Research Assistant Training

Journal Research

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Journal Research – Three Scenarios

- List of citations/document retrieval
  - Search the LRC Catalog by journal title
  - USD has access to many subscription journal databases

- Finding articles on a particular topic
  - Use the advanced search features to limit by date, title, proximity, citations, etc.

- When you have no #$!%* clue what the professor is asking for
#1 - List of citations/document retrieval

[Image of a list of citations]

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Sources ASAP


How to Build a Better Human: An Ethical Blueprint.


Regards,
Professor Z
Search the LRC Catalog by Journal Title

www.sandiego.edu/law/library
Results 1 - 25 of 30 for Boston College Law Review

**Boston College law review**
MICROFM SERIAL | 1978-
Show library holdings
Available at LRC Lower Level Microforms (K2 .O42 v.19(1977-78)) plus 5+ more  see all

**Boston College law review**
PRINT SERIAL | 1977-
Show library holdings
Available at LRC 1st Mezzanine & 2nd Floor (K2 .O42 v.19 1977-78) plus 5+ more  see all

**Boston College law review**
E-JOURNAL | 1977-
Available at LRC Internet (K2 .O8 ONLINE)  see all

→ 1989 to present CLICK HERE to access this resource in Westlaw. Access restricted to USD Law faculty, students, and staff. Westlaw login and password required
→ 1993 to present CLICK HERE to access this resource in Lexis. Access restricted to USD Law faculty, students, and staff. Lexis login and password required
Results 1 - 25 of 778 for Bioethics

Sorted by: Relevance | Date | Title | Author

**Bioethics**
PRINT SERIAL  |  c1987-
Show library holdings

**Bioethics [electronic resource]**
E-JOURNAL  |  ©1987-
Available at Copley Internet  see all

1997 to present Full text from Wiley-Blackwell Full Collection (USD Users only)
01/01/1998 to 1 year ago Full text from Academic Search Premier (USD Users only)
01/01/1998 to 1 year ago Full text from CINAHL Plus with Full Text (USD Users only)

**Encyclopedia of bioethics / edited by Stephen G. Post**
PRINT BOOK  |  c2004
Available at CL Reference (QH332 .E52 2004 v.1) plus 4 more  see all
Journal databases available through the catalog

- **Westlaw** - Law Reviews & Journals
- **Lexis-Nexis** - U.S. Law Reviews & Journals, Combined
- **HeinOnline** - contains digital (PDF) images of law reviews from U.S. law schools.
- **JSTOR** - PDF archives of over 1,000 leading academic journals across the humanities.
- **Academic Search Premier** - Multi-disciplinary database, full text for over 4,600 journals.
- **Plus many, many more!**
#2 — Finding articles on a particular topic

Research Request

To StudentRA@sandiego.edu

Research Request

Dear Student,

I'd like you to track down any recent and reliable journal articles with strong discussions of state law (judicial or legislative) that relieves medical professionals from tort liability if they refuse to disclose or to describe test results that might influence a patient to terminate a pregnancy.

Best,
Professor Y
Articles on a certain topic

- **Google Scholar** – free search engine for scholarly material (both law and non-law).

- Add USD to your library links to ensure you are getting full access to USD materials.

- Use the advanced search features in **Google Scholar** or in subscription databases like **Westlaw** or **Lexis** to limit by date, title, proximity, citations, etc.
#3 - When you have no #$%* clue what the professor is asking for
Misspellings & Other Mistakes


- **Actual Citation**: Mike C. Burkart & Samuel Lee, *One Share - One Vote: the Theory*, 12 *REV. OF FINANCE* 1-49 (Jan. 2008).

First, check to see if the article has since been published (e.g. Google Scholar, browse HeinOnline, search by author or title in a full-text database like Westlaw).

Then check:
- SSRN: Social Science Research Network
- bepress Legal Repository
- Author’s Curriculum Vitae
Example: law journal article, early 90s describing the IATTC dolphin accord (dolphin mortality) and the Declaration of Panama MEA

To find support for a specific passage, search for sentence fragments in a full-text journal database and/or Google Scholar

Remember

- If you know the exact article you are looking for, start by searching the **library catalog by journal title**.

- **Google Scholar** is your friend.

- Be flexible with your search terms and search strategy.

- LRC Reference Librarians are here to help!