

Scholarly Writing Research Checklist

Student: _____ Topic: _____

Journal: _____ Date: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Library homepage
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Links to: Scholarly Writing & Spading Guide; Research Guides; Catalog; Law Related Databases; GMU General Databases; Google Scholar; e-Journals; and more.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Library Catalogs
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It is absolutely essential that you search for books on your topic.

- Use subject terms to expand the search.
- The catalog can search more than just our catalog; for example, it searches articles and news, and nearby academic Libraries' holdings, too.
- Use [WorldCat](#) to search for books in any Library around the world.
- HathiTrust, Routledge, Oxford Scholarship Online, & JSTOR for e-books

<input type="checkbox"/>	Law-Related Databases –BloombergLaw, HeinOnline, and PLI Discover Plus
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We provide a list of all of our legal databases in alphabetical order. The librarian can suggest the databases that might be useful to you. These are essential for everybody:

- BloombergLaw – includes a wealth of current awareness materials for lawyers. Is there a Practice Center on your topic?
- HeinOnline – Full text law reviews since inception. Field search—Boolean connectors must be in all capital letters.
- PLI Discover Plus: search for Practising Law Institute treatises and handbooks; download PDF versions of chapters. Covers many legal topics, very in-depth, CLE materials, too.

<input type="checkbox"/>	GMU Databases (non-law)
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[Here](#), you can search for non-law articles in interdisciplinary databases. The databases are arranged by subject, alphabetically, or can be searched by name. The most popular are:

- Business Source Complete (business, marketing, economics)
- Academic Search Complete (covers a variety of subjects)
- JSTOR (various social sciences, including law)
- EconLit (economics literature—very technical)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Google Scholar
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Find scholarly articles in all disciplines. Set your preferences to recognize GMU so that you can directly access our subscription databases.

- [Google Scholar](#) → **Settings** → **Library Links** → search for and add **George Mason University-Full-Text@Mason** plus **Open WorldCat Library Search**
- Advanced search available, too

<input type="checkbox"/>	e-Journal Finder
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[Here](#), you can search for access to an online journal using the title of the journal.

- 56 Eur. Econ. Rev. 317 (2012)
- Use Bb T13 to determine full title—you must spell the full title correctly.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Alerts, Current Events, Legal Blogs
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- Set an alert for your search at any of the three major legal databases—Westlaw, Lexis, BloombergLaw.
- Track Docket information at BloombergLaw.
- Set Legal News alerts at [Law360](#)
- Legal blog indexes: <https://www.abajournal.com/blawgs/>, <http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/>, <https://blawgsearch.justia.com/>, <https://www.lexblog.com/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	ProQuest Congressional, Legislative Insight, and ProQuest Regulatory Insight
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- Use **Congressional** if your topic requires you to find a single legislative document such as a hearing, committee report, Congressional Record entry, or CRS report, or to find congressional documents when there is no Compiled Legislative History.
- Use **Legislative Insight** if you are looking for a Compiled Legislative History.
- Use **Regulatory Insight** to find all agency rule-making documents related to a federal law or executive order since 1936 (“regulatory history”).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Guides
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- GMU Law Library [research guides](#)
- [Georgetown](#) and [Harvard](#) Law Library research guides
- Or, Google search: legal research guide [relevant subject]
- [Georgetown Law Library Legal Treatise Finder](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical Databases (find at Law Related Databases)
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- Making of Modern Law – full text treatises online from 1800-1926; several databases with historical primary materials
- HeinOnline Legal Classics Library, Law Journal Library, and more
- LLMC Digital
- Google Books
- HathiTrust
- Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective (1908-1981)
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers

<input type="checkbox"/>	International and Foreign (find at Law Related Databases)
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- [Cardiff Index](#) to Legal Abbreviations
- [Eur-Lex](#) (EU documentation system for Directives, Official Journal, etc.)
- Foreign Law Guide (Law Library database)
- Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (from within HeinOnline)
- UN Official Documents System ([ODS](#))
- Internet for most international tribunals (e.g., ICJ) and many international organizations

<input type="checkbox"/>	Statistics
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- ProQuest Statistical Insight (GMU database)
- [Administrative Office](#) of the United States Courts
- [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)
- [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- See also Georgetown’s Legal Research Guide on [Statistics & Empirical Legal Studies](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (student and librarian add additional resources as necessary)
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