INTRODUCTION
Communications law is concerned with the regulation of radio and TV broadcasting to insure satisfactory service and to prevent chaos. Because broadcasting by its nature transcends state boundaries, the Federal government has largely occupied the field. Communication Law (COM 449) is a course studies the legal system of the state and nation as related to media, including libel, privacy, copyright, access, contract, and First Amendment issues. Most print sources (such as books, periodicals) related to Constitutional Law are located on 10th floor in Houston Cole Library. Electronic sources (such as databases) can be accessed via computer stations on each floor.

PRINT SOURCES
Books are important sources of basic information on a topic, providing necessary definitions, background information, and historical information. Books provide a foundation for research which can be supplemented by more current information from periodical articles. Books may also contain useful bibliographies which may lead to additional sources of research.

When looking for books, consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings to select the proper term(s) to use as subjects under “Find Books (Library Catalog: http://library.jsu.edu/)”. The following table shows communication law in the Library of Congress System:

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JSU students can also use ALLIES (Alabama Libraries Exchange Services, http://library.jsu.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=dbPage) to borrow circulating books from UAB Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, either on-site with the student ID or by requesting the items through the library catalog.
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Electronic Databases are the main electronic sources in the HCL providing indexes, full textbooks (via netLibrary), articles, statutes, and legal cases, etc. To access the HCL subscribed databases, your student ID and your Last name are required for log-in at: http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/.

The following table lists some commonly used databases for your research:

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<td>Journal articles in all subject areas.</td>
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<td>America: History and Life</td>
<td>Historical coverage of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present.</td>
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<td>CQ Researcher</td>
<td>Social sciences, economics, and political science.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Expanded Academic ASAP</td>
<td>Scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers</td>
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<td>Articles in all major law reviews, law journals, specialty law and bar association journals and legal newspapers.</td>
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<td>U.S. and international news sources.</td>
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<td>Campus Research (Westlaw)</td>
<td>Federal and state statutes, administrative codes, cases, encyclopedias, law reviews</td>
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<td>Omini File</td>
<td>Full text articles, page images, article abstracts, and citations from over 4,000 journals.</td>
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Some Core Electronic Journals are (can be accessed under “Alphabetical title list of full-text electronic journals” on page http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/):

Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal (Call Number: K3.O38, location: 10th Floor)

The Journal of Electronic Publishing JEP (http://www.press.umich.edu/jep/)

Communication and the Law (03/01/1997-present, access via the Library subscribed database “Academic OneFile”)


OTHER RELATED SOURCES

Constitutions:

The First Amendment (Freedom from religious indoctrination; freedom to practice religion, to complain to government; Freedom of expression for us all; freedom for the press as an institution)

The Forth Amendment (Search of newsrooms; press has no constitutional right to avoid a legitimate search)

The Fifth Amendment (Due process of law applied to federal government; void for vagueness doctrine)

The Six Amendment (Right to a speedy, public and fair trial)

The Fourteenth Amendment (Due process applied to the states; equal protection of laws)

Article I, Section 8 (Authorizes Copyright Laws)

Federal & State Materials:

Administrative Procedure Act (Including Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C.)

Children Online Privacy Protection Act & The Lanham Act (15 U.S.C.)
Copyrights (17 U.S.C.)
Electronic Communications Privacy Act (18 U.S.C.)
Telegraphs, telephones, and radiotelegraphs (47 U.S.C.)
Telecommunications (Including Telecommunication Act) (47 C.F.R.)
Public Utilities and Public Transportation (Title 37, Code of Alabama 1975)
Websites:

Core documents of U.S. Democracy (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/coredocs.html): Has things like the Bill of Rights, Gettysburg Address, Emancipation Proclamation, Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers, etc.

Laws and Regulations from Firstgov (http://www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Laws.shtml) This has everything from executive orders to CFR, etc.


Communications Law from HierosGamos (http://www.hg.org/communi.html): Covers communication law and regulations of United States and other countries, also includes the links to the associations involved with communication law.

Communication Law from ALLLAW.COM (http://www.alllaw.com/legal_topic_index/communications_law/): Includes links to communications law related web sites.

Federal Communications Bar Association (http://fcba.org/): Involves in the development, interpretation and practice of communications law and practice, also links to Federal Communication Law Journal.

Internet Resources on Media Law (including Cyberspace): A web site from University of Iowa http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/medialaw/

Oyez: U.S. Supreme Court Media (http://www.oyez.org/): Cases, justices, advocates, benefactors, on the docket.


LEGAL CITATIONS
The legal citation, which is always written in a standard form, tells you precisely where the law/Case is located.
Constitution:
The Constitution of the United States of America
Citation:
U.S. Const. Art. I, §8, cl. 5. (“The Constitution of the United States”, Article 1, Section 8, clause 5)
U.S. Const. amend. XIV, §2. (Amendment XIV to the Constitution of the United States, Section 2)

Access:
Print: The Constitution of the United States of America (Call Number: JK31.D8)
Internet: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/constitution/index.html
Database: Campus Research (http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)

Constitution of Alabama
Citation:
Ala. Const. of 1901, art. I, §4 (“Constitution of Alabama 1901”, Article I, Section 4)
Access:
Print: Constitution of Alabama 1901 (Call Number: KFA401 1901.A4 1966)
Internet: http://www.legislature.state.al.us/codeofalabama/constitution/1901/constitution1901_toc.htm
Database: Campus Research (http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)

Statutes
United States Code
Citation: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Title 42, United States Code, Section 1983)
Access:
Internet: http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/
Database: Campus Research (http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)

Statutes at Large
Citation: Pub. L. No. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852 (Public Law, 91st Congress, Number 190, Volume 83, Statutes at Large, Page 852)
Access:
Print: Statutes at Large (Call Number: KF50.U5)
Internet: http://thomas.loc.gov/ (From 93rd Congress to date)
Database: Campus Research (http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)

Code of Alabama
Citation: Ala. Code 1975 §12-21-142 (Code of Alabama 1975, Title 12, Chapter 21, section 142)
Access:
Print: Code of Alabama 1975 (Call Number: KFA30 1975.A2)
Internet: http://www.legislature.state.al.us/CodeofAlabama/1975/coatoc.htm
Database: Campus Research (http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)

Legislative Materials
Bills
Citation: H.R. 1264, 100th Cong. (1987) (House of congress---Representative, the number of the bill---1264, 100th Congress, the year---1987)
Access:
Microfiche: House and Senate Bills (Call Number: KF16.U5x)
Internet: http://thomas.loc.gov/ (101 Congress to date)
Database: Campus Research (2001 to date, http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)

Hearings

**Citation:** 5 Hearings Before the House Comm. On Ways and Means on Comprehensive Tax Reform, 99th Cong. 25 (1985) (Volume or part number---5, House of Congress—House, Name of the Committee---Ways and Means, Subject matter title---Comprehensive Tax Reform, the number of the congress---99th Cong., local page reference---25, the year---1985)

**Access:**
Print: Check library catalog
Internet: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/chearings/index.html
The Alabama House of Representatives: http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/house.html

Cases

**Citation:** Knighten V. Commissioner, 702 F.2d 59 (Name of the case---Knighten V. Commissioner, published source---Volume 702 Federal Reporter 2nd Series Page 59)

**Access:**
Alabama Reporter (Ala.) (Call Number: KFA 45.A22), Alabama Appellate Court Reports (Ala.App.) (Call Number: KFA 47.A2)
Internet: http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/courts/
Database: Campus Research (http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)