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## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



### UK Statute Law

<http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk>

The UK Statute Law Database (SLD), is the official revised edition of the primary legislation of the United Kingdom made available online. Created by the Department of Constitutional Affairs, this tool is invaluable for searching for legislation by type, title, number, or year. The "help" feature explains not only searching and navigating the system, but how the legislation is organized.

## Introducing Whitney Curtis

Sally Wise

Help us welcome Whitney Curtis, our new reference and instructional services librarian.



Whitney graduated from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the Roger Williams University Law School in Bristol Road, Rhode Island.

After practicing law for seven years in New Jersey, she decided to go to library school. She received her master's degree of library and information science last

year from the University of South Florida.

As part of that degree, she completed an internship at the Stetson University Law Library. Stop by to welcome her in room D139, right behind the reference desk.

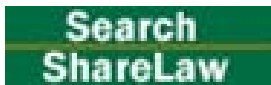


## Introducing ShareLaw

Barbara Cuadras

Is the book you need not owned by a library on campus or worse yet missing? Well... why not try ShareLaw?

What is ShareLaw you say? ShareLaw is a new part of the library catalog (<http://baron.law.miami.edu>). It allows patrons to request and borrow materials from a law library in the ShareLaw Consortium, which includes law libraries at George Washington University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, University of Washington, and Yale University.



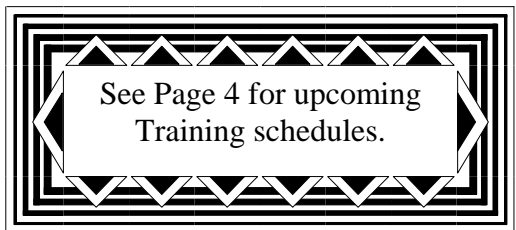
From our catalog, enter your search, and if the book is not available, (either in the law library or Richter Library), click on Search ShareLaw. If one of the other library's owns the book, it will appear with an option to request the item. You will need to indicate which library you are with (choose Univ of Miami Law), your name and your library

barcode number. If you do not know your barcode number the staff at the Circulation Desk can help you obtain that information.

Once you have successfully submitted your request, you should expect to receive the book within the week. The Interlibrary Loan staff will contact you via email once the book arrives. The book will be checked out to you, so you can check on the due date and request a renewal through the library catalog by clicking on View Your Patron Record. If you have any questions about using ShareLaw, please speak with the Interlibrary Loan staff in room D137 or (305) 284-3728

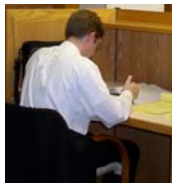
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## Researching and Retrieving Law Review Articles – Part II

Barbara H. Brandon



In the last issue I discussed several useful tips for finding law review articles, comments and notes that will be useful in your research. These covered the Index to Legal Periodicals, Lexis and Westlaw. Now I would like to discuss one of the most useful subscription databases that the law school has – HeinOnline (<http://heinonline.org/>).

HeinOnline's Law Journal Library provides full coverage of over 1,200 law reviews and journals. Coverage begins with a journal's inception and normally runs to the issues from the previous year. All journal content is in the PDF format so that the pages appear just as they do in the journal. Additionally, charts, graphs, photographs and other non-textual material are shown just as they do in the print journal.

Retrieving an article from Hein is very simple. A quick link feature opens up a drop-down box of every journal in the database. If you have the citation, all you need to do is type in the volume number and the page and a few clicks later you will be able to download the full-text of an article or a range of pages.

The extensive nature of Hein's content can be very useful

when you are looking for older articles that are not in Lexis or Westlaw. For instance, the Yale Law Journal began publication in 1891 but the coverage in Lexis and Westlaw begins in 1982 and 1981 respectively. In addition, Hein provides much greater coverage of specialty journals. As an example, Westlaw begins full coverage of the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review in 1993 with volume 25 whereas Hein starts with the first volume in 1969.



