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

• Lexis & Factiva have thorough news archives
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](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
Books: Searching the USD Catalog

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- Remember that the catalog 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 search USD’s online catalog from LRC’s homepage.
Results 1 - 17 of 17 for biotechnology european union

Patent pools, competition law, and biotechnology / Devdatta Malshe
Malshe, Devdatta, author
PRINT BOOK | 2018
Available at LRC Reading Room (K1505 .M35 2018) see all

Non-conventional copyright : do new and atypical works deserve protection? / edited by Enrico Bonadio, Senior Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law, City, University of London, UK ; Nicola Luechi, Associate Professor of Law, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden
PRINT BOOK | 2018
Available at LRC Reading Room (K1420.5 .N66 2018) see all

Patenting genes : the requirement of industrial application / Marta Diaz Pozo, PhD, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK
Diaz Pozo, Marta, author
PRINT BOOK | 2017
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  - HeinOnline
  - Google Scholar
  - Copley Databases

- Unpublished or forthcoming
  - SSRN
  - Bepress
Journal Databases & Indexes

- **Westlaw**: Journals & Law Reviews (JLR) & **Lexis-Nexis**: Law Reviews & Journals (Lawrev)

- **Hein-Online** is a database that contains digital (PDF) images of law reviews from U.S. law schools. Access through the our **Legal Research Databases** page.

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   Kutty Kumar
   Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University
   Keywords: Nanotechnology, Animal Science, Scientometric, Lotkas Law, Kolmogorov Smirnov Test

2. CAFOs and U.S. Law
   Number of pages: 53 • Posted: 27 May 2020 • Last Revised: 03 Jun 2020
   N. William Hines
   University of Iowa - College of Law
   Keywords: CAFOs, nuisance law, air pollution, water pollution, environmental regulation, agricultural law

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**Publication:** Event Posters and Flyers  
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**Author:** Ansley Fantaski  
**Publication:** Georgia State University Law Review  
**Date:** 06/2020

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### The Bear Necessities: Why Captive Exhibited Animals Need Stronger Regulation Based on Their Species-Specific Biological Needs

**Author:** Emily Jenks  
**Publication:** Michigan State Law Review  
**Date:** 01/2020
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.
  o Hallucinations
  o Training limited in time
  o 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!
  o Catching typos and grammar errors
    ▪ But not for Bluebooking
  o Modifying tone
  o Brainstorming
  o 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:
Proper Attribution

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

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