



DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR SEMINAR PAPER RESEARCH

Academic research during law school often requires students to use resources beyond popular legal databases (i.e. Lexis & Westlaw). Below is a list of *some* of the most frequently used resources for accessing scholarly articles and specialized legal information. Remember to access subscription databases from the law library website for user authentication.

GMU Patrons have access to hundreds of databases in numerous subject areas. Please consult the law library website for more [Law-Related Databases](#) or a listing of [University Databases by Subject](#). Also refer to the Law Library's [Research Guides & Publications](#) for in depth information about resources in popular subject areas.

[Academic Search Complete](#)

Provides a comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary database with full-text, peer-reviewed journals, as well as indexing and abstracts for monographs, reports, and conference proceedings. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1887, and searchable cited references for nearly 1,000 journals.

[Bloomberg Law](#)

Provides access to primary legal and business information, BNA treatises, and Bloomberg law Reports. Especially useful for topics in Practice Centers: Antitrust, Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Corporate/M&A, Employee Benefits, Health, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, Securities, and Tax.

[Business Source Complete](#)

Comprehensive coverage of scholarly journals for business topics such as marketing, management, human resources, accounting, finance and economics. Includes books, major reference works, book digests, conference proceedings, case studies, company profiles, and country reports.

[EconLit](#)

Indexes and abstracts 400 journals in the field of economic theory and application, as well as working papers, dissertations and books. (1969-present),

[Google Scholar](#)

An index that searches scholarly literature across many disciplines to help you find law and non-law articles. Use the Library Links tool in the Settings menu to tell Google Scholar that you are affiliated with George Mason University. Then, articles retrieved by your search and available in one of library databases will be available to you after you sign in with your GMU credentials. *Google Scholar > Settings > Library Links> search for and add all George Mason University choices plus WorldCat.*



HeinOnline

Provides access to over 1,600 full-text legal journals and dozens of collections by subject (full back runs). Collections frequently used for scholarly research include: Congress and the Courts; Early American Case Law; Foreign & International Law Resources Database; Intellectual Property Law Collection; Legal Classics; Sessions Laws Library; State Attorney General Reports and Opinions; United Nations Law Collection; U.S. Attorney General & Department of Justice Collection; U.S. Code; U.S. Congressional Documents; U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions, and Appeals; U.S. Presidential Library; U.S. Statutes at Large; U.S. Supreme Court Library; and U.S. Treaties and Agreements Library.

Index to Legal Periodicals & Books

An international index that covers 850 legal journals, law reviews, yearbooks, institutes, bar association publications, university publications, and government publications from 1908 to the present. Also includes coverage of 1,400 monographs per year. (1908-, *varied full text 1994-*).

inPrimo

A library discovery tool that allows searching of multiple research databases, the Mason Catalog, ejournals, media, special collections, and also hundreds of millions of records for collections not owned by the Mason Libraries.

JSTOR

The complete text (full back runs) of core scholarly journals in Anthropology, Asian Studies, Ecology, Economics, Education, Finance, History, Law, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies, and Sociology. (*Coverage varies*).

ProQuest Congressional

Provides the full text of Congressional publications in searchable PDF format including Committee Prints (1817-present); Congressional Record (1789-1997 Permanent, 1985-present daily); House and Senate Published Hearings (1824-present); Unpublished Hearings (House 1973-1980, Senate 1985-1990); House and Senate Documents and Reports (1817-present); Bills (1789-2013); Statutes at Large (1789-present); Legislative Histories (1969-present); CRS Reports (1916-present); Vote Reports (1987-present); and the Serial Set (1789-present, including Serial Set Maps).

ProQuest Legislative Insight

Provides compiled federal legislative histories for more than 27,000 laws from 1789-2012 (coverage includes major laws and additional select laws). The service includes bills (all versions), reports, documents, CRS reports, committee prints, speeches in the Congressional Record and presidential signing statements. Note: use the Proquest Congressional database for comprehensive coverage of congressional documents, including those not included as part of a compiled legislative history.

ProQuest Research Library

The database includes more than 5,000 titles (over 3,500 in full text, from 1971 forward). It features a highly-respected, diversified mix of scholarly journals, trade publications, magazines, and newspapers.

