



# The Southern Reporter

## Researching Made Easy

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You come to the library to do some research online, but find that the server is down. Maybe you need to find some cases on a particular subject but are not sure where to start. You may just need to find out if the case you have is still "good" law. Here are some tips to get you going in the right direction:

- If you are looking for cases on a particular subject, use a digest. Use the most jurisdiction-specific digest available. For instance, if you are researching a federal issue, you may want to start with a federal digest or a United States Supreme Court digest.
- If you are researching a statute

and want to find cases that have interpreted that statute, use an annotated code. Not only will you find cases, you may also find law review articles written about the statute and cases.

- Do you need to see if the case or statute you are citing is still "good" law? Use Shepard's citators to update your research. There are case citators, constitution, statutes, rules and regulations citators, secondary source citators, and citators that cover specific types of materials and subjects.
- You may be unfamiliar with the area of law you are researching

and need to find some information to help you understand some concepts of the area of law. In this case, you may want to look to a legal encyclopedia such as Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS) or American Jurisprudence, 2d (Am. Jur. 2d) for more information. You may also want to consult an American Law Reports (ALR) Annotation.

- Remember, whenever you research, you want to check any pocket parts, supplements, advance sheets or later bound volumes of a source to make sure you have the most recent information.

### Where Can I Find...

- United States Code Annotated can be found in the Federal Reading Room.
- Government Documents can be found in the West Stacks on the First Floor.
- Eason's Louisiana Quantum Study can be found at the Circulation Desk.
- Early state reporters can be found in the West Stacks on the First Floor.
- Headphones can be checked out at the Circulation Desk.

## Library Safety Tips

The Southern University Law Library is a place where students can study safely. As at any school, there are issues regarding theft or other incidents. We need your assistance to ensure that such problems do not occur. Here are some things you can do to help:

- **Personal belongings should not be left in an unoccupied study area:** This means any area including the group study rooms, the Civil Rights Room, the Federal Reading Room, the stacks, the computer labs, the Reserve Reading Room or in the atrium. You may think you will only be gone for a second, but a second is all someone needs to

take your belongings.

- **Ask for the assistance of the deputy or guard:** If you are studying late at night at the library, ask either the deputy on duty or the guard at the front desk to escort you to your car.
- **Be aware of your surroundings:** Remember that the Southern University Law Library is open to the public. Patrons other than fellow law students and faculty will visit the library.
- **Report any suspicious behavior to a staff person immediately:** If someone's behavior is making you uncomfortable, report that activity



**Do not leave your personal belongings unattended. They become easy targets.**

to a staff person as soon as possible.

- **Don't forget:** Food is prohibited in the library. Drinks must be in spill-proof containers. Spills of drinks can lead to slips and falls.



**You can use CALI to help prepare for classes and study for final exams.**

## Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)

Southern University Law Center Library subscribes to CALI. The CALI Library of Lessons is a collection of over 600 interactive, computer-based lessons covering 32 legal education subject areas written by law faculty and librarians. By using CALI, you can quiz yourself on various legal subjects to help prepare for classes and final examinations.

To use CALI, students must first register with a membership au-

thorization code. Students can obtain the code from the Director of Library Services or a reference librarian.

The lessons are arranged according to first-year courses and second and third-year courses. Some of the subjects included are Constitutional Law, Torts, Property, Corporations, Employment Discrimination, Federal Courts, Professional Responsibility, and Trial Advocacy.

CALI also enables you to access a

lesson according to a specific casebook. Simply click the link to the subject and find the casebook being used in your class for that subject. Lessons can also be accessed by subject outline. Click the link to the subject you need and an outline of the subject appears with links to various issues specific to the subject. The links take you to the lessons.

You can visit the CALI website at [www.cali.org](http://www.cali.org) for more information.

*The Ready Reference section contains materials such as legal dictionaries, practice forms and treatises.*

## Quick Reference—Ready Reference

The Ready Reference section, located in the Federal Reading Room, contains a wealth of information on many different topics. Its purpose is to allow patrons to find general information on a variety of subjects in one convenient location.

In the Ready Reference section

you can find information on various attorneys and law firms. This can help you if you are preparing for job interviews. You can also find medical dictionaries and encyclopedias, congressional directories, legal forms, Louisiana civil law treatises, legal thesauri, books on Federal Jury Practice and Instruc-

tion and information on nonprofit corporations.