Hein does have some drawbacks. Its search engine is not as sophisticated as the tools provided in Lexis and Westlaw. You are using simple Boolean commands and thus Hein cannot narrow search results as precisely as Lexis or Westlaw can. Second, when you enter the full text for words or phrases the search runs across the uncorrected Optical Character Recognition [OCR] text that was generated when the pages were scanned into the database. As Hein acknowledges, not all matches may be found due to OCR errors. Finally, the PDF files in Hein are not searchable internally as articles are in many other PDF formats.

Two other ways exist to retrieve the full text of articles as PDF files. Richter Library subscribes to the Wilson Omnifile Mega Search database. If you click on the database link on

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### New Electronic Resources Helen Wohl

New to Lexis-Nexis Congressional : We now have access to **Congressional Research Reports** (Major Studies and Issue Briefs of the Congressional Research Service) from 2004 to present. (We will no longer get these on microfiche). In addition, are full-text **Congressional Committee Prints** (also from 2004 to present).

**Gale's Supreme Court Records and Briefs 1832-1978:** [http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/miami\\_richter?db=SCRB](http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/miami_richter?db=SCRB) We now have this set of 150 years of U.S. Supreme Court records and briefs online. Rest assured, they have added the missing content many of you found during the trial of this product.



New from Richter: **Public Documents Masterfile:** <http://pubdocs.odyssey.com/> This is a user friendly way to search citations to 200+ years worth of US federal, state and local and international public documents. Entries are from the GPO. Monthly Catalog and historical U.S. document catalogs, GPO Marc Records and Library of Congress records. This resource is continually updated.

And don't forget the constant new additions to **HeinOnline:** Historical CFRs, Federal Legislative Histories, the Presidential Library, U.S. Statutes At Large and Classic Legal Treatises (adds to the ones on the Making of Modern Law) and more.



### Internet Guide for the Legal Researcher

Mark Plotkin

One already-existing e-resource, the Internet Guide for the Legal Researcher, 3d edition, by Ken Kozlowski, can be accessed through the online databases at <http://library.law.miami.edu/databas.html>.

This invaluable book provides general how-to information, as well as links to such sources as online legal dictionaries, federal and state resources, international legal resources, and general reference resources. Also included is a chapter on over 50 subject-related resources and a chapter on citing Internet resources.

## Etiquette: A Quick Lesson - The Meal

Michelle Cosby

When interviewing for a job, it is common for employers to take you out to eat. Your behavior during a meal may affect your chances of receiving an offer. Remember, the meal is an extension of the interview, and you should be on your best behavior.

**Napkins:** As soon as you sit down, put your napkin in your lap. Do not stick your napkin in your shirt! If you have to excuse yourself from the table, leave your napkin on your chair.



**Ordering:** You will probably be the first one to order. Do not order the most expensive thing on the menu. Also, order something that is easy to eat. For example, French Onion Soup is not the best thing to order as an appetizer because the melted cheese makes it messy to eat. Additionally, do not order dessert unless your host indicates that it is okay to do so. Having an alcoholic beverage is okay for a dinner setting, but be mindful of how much you consume.

**Silverware:** Many people panic over what piece of silverware they are to use. Remember to start from the outside

and work your way in. Use one utensil for each course. Your salad fork is on your outermost left, followed by your dinner fork. Your soup spoon is on our outermost right, followed by your beverage spoon, salad knife, and dinner knife. Never put used silverware back on the table. For example, if you use a spoon for your drink, lay the spoon on the saucer.



**When you are finished:** Do not push your plate away from you. Instead, place your knife and fork diagonally on your plate side by side. The shape side of the knife should face inward. The fork should be to the left of the knife with the tines down. Place your napkin neatly on the table to the right of your dinner plate.

If you would like more information on proper etiquette, you can visit Ball State University's Career Center website at <http://www.bsu.edu/students/careers/students/interviewing/dining/> or Capital University Law School's website at <https://culsnet.law.capital.edu/CareerServices/Etiquette.asp>. The Toppel Career Center on campus also offers classes in dining and professional etiquette.

## Wednesday (Research) Workshops

The library is pleased to announce that our weekly research workshops series has returned this semester, to be held on Wednesdays rather than Tuesdays. Each workshop will address research and resources in a different subject area. Unless posted otherwise, the workshops will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 in room D236 at the library. You can sign-up for the workshops at the circulation desk. See page 4 for the schedule of workshops. You can take one or take many.

