

LRC Research Training

Corrections & Sentencing Fall 2025

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What we will cover

- Specialized resources for researching sentencing and related topics
- Locating materials (print and electronic, law and non-law)
- Note-taking tools and citation managers

Selected Materials on Sentencing

Guides & Treatises

Federal

- United States Sentencing Commission: Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual ([HeinOnline](#))
- Federal Sentencing Law and Practice ([Westlaw](#))
- Law of Sentencing ([Westlaw](#))

•California

- Rutter Group: California Three Strikes Sentencing ([Westlaw](#))
- Rutter Group: Sentencing California Crimes ([Westlaw](#))
- California Criminal Sentencing Enhancements ([CEB](#))
- Felony Sentencing Handbook ([CEB](#))

Websites: General

- FSU College of Law: [Sentencing Law Research Guide](#)
- [United States Sentencing Commission](#); includes subpages for [sentencing data](#) and [research reports](#)
- Cato Institute: [Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement](#)
- [The Sentencing Project](#)
- [Sentencing Law & Policy](#) blog

Websites: Data & Statistics

- U.S. Department of Justice: [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)
- University at Albany: [Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics](#)
- [National Archive of Criminal Justice Data](#)
- National Center for State Courts: [Court Statistics Project](#)
- [National Criminal Justice Reference Service](#)
- Archives of government data, e.g. the [Internet Archive Wayback Machine](#)

Locating Materials: Books

Searching the Library Catalog

- **USD's online catalog** will find items in both the LRC and Copley Library.
 - Print material
 - E-books
 - Materials in subscription databases
 - And more!
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BOOK

**The Oxford handbook of sentencing and corrections / edited by
Joan Petersilia, Kevin R. Reitz**

Petersilia, Joan, editor; Reitz, Kevin R., editor
2015

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MULTIPLE VERSIONS

**The law and policy of sentencing and corrections in a nutshell /
Lynn S. Branham, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Saint Louis
University School of Law, Visiting Professor of Law, University
of Missouri School of Law**

Branham, Lynn S., 1955- author

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BOOK

**Uniform Law Commissioners' Model Sentencing and
Corrections Act**

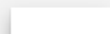
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San Diego Circuit

- USD is a member of a library consortium, the San Diego Circuit.
- Borrow materials from SDSU, UCSD, Cal State San Marcos, & the San Diego County & City Libraries.
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- Delivered to LRC anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks—make your request early!

Locating Materials: Scholarly Articles

Law Articles

- [Lexis](#)
- [Westlaw](#)
- [HeinOnline](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)
 - Make sure Google Scholar is connected to USD when searching off campus; ask a reference librarian for details.
- Unpublished or forthcoming
 - [SSRN](#)
 - [Bepress](#)

Articles from Other Disciplines

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- [Google Scholar](#)
- [Academic Search Premier](#)
- [JSTOR](#)
- [Sage Premier Journals](#)
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Note-Taking Tools & Citation Managers

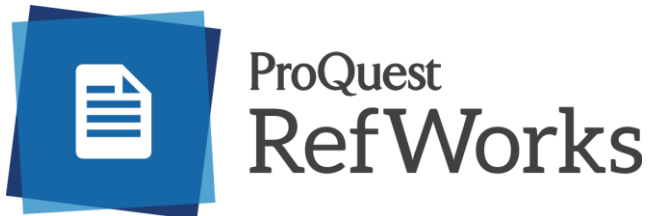
Note-taking apps



Document AND citation management



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Typical features include:

- Free or premium upgrade
- Web, client, mobile apps
- PDF storage & annotation
- Cloud & local storage
- Web content capture
- Citation style (“bibliographic utility”)

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Weaknesses of Generative AI for Research and Writing

- Confidence
 - You don't know what you don't know and neither does gen AI.
- Training limited in scope (content and time)
 - Or quality of connected search engine/database
- Inherent bias for training sources
- Hallucinations
- [LRC Guide Generative AI Tools for USD Law Students](#)

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