

Searching for Legal Journal Articles: When to use WestLaw, LexisNexis, LegalTrac, and HeinOnline

Westlaw

Generally the databases useful for journal and periodicals are

- JLR
- TP-ALL
- PA-JLR : for law reviews published by Pennsylvania law schools
- And topical journals

Use of Find and Print

-If you know the citation select find and print and type the correct citation of the journal.

-Usually you may have the volume number and page numbers, but you do not know the database identifier of the publication. In that case click on "publication list" and type in the name of the journal in the dialog box provided. See below:

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[DUQUESNE LAW REVIEW](#)

-Click on Duquesne Law Review and type in the citation in the boxes provided.

Searching within a journal – Eg. Duquesne Law Review (DUQLR) 

-If you do not know the database identifier for the journal type Duquesne in the search a database box and hit enter.

[Duquesne Law Review \(DUQLR\)](#)  MAKE SURE TO SEE THE COVERAGE OR SCOPE () BEFORE STARTING YOU RESEARCH.

- Click on the title of the journal.
- Use natural language or terms and connectors search methods to retrieve documents.

III. Use of Legal Indexes

Current Index to Legal Periodicals. Database identifier is (CILP): This is a weekly edition that indexes articles from more than 300 legal publications. Subject listing and table of contents of each issue.

- Type in "Current Index to Legal Periodicals" in the search for a database box.
- When you access CILP, you automatically retrieve the most recent eight weeks of indexes.

Legal Resource Index (Electronic version of the Current Law Index) (LRI.) The [LRI](#) database contains documents from the Legal Resource Index, which contains cover-to-cover indices to articles that have appeared in over 850 journals from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia. Coverage begins with 1980. Also covers major United States legal newspapers.

- Type LRI in the search for a database box
- Use terms and connectors or natural language methodology





LexisNexis

For LexisNexis law journal search through the following trail

[Legal](#) > [Secondary Legal](#) > [Law Reviews & Journals](#) > [Individual Law Reviews & Journals](#) > [D - F](#) > **Duquesne Law Review** 

[Secondary Legal](#)

Emerging Issues Analysis	Restatements of the Law
Matthew Bender(R)	BNA
Mealey Reports & Conferences	Tax Analysts
CLE Materials	Forms & Agreements
Jurisprudences & Encyclopedias	In-House Memoranda
Law Reviews & Journals	

- Law Reviews, CLE, Legal Journals & Periodicals, Combined 
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-Use segment search by using terms and connectors or Use natural language or easy search

-Use the following segment examples

LegalTrac

LegalTrac [1980] is an indexing device. Provides full text for some articles. To get full text use HeinOnline, Lexis, Westlaw or hard copy

Basic search – Search for words in: Subject Keyword Entire document

Eg. Yochum, Mark – v31 of Duq.L.Rev on page 249

-See results [eg. 8 academic journals, 1 magazine]

-Related subjects

-More search options (add or remove)

Subject guide search – taxation

- See reference

Publication search – Taxation

HeinOnline

-Search by Citation: 31 duq.l rev 249 – If unsure of the citation format, use blue book citation option.

-Search by field. title "real property" and Creator/Author "Rheinstein"

Field search for:

The screenshot shows two examples of field searches in the HeinOnline interface. The first example shows a search for "real proper" in the Title field, with options for "word" (selected) and "phrase". The second example shows a search for "rheinstein" in the Creator/Author field, also with options for "word" (selected) and "phrase".

-Using Title Lookup: to see if Hein carries the title

1. From the HeinOnline homepage click on "Title lookup"
2. Type in your search term, e.g. "environmental law"

3. You will find a listing of journal titles that deal with environmental law. Click on the journal title and you will get a listing of all the volumes for that title.

Environmental Law

Vols. 1-37 (1970-2007)
Journal of Environmental Law

Vols. 1-9 (1989-1997)

Environmental Law Journal

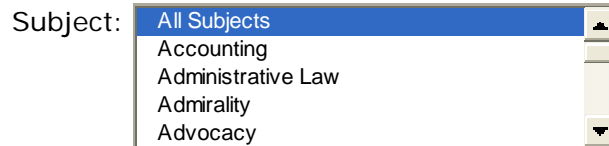
Vol. 1 (1994) All Published

Environmental Law Review

Vols. 1-9 (1999-2007)

-Searching within a journal. Duquesne Law Review. Highlight the journal and put in your search topics. You may also limit by year.

-Searching by Subject



-Searching within a journal: highlight the journal and type in your queries