The section also contains information on Education Law, Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, the Employees Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw News

This semester, first-year law students will receive training on how to conduct research using LexisNexis and Westlaw. Classes will be held at the beginning of the semester. Students will be notified of the classes and must attend a training to obtain full access to these online services.

All students have access to the West Education Network (TWEN). When you use TWEN, you can get course materials, receive and sub-

mit assignments and e-mail your professors and classmates. You must use your Westlaw password to access TWEN and add the course created by your professor to the "My Courses" page. For help with TWEN you can see the student representatives or a reference librarian. Handouts on using TWEN are also available at the LexisNexis/Westlaw Information Station located to the right of the entrance of the Federal Reading Room.

Remember that if you have questions regarding researching on LexisNexis or Westlaw, you can see your student representatives or a reference librarian. You can also call a LexisNexis or Westlaw reference attorney using the phones in the LexisNexis/Westlaw lab. They connect you immediately to the reference attorneys. Handouts are also available at the LexisNexis/Westlaw Information Station.



**Trainings on LexisNexis and Westlaw for 1Ls will be held this semester.**

## Articles of Interest

- David A.J. Richards, "Ethical Religion and the Struggle for Human Rights: The Case of Martin Luther King, Jr.," 72 *Fordham Law Review* 2105 (2004)
- John C. Brittain Dean, "Black History Month Tribute to HBCU Law Schools," *NBA National Bar Association Magazine* (January/February 2001 p. 10)
- J.R. DeShazo and Jody Freeman, "Public Agencies as Lobbyists," 105 *Columbia Law Review* 2217 (2005)
- Randall S. Kroszner and Thomas Stratmann, "Corporate Campaign Contributions, Repeat Giving and the Rewards to Legislator Reputation," 48 *Journal of Law and Economics* 41 (2005)
- James B. Perrine, "The USA Patriot Act: Big Brother or Business as Usual?" 19 *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy* 163 (2005)
- Kurt L. Schmoke, "Gone But Not Forgotten: Bar Examiners Cheat Would-be Lawyers of a Second Chance by Asking Them to Disclose Expunged Convictions," *Legal Affairs* (January/February 2006 p. 27)



These articles of interest can be found in the East Stacks on the third and fourth floors, on HeinOnline, or online.

## Additions to the Collection

The Southern University Law Library has added several new titles to its collection. From books to magazines, there are more sources available on a variety of issues and subjects. Some titles that are or will soon be available are as follows:

- *Race, Racism and American Law*, Derrick A. Bell
- *Islam: Its Law and Society*, Jamila Hussain
- *The President of Good and Evil: The Ethics of George W. Bush*, Peter Singer
- *Mediation: A Path Back for the Lost Lawyer*, John R. Van Winkle
- *Negro President: Jefferson and the Slave Power*, Garry Wills
- *Black Enterprise*
- *Business Week*
- *O, The Oprah Magazine*
- *U.S. News and World Report*
- *Glamour*
- *Sports Illustrated*

Check out the new titles available in the library's collection.

## Studying in the Library

Lets start the semester off on a good note and continue to make the library a quiet place where everyone can study. Here are a few things to remember when you are studying in the law library:

- Cell phones and pagers should be turned off or set to vibrate when entering the library. If you have a call you must take, please leave the library to take the call. Your conversation may disturb others.
- Conversations or discussions should be maintained at a reasonable level so that others are not disturbed. Visiting should be done in the atrium or student lounge.
- Additional group study areas can be made available. See a Reference Librarian or the Director of Library Services for more information.
- Food is not allowed in the library. Please eat any snacks in the atrium or the student lounge. Drinks must be in spill-proof containers.



Food and snacks not allowed in the library.

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***Martin Luther King,  
Jr. Holiday Hours***

*The library will be closed  
Monday, January 16, 2006, in  
observance of the Martin Luther  
King, Jr. holiday. Regular hours  
will resume on Tuesday, January  
17, 2006, at 6 AM.*

*We hope everyone has a safe  
and happy holiday!*



***Library Schedule***

*Monday—Thursday  
6 AM—Midnight*

*Friday  
6AM—5 PM*

*Saturday  
9 AM—5 PM*

*Sunday  
2 PM—10 PM*

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