

# Biotechnology and the Law Research

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# What we will cover

- I. Tools for picking a paper topic
- II. Conducting a thorough literature review
- III. Note-taking tools and avoiding plagiarism

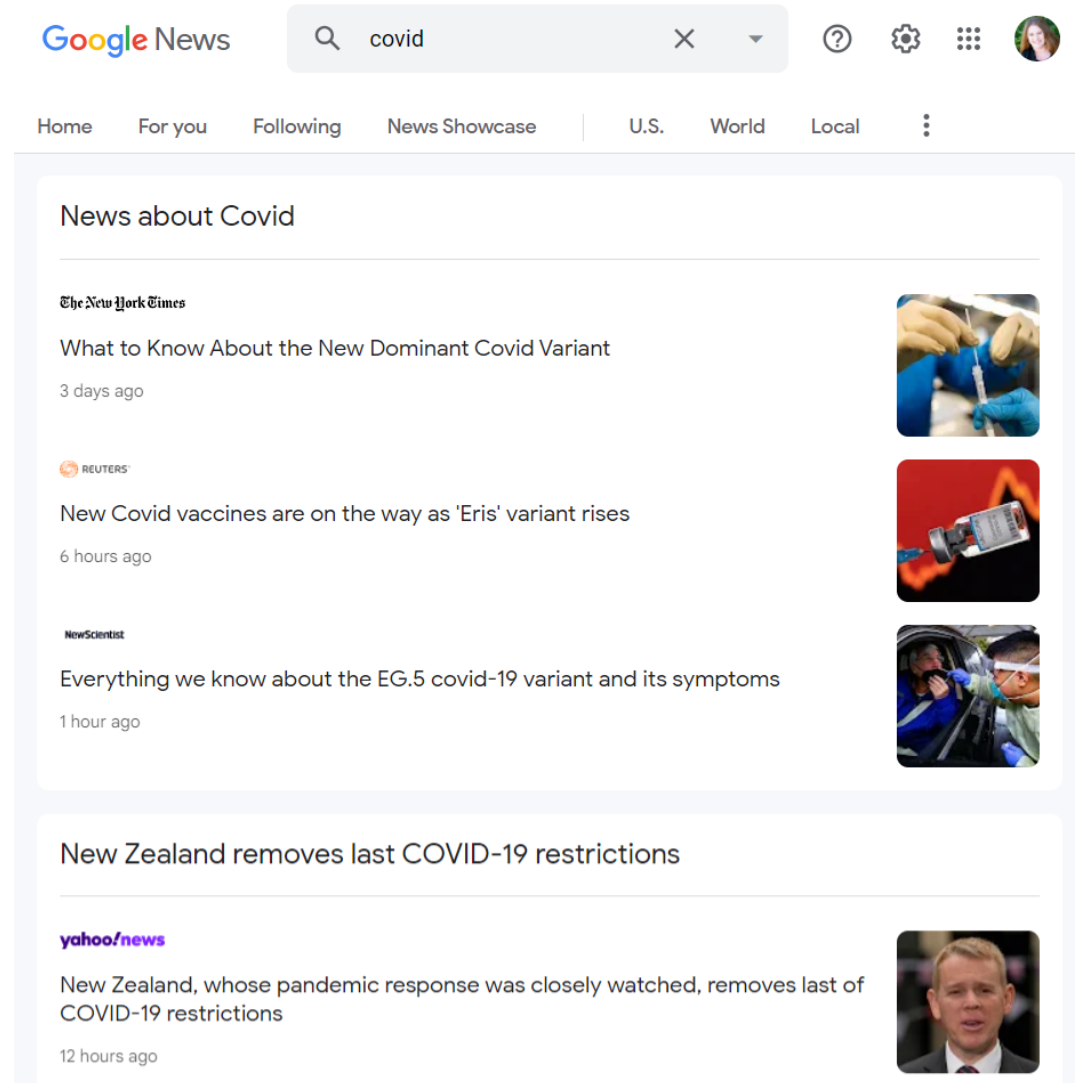
# I. Tools for Picking a Paper Topic

# Tools for Picking a Paper Topic

- News
  - Google News, LexisNexis, Factiva
- Legal blogs (“blawgs”)
  - Assess your sources (consider bias and whether the blog is well-sourced, attributed to an author, and current)
- Journals and Law Reviews
  - Check to make sure your topic has not already been covered
  - Look for ideas on how to frame your topic

# News

- [news.google.com](https://news.google.com)
- [Lexis](#) & [Factiva](#) have thorough news archives



The screenshot shows the Google News interface with a search for 'covid'. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'For you', 'Following', 'News Showcase', 'U.S.', 'World', and 'Local'. The search bar contains 'covid' with a magnifying glass icon and a dropdown arrow. Below the navigation bar, the section 'News about Covid' is displayed. It features three news items: 1. 'The New York Times' article titled 'What to Know About the New Dominant Covid Variant' from 3 days ago, accompanied by an image of a person in blue gloves handling a syringe. 2. 'REUTERS' article titled 'New Covid vaccines are on the way as 'Eris' variant rises' from 6 hours ago, accompanied by an image of a vaccine vial. 3. 'NewScientist' article titled 'Everything we know about the EG.5 covid-19 variant and its symptoms' from 1 hour ago, accompanied by an image of a person in a blue protective suit. Below this section, there is a headline 'New Zealand removes last COVID-19 restrictions' from 'yahoo/news' 12 hours ago, accompanied by a portrait of a man in a suit.

