LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING
RESOURCES: RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Donald J. Dunn is Dean and Professor of Law at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass. He is a member of the Perspectives Editorial Board. This bibliography includes references to books, articles, bibliographies, and research guides that could potentially prove useful to both instructors and students and includes sources noted since the previous issue of Perspectives.


This is an effort to provide a comprehensive, but unannotated, bibliography of books and articles about various aspects of federal courts and federal procedure. It is arranged by topic and is more than 200 pages in length.


Consisting primarily of law review articles and law-related books, this subject-arranged bibliography contains a basic listing of primary sources, plus scholarly works on Jewish law of particular interest to law students and practitioners.


The Bluebook now appears to have a viable competitor in the ALWD Citation Manual. The reviewers describe why this new citation guide will likely replace the old standard.


Identifies thousands of secondary works that have been published in the area of law and literature studies from 1990 to 1995. Sources are first arranged by topic, e.g., "Law in Mystery and Detective Fiction," followed by an arrangement by specific authors, works, subjects, and characters.

Simone Friedman, E-Commerce by the Numbers: Research Sources and Solutions, Searcher, vol. 8, no. 8, Sept. 2000, at 58.

"[P]resents four approaches to finding e-commerce information: press releases, article research, research aggregators, and universities, nonprofits, and government agencies."

Contents Page Abstract, at 3.


Seventeen monographs on teaching and learning published since 1990 were selected for review because of their "relevance, timeliness, readability, and applicability." Id. at 65.

Anne Morrison, Comparison of Web-Based Caclaw Search Engines for State Research, Legal Information Alert, vol. 19, no. 6, June 2000, at 1.

Evaluates the search results for state research conducted using westlaw.com®, Lexis.com, Versuslaw, Loislaw, the National Law Library, Jurisline, and the Maryland Judiciary homepage. Not surprisingly, Westlaw® and LEXIS® produce the best results, although other sources show increasing promise.


The author argues that today's law students are so accustomed to using computers for legal research that focusing on print materials first is not the proper pedagogical approach. He suggests that instruction in research should be on strategy, not format.


Provides an introduction to legal research on the Internet using a practical, problem-based approach that includes step-by-step instruction combined with follow-up exercises.

Marquette University's law school has adopted a mandatory advanced legal research requirement for its students. The author describes how the program came to be and what it entails.


"This work is a survey of the bibliographic sources of law in Israel. It is intended for the law researcher, lawyer and information specialist/librarian who seek to discover and use Israel legal materials." Preface, at xii.

Covers primary and secondary sources and electronic formats. It is number 37 in the publisher's "Legal Research Guides" series.


The 209 articles in this annotated bibliography cover the period from June 1993 to December 1999 and represent those sources that offer practical suggestions on pedagogy.


Each year this journal selects a particular field or specialty for a bibliography. For the year 2000, the topic is wetlands law. Although the focus is on Florida sources, references for more expansive research are provided. It does not contain 2,000 citations as the title seems to suggest. The "2000" is the year.

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