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http://www.sandiego.edu/law/lrc/students/research_guid_es.php

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
 - 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

Practice Guides/ Practice-Oriented Treatises

Civil Actions Against State & Local Government, Its Division, Agencies, & Officers

LRC Reading Room KF 1322 C575 or online via Westlaw (search for title using "Search for a Database" or click here)

Local Government Law LRC Reserve KF 5300 R46

Antieau on Local Government Law

Available online via LEXIS (search for this title using "Find a Source" or click here)

Local Government Law in a Nutshell LRC Reserve Room KF 5300 Z9 M12

Anderson's American Law of Zoning, 4th

LRC Reading Room KF 5698 A54 or online via Westlaw (search for this title using "Find a Source" or click here)

How do you find this stuff?

SALLY (the LRC's online catalog)

- Do a keyword search: "local government law", "antieau and government", 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

Online resources to help you research state and local government laws

 U.C. Hastings College of Law State & Local Government page http://library.uchastings.edu/library/local-government/

Cornell (LII) State & Local
 Government Law page
 http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/local_government_law

 Georgetown Law Library page on state & local government law http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/states/

- State codes, regulations, billtracking, etc:
 - LEXIS: Legal > States Legal U.S.
 - Westlaw: All Databases > U.S. State
 Materials > Other U.S. States
- State government codes (Cornell site): http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/table_government_state
- Municipal & county codes
 - Institute of Governmental Studies (UC Berkeley)

http://igs.berkeley.edu/library/calcodes.html

Finding cases

Westlaw: Ordinance Law
 Annotations (d/b id= ORDLAWANNO)

 LEXIS: Municipal Litigation Reporter (search for this title using Find a Source)

Attorney general opinions

- California:
 - LEXIS: database id- CAAG (1960- present)
 - Westlaw: database id = CA-AG (1977 to present)
 - Cal. Atty. Gen. site (1986-present): http://ag.ca.gov/opinions.php
- Other states (Cornell):
 http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/listing.html
- Do a google search for "state attorney general opinions"

Current Awareness

Council of State Governments

http://www.csg.org/

National Conference of State Legislatures
http://www.ncsl.org/

Governing.com

http://www.governing.com/

 State & Local Law News / ABA section of State & Local Gov. Law

LRC Reading Room KF 5300 A15 S7

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