# Legal News Sources

- Law360
  - Practice areas: Intellectual Property and Life Sciences
- Lexis+ Legal News
- Westlaw Today
- Bloomberg Law News

# Bloomberg Law

- Topic finding tools from Bloomberg Law
  - Circuit Splits Chart
  - Supreme Court Today Tracker
  - United States Law Week

# LRC's Paper Writing Research Guide

## Paper Writing for Seminar Classes and Student Comments

- <https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/paper-writing-for-seminars-and-student-comments>

### Topics include:

- Topic Selection
- Preemption Checking
- Research & Note Taking
- Writing & Citation
- Plagiarism
- SafeAssign
- Getting Published



# Literature Review:

Books, Journal Articles, and Research Guides

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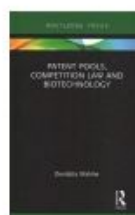
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Malshe, Devdatta, author

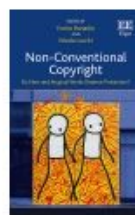
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  - Copley Databases
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  - SSRN
  - Bepress



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# ChatGPT is not good at research!

- Generative AI tools use large language models (LLMs) to simulate conversations.
- LLMs are trained on the internet but are not a search engine by themselves.
- LLMs predict what each word of a response should be based on training.
  - Hallucinations
  - Training limited in time
  - Inherent bias from training sources
- [LRC Guide to ChatGPT & other Generative](#)

AI Tools

# If you're going to use ChatGPT...

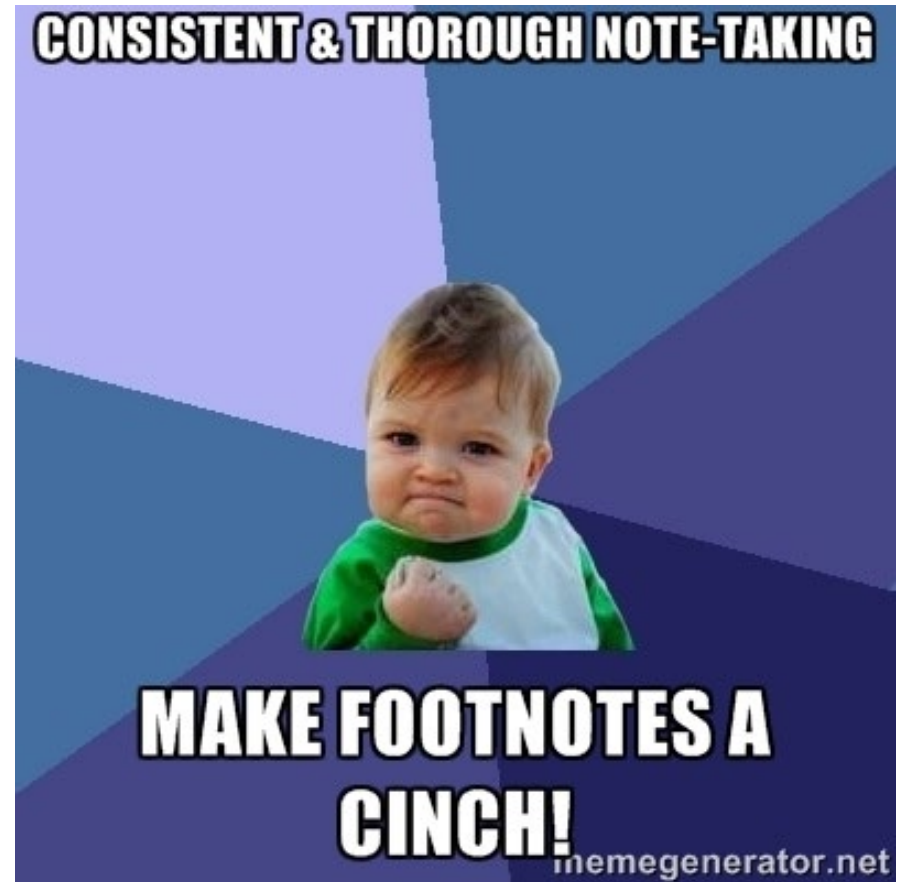
- Only use it for tasks it's good at!
  - Catching typos and grammar errors
    - But not for Bluebooking
  - Modifying tone
  - Brainstorming
  - Summarizing specific, discrete pieces of text
- Disclose what tool you used and what you used it for.
- Ask ahead of time if you're not sure whether you should or not.

# III. Note-taking Tools & Avoiding Plagiarism



# Why good note-taking is important

- Bolster your argument
- Avoid inadvertent plagiarism
- Save yourself time and trouble when creating citations



# Begin with proper note-taking

- The first step in avoiding plagiarism and giving proper documentation is to cultivate good note-taking habits.
- There's no one right way to do it. Pick a method that works for you and be consistent.
- There's an app for that. Actually, there are MANY apps for that. Four popular options:



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# Proper Attribution

- Double-check your work against each source to make sure you have not accidentally plagiarized something.
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