**If you take three workshops (and fill out a survey) this semester, you will become a library-certified "Research Workshop Scholar" – not a terrible thing to put on your resume!**

Among the most practical classes offered this semester are the Online Job Searching Workshop, which explains how to find openings as well as how to research prospective employers; the Government Information Workshop, which describes how to find the vast amount of useful information produced by the government; and the Administrative Law Workshop, which will help the researcher find relevant information published by the various agencies. More specialized classes, such as those on Non-Law Databases



and Treaty Resources, guide the researcher through some challenging resources.

The purpose of these workshops is to provide practical information about researching the law.

Many of the workshops will be directly related to courses at the law school. More importantly, however, the workshops will teach skills that will be valuable when you graduate and begin practicing law. For example, in the Florida Legal Resources Workshop, you can learn about some of the practice-based resources that attorneys use but that you may not have had the chance to use while in law school.

All of the Workshops will be short and practical in nature. No homework, no exams, and no papers. By just signing up, showing up and paying attention, you develop and refine skills you will actually use in the practice of law. Get an advantage on bridging the gap between law school and law practice!

**Sign up at the circulation desk!**

## Law Review Articles Cont.

the Richter homepage and open the “w” page, you can easily locate this file. You can search this database just like you would the Index to Legal Periodicals and in many instances you will find PDFs of articles written since 2000. For instance, you can find Professor Bascuas’ article on material witness detentions that was published in Vanderbilt Law Review and download a searchable PDF version. Secondly, many journals like Columbia, Harvard and Yale have full-text, searchable PDF files of recent journal issues on their Web sites.

Speaking of Richter Library...you can find the full-text of many other legal, political, and scientific journals through the resources in this library. Search for a particular journal through Richter’s library catalog (<http://ibisweb.miami.edu>), or browse by subject on the E-Journals list.



### Don’t forget to Ask a Librarian

Ask a Librarian is the law library’s e-mail and chat reference service.

The instant messaging service allows patrons to use the most popular instant messaging programs to “chat” with a reference librarian. You can chat with a reference librarian using AOL (AIM), Yahoo Messenger or MSN Messenger. This service is available whenever the reference desk is open. (See Spring Hours above.) **Find us in AOL and Yahoo under the name umiamilawlib, or on MSN under library@law.miami.edu.** The email reference is also available at [library@law.miami.edu](mailto:library@law.miami.edu).



## Training Schedule



Classes will be held in room D236. Classes will be added throughout the semester. See the Law Library’s web page for additional classes:

<http://library.law.miami.edu/training.html>. Sign-up sheets can be found at the circulation desk.

- Feb. 14 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Legislative History**
- Feb. 15 12:30-1:30-Lexis: **Researching Public Interest Law**
- Feb. 20 12:45-1:30-Lexis: **Cost Effective Research Tips in F200**
- Feb. 21 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Florida Legal Resources**
- Feb. 22 12:30-1:30-Lexis: **Oral Argument Preparation in F200**
- Feb. 26 12:30-2:00-**Westlaw Advanced Certification**
- Feb. 27 12:30-1:30-Lexis: **Job Searching and Preparing for Interviews**
- Feb. 28 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Online Job Searching**
- March 7 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Administrative Law**
- March 21 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Non-Law Databases**
- March 28 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Treaty Resources**
- April 4 1:00-2:00-Wednesday Workshop-**Government Information in F200**

### Spring Hours (January 6th - April 23rd)



	Library Hours	Reference
Mon.-Thurs	7am-Midnight	8am-10pm
Friday	7am-10pm	8am-6pm
Saturday	9am-10pm	10am-6pm
Sunday	9am-Midnight	Noon-8pm

#### Library Directory

- Circulation & Reserves 284-3563
- Reference Desk 284-3585
- Automated Operator 284-2250
- Administrative Office 284-2251

#### Other University Libraries

- Richter Circulation 284-3233
- Richter Reference 284-4722
- Medical Library 243-6403
- Marine Library 361-4060

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