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- Using the LRC: SALLY, Circuit, ILL
  - Basic IP Materials & How to Find Them
  - Useful Websites/Databases
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# Getting Started

- LRC website (go here to see our hours, access the catalog, renew items, ILL materials, find course or research guides, etc): <http://www.sandiego.edu/law/lrc/>
- Course Guides: [http://www.sandiego.edu/law/lrc/students/course\\_guides.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/law/lrc/students/course_guides.php)
- LRC & Main Library online catalog: <http://sally.sandiego.edu/>

# Searching the catalogs

Sally: named after Sister Sally Furay, a former USD provost, **Sally is USD's online catalog.** It contains records for items contained in the LRC and also in the Copley Library collection.

- Remember that Sally can be used to find not just materials in our print collection, but it also provides direct access to materials in our subscription databases, and it also links to websites!
- You can link to Sally off of the LRC's webpage, or by going directly to: <http://sally.sandiego.edu>

# Searching the catalogs

Circuit Catalog: Because USD is a member of a library consortium called the Circuit, you can search the catalogs of and borrow materials from any of the member libraries which include SDSU, UCSD, Cal State San Marcos, & the San Diego County Libraries. As you can imagine, this greatly increases the universe of materials that are accessible to you!

Access: You can link to the Circuit catalog through Sally (click on the hyperlinked Circuit logo) or go to: <http://circuit.sdsu.edu>

# Searching the catalogs

Interlibrary Loan (ILL): **But that's not all!**  
**If you're looking for an item and can't find it in Sally or the Circuit, then come ask a reference librarian if it can be interlibrary-loaned from a participating member of a worldwide network of libraries.**

<http://www.sandiego.edu/law/lrc/students/ill.php>

# Hornbooks/Treatises (materials to help you get a general overview)

- Intellectual Property: the Law of Copyrights, Patents, & Trademarks / Roger E. Schechter  
LRC Reserve Room KF 2980 S34
- Intellectual Property Law in Cyberspace / G. Peter Albert, Jr.  
LRC Reading Room KF 3095 A77 1999 (Supp. 2007)
- Intellectual Property & Unfair Competition in a Nutshell  
LRC Reserve Room KF 1610 M35
- Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Law: Copyright, Patent, Trademark / Sheldon W. Halpern  
LRC Reading Room KF 2979 H357



# Practice-Oriented Treatises



## Copyright

Nimmer on Copyright

LRC Reading Room KF 2991.5 N71 & online via LEXIS (type in "Nimmer" using "Find a Source")

Patry on Copyright

Online via Westlaw (type in Patry using "search these databases" box)

## Patents

Chisum on Patents

LRC Reading Room KF 3114 C47 & Online via LEXIS (type in "CHISUM" using "Find a Source")

Moy's Walker on Patents, 4<sup>th</sup>

LRC Reading Room KF 3114 D352

## Trademarks

McCarthy on Trademarks and Unfair Competition

LRC Reading Room KF 3180 M116 & online via Westlaw (type in MCCARTHY in the "search these databases" box)

Trademark Protection & Practice (Gilson)

Online via LEXIS (type in "Gilson" using "Find a Source")

# Practice-Oriented Treatises

## Lindey on Entertainment, Publishing & the Arts

LRC Reading Room KF 2991.5 L74 and online via Westlaw (type in Lindey **using "search for these databases"**)

## Milgrim on Trade Secrets

LRC Reading Room KF 3197 A6 M5 or online via LEXIS (type in "Milgrim" **using "Find a Source"**) in the "search these databases" box)

## Patry on Fair Use

Online via Westlaw (type in "Patry" **using "search for these databases"**)

# How do you find this stuff?

## SALLY (the LRC's online catalog)

- Do a keyword search: "copyright & practice", "patents and practice", "nimmer & copyright", etc.
- Note that you can link to database like LEXIS & Westlaw via SALLY
- You can link to Sally off of the LRC's webpage, or by going directly to: <http://sally.sandiego.edu>

## Westlaw

Directory Location: All Databases > Topical Materials by Area of Practice > Intellectual Property

## LEXIS

Legal > Area of Law - By Topic > [Patent Law][Copyright Law][Trademark Law]

# Useful websites/ databases

- U.S. Copyright Office  
<http://www.copyright.gov/>
  - U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
<http://www.uspto.gov/>
  - World Intellectual Property Organization  
(WIPO meeting reports, treaties, patent statistics, etc.)  
<http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en>
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# Researching Your Paper Topic/ Current Awareness

- Electronic Frontier Foundation  
<http://www.eff.org/work>
- ABA Intellectual Property page:  
<http://www.abanet.org/intelprop/>
- **Stanford's Copyright & Fair Use page:**  
<http://fairuse.stanford.edu/>
- **Stanford's Center for Internet & Policy**  
<http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/>

