Library Resources for Social Work 5014

Class Website
Available via:
1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Help (or Research Guides)
3. Class Pages
4. SOCW 5014

Psychosocial Literature

Social Services Abstracts
Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in social work journals.

PsycINFO
Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in psychology journals, as well as dissertations and selected books and reports.
Dates covered: 1887 – present.

Access these databases via:
- Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu/)
- Journal Articles
- Articles by Subject
- Social Work

Legal Research

Westlaw (US Legal)
Full-text of law review articles, federal and state law (including case law), and legal reference tools (secondary sources).
Available via:
1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Articles by Subject
3. Law/Legal Issues
4. Westlaw

Google Scholar
Includes case law (court opinions, especially of appellate and supreme courts) for all states
Includes uneven coverage of law review articles
Available via: http://library.csustan.edu/google-scholar

FindLaw
Links to the full-text of federal and state law, including court cases.
Available via: http://llp.findlaw.com
Note – this is the Legal Professional side of the site.
Choose desired source  
Cases  
Statutes  
Secondary Sources  

For Law Review Articles:  
1) Choose Secondary Sources  
2) At the Secondary Sources screen, choose Law Reviews & Journals  

Court Case by Party Name (or citation)  
3) Choose Cases  
4) Choose Advanced Search  
5) Enter case names into “party name” box  

Document Fields (Boolean Terms & Connectors Only)  
Date  
Party Name
Getting the Text of Laws

Federal Statutes: Codified

Example Legal Citation: 42 USC § 5106
42 USCS § 5106
42 USCA § 5106

Westlaw
Statutes and Court Rules
United States Code Annotated (USCA)

US House of Representatives
http://uscode.house.gov/browse.xhtml

California Statutes: Codified

Example Legal Citations:
Cal Bus & Prof Code § 4997
Cal Fam Code § 3040
Cal Wel & Inst Code § 5328

Westlaw
Statutes and Court Rules
California

California Legislature
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/
California Law

Federal Case Law

Example Legal Citations: Jaffee v. Redmond

US District Courts: 855 F. Supp. 244
US Appellate Courts: 51 F. 3d 1346
US Supreme Court: 518 U.S. 1 OR 116 S. Ct. 1923 OR 135 L. Ed. 2d 337

Westlaw
Cases
All Federal Cases
Used “Advanced” search for:
- searching by case name (e.g. Roe vs. Wade)
- searching by legal citation

Google Scholar
http://scholar.google.com
Click Case Law
Select Courts – Federal Courts

California Case Law

Example Legal Citations: Roe v. Superior Court

California Appellate Courts: Cal. App.2d 549 OR 280 Cal. Rptr. 380
California Supreme Court: 467 P.2d 557 OR 85 Cal. Rptr. 829

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Cases
California
Used “Advanced” search for:
- searching by case name (e.g. Roe vs. Wade)
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http://scholar.google.com
Click Case Law
Select Courts – California Courts