LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING RESOURCES: RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Discusses and rates Web sites using one to five stars based on overall usefulness to legal professionals, content, design and presentation, accessibility and ease of use, and innovation.


Contains two research guides as described in the subtitle of this book.


Compares the cited references in an 1899 volume of U.S. Reports with those in a 1999 issue of U.S. Law Week to illustrate how the nature of authority used by the Supreme Court has changed. The author then discusses the role of computer-assisted legal research (CALR) services and the Internet in legal research, predicting the ultimate demise of the National Reporter System®.


Consists of three parts: “Learning to Read Legal Materials”; “Learning to Write Legal Documents”; and “Creating Specific Legal Documents” (intraoffice memo, memorandum of points and authorities, appellate brief).


After describing the findings of two surveys that show lower pay and status for women directors of legal writing programs, the article compares the data with women teaching doctrinal courses. The author next discusses adverse consequences that can result from the bias and suggests how law schools can respond.


Describes how portals (jumping-off points for finding sources on the Internet) facilitate access to legal information. The author describes her favorite portals.


Intended as a self-help how-to guide to conducting legal research in a law library. Includes review questions at the end of each chapter.


The foremost authority of good legal writing has provided a book that takes a practical approach to the subject. In 50 sections, with each section concluding with basic, intermediate, and advanced exercises.

This is a bibliography of articles that examine the impact of computer technology on law schools and legal education. The sources are arranged under topics and subtopics.


A listing of books and articles of the late Joseph Goldstein, a Yale law professor for more than 45 years.


"[D]escribes resources in print and electronic formats that can assist an individual seeking information about career opportunities in foreign and international law."


Identifies state statutes, regulations, cases, articles, books and book chapters, and reports relevant to the topic of this Housing Conference. Covers primarily sources from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.


Discusses ways prerecorded, self-guided tours can be used in legal writing courses to instruct students in the use of the law library. The idea came from a tour of Alcatraz Island. Contains an "Alcatraz-style research exercise" involving creating a research log for an open memo assignment.


Focuses primarily on federal documents and secondarily on state documents. Each chapter begins with a written narrative by a subject expert.


Uses a "who, what, when, why, where, and how" approach in discussing the ways research techniques and users have changed over the years.


Contains more than 35,000 abbreviations used in legal encyclopedias, law dictionaries, law reporters, looseleaf services, law reviews, legal treatises, legal reference books, and citators. Now includes Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations Reversed, formerly a separate publication.


Revised to reflect the changes in the 17th edition of The Bluebook, this edition includes rule references for citing cases according to local rules in different states. The treatment for citing electronic and other nonprint sources has been greatly expanded.


References to sources discussing the killing of Yusuf K. Hawkins in 1989 by a band of teenagers in Bensonhurst, New York. Arranged chronologically.

Argues that in-house discrimination and disparate treatment of faculty based on gender shows up most when studying the legal writing faculty.


A brief article that illustrates the storytelling skills of Lord Denning and Justice Cardozo.


This extensive bibliography, covering more than 200 pages, is arranged under 11 headings. The heading “County/Region Materials” is further subdivided into eight geographical locations.


Covers items published over the last several years dealing with British and Irish legal history. Unannotated and arranged by subject.


Covers secondary sources concerned with the devolution within the United Kingdom and to the working of the various legislative/executive bodies in the U.K.

Women's Annotated Legal Bibliography, 7 Cardozo Women's L.J. 83 (2000).

Describes, under 12 subjects, sources published over the past year related to women's issues.

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