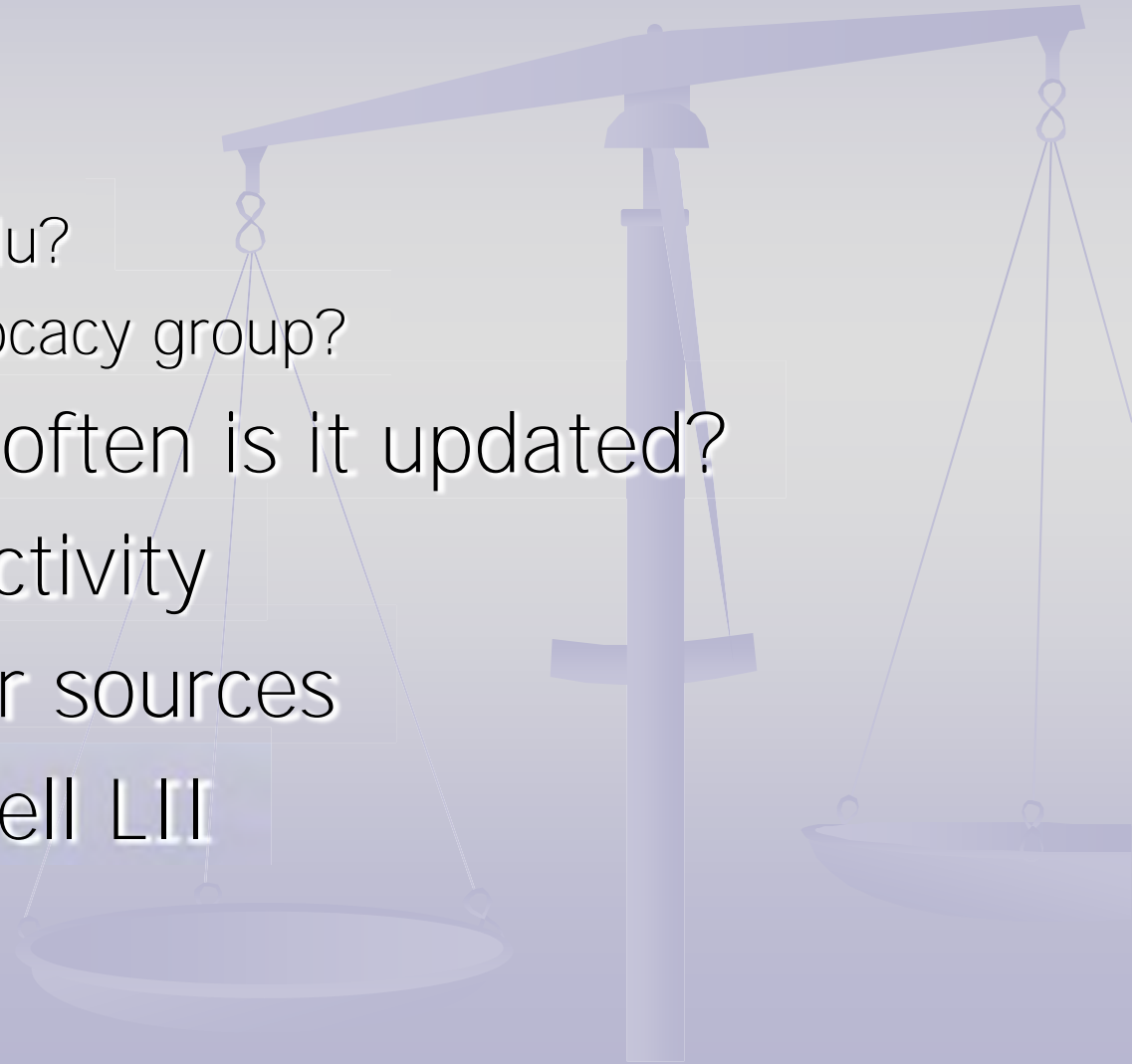
LEXIS: [Intellectual Property Law Review Articles, Combined](#) ; [US Law Reviews and Journals, Combined](#)

Westlaw: [Intellectual Property - Law Reviews, Texts & Bar Journals \(IP-TP\)](#); [Journals and Law Reviews \(JLR\)](#)

Current awareness: [Daily Reports & Current Developments](#)

# Evaluating websites

- Authority
  - Check URL
    - Is it a .gov, .edu?
    - Law firm? Advocacy group?
- Currency—how often is it updated?
- Accuracy / objectivity
- Referral to other sources
- Wikipedia, Cornell LII



# Finding Court Documents



- PACER: maintained by the U.S. judiciary, provides access to case and docket information from the federal appellate, district, & bankruptcy courts. Access it through the court website or at: <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/>
  - Example: *Viacom v. Youtube*
- Westlaw
  - Court Docs: state and federal court filings (best for Cal.), appellate briefs
  - Federal Intellectual Property Briefs (FIP-BRIEF), Federal Patent Briefs (FPT-BRIEF), Federal Trademark Briefs (FTM-BRIEF), Supreme Court Briefs (SCT-BRIEF)
- LEXIS
  - Federal and State Patent Briefs and Motions, Combined
  - Federal and State Patent Pleadings, Combined
  - Federal and State Patent Briefs and Motions, Combined
- Findlaw Supreme Court Briefs  
[http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme\\_court/briefs/](http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/briefs/)

# We are here to help you!

- Reference librarians are here every day and during weeknights (except during intersession). Check our website for current hours:  
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