Legal Research Center

Legal Clinics Orientation

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Where to start

❖ Lost?
Don’t know where to begin?
Ask a librarian!

LRC Remote Reference Desk

Hours:
M – F 9-5
Sun 12-4
LRC Services During COVID-19 Response

Tips and descriptions of resources and services available remotely

LRC Building is Closed but Library Services Continue

The LRC building is closed but LRC Services continue.

Student Printing

Students who wish to print on campus can use the Wepa kiosks located in the Writs (1st floor of Warren Hall) and the University Center (in front of Tu Mercado and on the lower level).

Reference Team is Ready to Help!

Reference Services Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

The reference team remains available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. We are committed to providing as many library services to our patrons as we can in this remote working, teaching, and learning environment. We will also respond to urgent weekend requests on Sunday afternoons.

Contact us by chat or email

During reference service hours, we respond to chat requests in real time using the chat widget on the library homepage and email lrcrefer@sandiego.edu.

We check voicemail left on the reference phone, 619.260.4612, three times a day on weekdays and on Sunday afternoons.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you have.

- For reference/research help, please email lrcrefer@sandiego.edu or use the chat widget on the library homepage.

https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/COVID-19
Services for Students

Reference librarians are available to help as you adjust to the virtual learning environment. We are available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Contact us at Lrcref@sandiego.edu or via the chat widget on the library homepage. Here are a few helpful resources:

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- **Online study aids - free access**
  - You can now access most of your favorite study aids online and for free through the LRC.

- **Free e-casebooks**
  - You now have access to free e-casebooks that can help you keep up with your class reading remotely.

- **Bluebook Online - free access**
  - You now have access to Bluebook Online for 60 days at no cost
  - Email the LRC Reference Desk for a registration key to set up your account

- **Need help getting access to an article?**
  - Contact the LRC Reference Desk - we will help you locate a digital copy in one of our subscription databases or request a digital copy from another library

- **CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction)**
  - Go to the LRC CALI page and follow the instructions

- **Many Legal Research Databases** (there's more than Westlaw, Lexis, Bloomberg Law!)
  - Visit Digital Legal Resources List for more info.

- **Course reserves**
- **LibGuides**
  - Prepared by your friendly librarians, these guides highlight helpful, authoritative resources and tips for conducting specific types of research.
  - Examples: Summer Clerkship / Internship Guide | Cite-checking Guide | Foreign Law | International Law and many more!

Getting Started with Zoom

We are committed to helping you and making sure you have the resources you need during this difficult time. Please contact us if you have any questions!
Ask a librarian!

❖ Email
lrcrefer@sandiego.edu

❖ Call
(619) 260-4612

❖ Chat
For the safety and well-being of the USD community, the Legal Research Center closed its building effective noon on Thursday, March 19th; however library services continue.

The LRC reference team will provide remote reference services Monday-Friday (9am-5pm) via chat (chat widget on library homepage) and email (lrcrefer@sandiego.edu). For more details about remote services and resources please check our guide. We'll be updating it regularly.

FDLP users: You may access many online FDLP resources by searching the library catalog. Many federal materials are online at https://www.govinfo.gov/. The LRC will provide full access again as soon as possible. Other federal depositories may be located here: Federal Depository Library Directory.

http://sandiego.edu/law/library
Ask a librarian!

- Schedule an appointment

*do you haz an appointment?*
Resources

❖ Resources used in clinics may differ from those used in other courses

❖ Westlaw and Lexis are not the only useful legal research tools
Popular California practice guides with checklists and forms, available in a useful online platform

Register your account with USD’s academic access code
materials are online at https://www.govinfo.gov/. The LRC will provide full access again as soon as possible. Other federal depositories may be located here: Federal Depository Library Directory.

Search LRC

Search Catalog  Databases

Click this link to access the research databases.

Quick links

- Online Study Aids
- CALI code
- Faculty Resources
- Printing
- Course reserves
LRC Digital Resources

Recommended and subscription resources. Those marked with a lock symbol require username/password or IP authentication.

Popular Databases

The most frequently-used databases

Aspen (Wolters Kluwer study aids)

Bloomberg Law

CALI Lessons

CEB OnLaw Pro

296 Databases found

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Academic Search Premier

Provides full text for over 2,940 scholarly publications including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, health sciences, and ethnic studies.

Appeals

Helps more than 100,000 taxpayers each year resolve their tax disputes without going to Tax Court. An IRS site.

Aspen (Wolters Kluwer study aids)

Avalon Project - Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy (Yale's)

The Avalon Project will mount digital documents relevant to the fields of Law, History, Economics, Politics, Diplomacy and Government. We do not intend to mount only static text but rather to add value to the text by linking to supporting documents expressly referred to in the body of the text.

The Avalon Project will no doubt contain controversial documents. Their inclusion does not indicate endorsement of their contents nor sympathy with the ideology, doctrines, or means employed by their authors. They are included for the sake of completeness and balance and because in many cases they are by our definition a supporting document.
Lunchtime!
Employees’ Right to a Meal Break

David Peyerwold  January 08, 2020

California employers have to provide meal periods, but they don’t have to make sure that employees actually take them. What does this really mean? In Brinker Restaurant Corp. v. Superior Court (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1001, the California Supreme Court stated: “[A]n employer must relieve the employee of all...

Contract Drafting Tips: Use Plain English!

Suzanne L. Weakley  January 07, 2020

Did your client ever read that contract you drafted? Contracts that are effective—agreements that work for all parties—are written in...
§1.11. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter covers matters that an attorney must attend to before and shortly after accepting a new civil case, including the rules of professional conduct that may apply. On considerations before taking a case, see §81.2–1.11. Other topics are the initial interview (see §81.12–1.16), case investigation (see §81.17–1.19), and office management and procedures (see §81.20–1.31).

This chapter also covers developing and using a case management system (see §81.32–1.44), time- and recordkeeping (see §81.45–1.47), and client questionnaire forms (see §81.48–1.49).

On conflicts of interest that may require the client’s written waiver or may make it necessary to decline to represent a potential client or another person, see chap 2. Representation agreements are covered in chap 3. On claims, notices, or demands that must be filed before suit is filed, see chaps 9–10.

On opening a law office, see also California Basic Practice
46 Negotiation and Case Settlement

I. INTRODUCTION

§46.1 A. Scope of Chapter

This chapter tracks the phases of a successful negotiation and the strategies that effective negotiators use in the process of reaching agreement. This chapter is also helpful for attorneys preparing to negotiate a case settlement with the assistance of a mediator. The chapter begins with preparing to negotiate, including evaluating the case and developing a negotiation strategy. See §946.4–46.11. The next part discusses the negotiation process, from the opening remarks through the exchange of information, offers, and demands. See §946.12–46.28. It introduces problem-solving approaches to negotiation and provides practical tips for overcoming impasse. See §946.29–46.40. Practitioners may find it useful to copy the checklist in §946.41 into their client files for consideration when forming and implementing their negotiation strategy. The chapter also covers important considerations in memorializing a settlement after agreement has been reached (§946.42–46.44) and briefly addresses the means of enforcing your hard-sought settlement.
Questions?

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