Using “Campus Research” Database to Locate Legal Information

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What is “Campus Research” database and who can use it?

• Powered by Westlaw, “Campus Research” database is an online legal resource collection that JSU Houston Cole Library (HCL) subscribes. The collection provides legal and law related materials, including United States and international legal materials.

• Users can get access to Campus Research Database at: http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/law_resources.html either via computer stations on each floor inside HCL or via networked computers with your effective JSU ID number and your last name.
What kind of information can I retrieve via “Campus Research” database?

- Legal Cases: from the courts of all 50 states and the federal courts
- Statutes, Regulations and Legislative Materials
- National Journals and Law Reviews
- Legal Encyclopedias and Dictionaries
- European Union Materials
- Other Reference Materials: Famous Documents, Legal Guides, and etc.
How Do I Retrieve a Legal Document by Citation?

- Most legal documents including cases, statutes, regulations, journals/law reviews have a unique identifying citation. This citation will help you to locate your needed legal document.

- The citation typically consisting of:

  Volume/title number + abbreviated name of the material + page/section number

  121                 S.Ct.                         525
  42                  U.S.C.A.                   §1983
  21                  C.F.R.                      §211.125
I have the citation. Now what’s the next step? (1)

- If you have the correct citation in your hand, you can locate your needed document by:
  1) Go to JSU Library Homepage [http://www.jsu.edu/library/](http://www.jsu.edu/library/)
  2) Click on “Find Articles & E-Resources” button on the left hand and you will be seeing more options including: “SUBJECT LISTING”, “TITLE LISTING”, and etc. on [http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/](http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/)
  3) Click on “SUBJECT LISTING”, you will be brought to “Electronic Resources and Databases Arranged by Subject” page, select “Law” from the table [http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/databases_subject.html](http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/databases_subject.html)

OR: Click on “TITLE LISTING”, you will be brought to “Electronic Resources and Databases by Title” page, select “Campus Research” from the table [http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/databases_title.html](http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/databases_title.html)
I have the citation. Now what’s the next step? (2)

• Type your citation in the box under “Find: Find a Document by citation: e.g., 98 S.CT 2733”

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Find a Document by citation: (e.g., 98 S.CT 2733)

Type your citation here, then click “Go” button.
More information on the case history can be found on the left panel with a yellow flag (indicating the case has some negative history, but hasn’t been reversed or overruled) or a red flag (indicating the case is no longer good law for at least one of the points it contains);

Your document will be shown (98 S. Ct. 2733)

Regents of University of California v. Bakke

438 U.S. 265, 98 S.Ct. 2733
U.S.Cit., 1978.
June 28, 1978 (Approx. 86 pages)


Briefs and Other Related Documents

Supreme Court of the United States
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Petitioner,
V.
Allan BAKKE.

No. 76-811.

White male whose application to state medical school was rejected brought action challenging legality of the school’s special admissions program under which 16 of the 100 positions in the class were reserved for “disadvantaged” minority students. School cross-claimed for declaratory judgment that its program was legal. The trial court declared the program illegal but refused to order the school to admit the applicant. The California Supreme Court, 18 Cal.3d 34, 132 Cal.Rptr. 680, 553 P.2d 1152, affirmed the finding that the program was illegal and ordered the student admitted and the school
Some commonly used citations for Campus Research Database (1):

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Searching for legal cases by issues/topics

• You can use the “KeySearch” to search for statutes, regulations, or cases by issues.

KeySearch

KeySearch will help you select terms and topics relating to your issue and create a search for you.

Click on “Go” Button
“Type your topic in the search box” or “Select your topic from the list”
Searching Legal Periodicals by using keyword(s)

- Use either “Advanced Search” or “Basic Search” options (1);
- type a keyword (or keywords) of your issue in the search box(es), select “Date” option if needed (2);
- Under “Select Database(s)”, select “Journals and Law Reviews” by putting a check mark in the square, select a state by clicking on the drop-down box (3);
- Click on “Search” button in front of “Search tips” (4)
(1) Advance/Basic search option; (2) enter your keywords; (3) select database; (4) click “Search”
Click on the blue link of your choice from the result list:

1. 109 Mich. L. Rev. 91
   ...Lucas A. Powe, Jr., The Warren Court and American Politics 400 (2000) (describing the incorporation of the
   warnings required by Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966), into the standard script of the popular
   television show Dragnet, on which Sergeant Friday was a...

2. 62 Fla. L. Rev. 851
   ...of constitutional law or with the antecedent methodology of the common law. Only rarely—Brown v. Board of
   completely new. More commonly, the Court's opinions look backward...

3. 57-Aug Fed. Law. 42
   Federal Lawyer August, 2010 Department SUPREME COURT YEAR IN REVIEW Lil Summer Editors Jeffrey Catalano, Bret Brittenhofe
   ...a view he had already expressed in his opinion in O'Connor Fifth Amendment The Supreme Court decided
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You will see the full-text article, use “Print”, “email”, and etc. options on the page to get the article.
Use/Browse other information

- Click “Content List” to browse more information under different categories; or click “Black’s Law Dictionary” to look up legal terms.
Questions?

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