opinions written by Judge Anthony Kennedy is on reserve at the MAIN DESK (reserve number 2281 & 2282). This list includes his concurring and dissenting opinions.

No articles by Judge Kennedy are listed in the legal periodical indexes. He has written a brief monograph entitled THE LAW ON COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND. It is described in The Solicitors' Journal as follows:

The Law on Compensation for Criminal Injuries in the Republic of Ireland
ANTHONY KENNEDY and HERBERT R. MCWILLIAM
pp 88 + xxxi. 1981. Published under the auspices of the Arthur Cox Foundation of which a trustee is the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

This interesting little book does not give the name of the publisher or the date of publication, but a foreword by Mr Justice Kenny of the Supreme Court says that he and his cotrustees of the Arthur Cox Foundation (one is the incorporated Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin) have subsidised publication. The Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836 imposed on rapiers the obligation to compensate for malicious injury to property. The Ulster troubles have had their impact on the Republic, and the criminal injury code is much in use.

(126 Solicitors' Journal
153 (March 5, 1982))

This book is not widely available--RLIN records indicate that it is owned by Stanford Law Library and the Library of Congress.

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