Taggart Law Library Research Guide: Law and Literature

There are many different sources available to you to conduct research on law and literature in the Taggart Law Library. If you need assistance locating or using any of these sources, do not hesitate to consult a librarian.

**Secondary Sources:**

- **Treatises:** Legal treatises, or books, are often a good way to begin researching a legal topic. These treatises can be one volume or multi-volume, and may be updated with pocket parts or as part of a looseleaf service. They provide a discussion of the law in that area and can give you citations to cases, statutes, and regulations, as well as references to other research materials.

A few of the treatises on law and literature available at the Taggart Law Library include:


• **Browsing the Stacks**: Sometimes by browsing the stacks in a particular area, you can find something better than what you were originally looking for! Here are the call numbers and locations of some law and literature subjects:

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Of course, you can always use POLAR, the online catalog, to find books, call numbers, and locations.

POLAR Screen Shot—Literature and the Law

• **Well known authors on the topic of Law and Literature** (Recommended by Prof. Keller):
  
  o **Stanley Fish**: Selected works available at Taggart Law Library and Heterick


  o **Richard Weisberg**: Selected works available at Taggart Law Library


- James B. White: Selected works available at Taggart Law Library


- Dictionaries and Encyclopedias:

  A glossary of literary terms. M.H. Abrams & Geoffrey Galt Harpham. 803.21 A161g 1999 — HML 3rd Floor Stacks

  The Oxford dictionary of literary quotations. Peter Kemp, ed. PN6081.O89 1997 — Law Reference

- Research Guides/Bibliographies: Sometimes helpful research sources for a particular area of the law have already been pulled together by someone else. Examples of research guides on law and literature include:

  An international guide to law and literature studies. Christine Alice Corcos. PN56.L33 C67 2000 — Law North

  Guide to law and literature for teachers, students, and researchers. Paul J. Heald. Available at http://digitalcommons.law.uga.edu/fac_artchop/530/


Journal Articles

Articles from legal journals and law reviews can also be helpful in explaining an area of the law and providing research references. Articles can often be more current and more narrowly focused than books. For example, on the topic of “William Shakespeare,” the article “Secondary Satire and the Sea Change of Romance: Reading William Shakespeare’s the Tempest” from the 2005 issue of Law & Literature might be helpful.
How do I find journal articles on my topic?

There is usually a two-step process to finding journal articles:

1. Use a print or online index to find citations to articles by topic
2. Go to a print or online journal to get the full text of the article

For the above example, this process would look something like this:

1. Look in index under “William Shakespeare” topic to find “Secondary Satire and the Sea Change..."article
2. Go to the correct issue of Law & Literature to get the actual article

- **Print and Online Journal Indexes:**

  - **Index to Legal Periodicals and Books** (Beige in color)
    - Articles indexed by subject and author from 1886-present; citations only—**Law North** (also available electronically through library’s Subscription Services page)

  - **Current Law Index** (CLI—Red & black in color)
    - Articles indexed by subject, author, and title from 1980-present; citations only—**Law North** (also available electronically through library’s Subscription Services page as LegalTrac—see example below)

Subject search results for “law and literature” in LegalTrac. Some citations will also include links to full text availability.
Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (Burgundy in color)

- Articles indexed by subject, geographical area, and author from 1960-present — Law North (also available online through library’s Subscription Services page)

Where do I go to get the full text of articles?

- **Bound Periodicals and Law Reviews**: Shelved in alphabetical order by journal title — Law North

- **Law Reserve**: The most current issues of our periodicals are kept on reserve. If the article is recent and you can’t find it on the shelves, ask at the Circulation Desk.

- **LEXIS and Westlaw**: Both LEXIS and Westlaw have databases for law reviews and journals. Coverage varies by title.

- **HeinOnline**: Full text of law reviews and journals; coverage varies by title — available at the law library from the Library Subscription Services web page (see below)

![Full text PDF article from the Loyola University Chicago Law Review in HeinOnline](image_url)

- **JSTOR**: Scholarly journal archive featuring full text page images of articles from journals in economics, history, political science, sociology, and many other disciplines; coverage varies by title — available through the Library Subscription Services web page

- **Google Scholar**: Searches scholarly literature (books, articles, etc.); search results include citations and links to full text. “OLinks” linking feature shows print and online access to materials at ONU and OhioLINK. Available at [http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com).
• **Law and Literature Periodicals**: There are several periodicals dealing with law and literature. Some of these titles are listed below, with the law library’s holdings provided where applicable.

  o **Law and Literature**: v.14(2002)—current; also available on HeinOnline
    (Previously Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature, vols. 1-13)

  o **Law and Society Review**: v.1(1966)—v.42(2008); also available on HeinOnline

  o **Law, Culture and the Humanities**: v.1(2005)—current; also available on Humanities International

  o **Law, Text, Culture**: v.1(1994)—14 available on HeinOnline

  o **Yale Journal of Law and Humanities**: v.1(1988)—current; also available on HeinOnline

• **Other Periodical Services**: The following indexes and databases are provided by the main university library, which you may find useful:

  - **American Poetry 1600-1900** is a collection of 1,200 books and anthologies of early American poetry providing access to 40,000 poems of American writers from the 17th to the early 20th century, including major American poets such as Emily Dickinson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Phyllis Wheatley, Walt Whitman, and John Greenleaf Whittier. This database is searchable by specific author or title or for a word or phrase across all of the literature.

  - **Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature** (1920-1997) is a standard reference work for English studies. You can search for a topic or subject in monographs, periodical articles, critical editions of literary works, book reviews, collections of essays and doctoral dissertations published anywhere in the world.

  - **Bibliography of American Literature** is a comprehensive bibliographic guide, providing nearly 40,000 records of the literary works of approximately 300 American writers from the American Revolution to 1930. BAL lists every reprint and variant edition of an author’s works. This work can be used to find other works (including poetry, drama, prose, books, etc.) by a certain author. You can also search for words and phrases across all of literature.

  - **MLA Directory of Periodicals** contains all information available on the journals and series on the MLA bibliography’s Master List of Periodicals. Over 5,500 titles are included; of these, over 4,400 are currently indexed. This resource would be useful in searching for a certain topic across a wide range of periodicals and academic journals.

  - **Oxford Reference, Literature** is a list of reference books and companion guides. The site allows you to search various Oxford companion guides and dictionaries on certain types/genres of literature.
Selected Links to Law and Literature Websites:

- When using the Internet for research, be sure to carefully evaluate the websites you are using to determine how authoritative they are and any potential bias they may have on the topic you are researching.

CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture: A WWWeb Journal—A peer-reviewed, full-text, and open-access online learned journal in the humanities and social sciences; publishes new scholarship following tenets of the discipline of comparative literature and the field of cultural studies designated as "comparative cultural studies." [http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb/](http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb/)

Law & Humanities—Website maintained by Prof. Daniel Solove of George Washington University Law School; provides bibliographies, book lists, and other resources, as well as a link to the Law & Humanities Institute. [http://docs.law.gwu.edu/facweb/dsolove/Law-Humanities/index.htm](http://docs.law.gwu.edu/facweb/dsolove/Law-Humanities/index.htm)


Law and Humanities Website—Website maintained by Prof. Christine Corcos of LSU Law School; provides lists of resources and research materials for law and literature and related disciplines. [http://faculty.law.lsu.edu/ccorcos/lawhum/lawhum.htm](http://faculty.law.lsu.edu/ccorcos/lawhum/lawhum.htm)

Picturing Justice—Sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law; from 1997 to 2006 Picturing Justice published over 300 short articles on the intersection between law and lawyers on one side and popular culture on the other. [http://usf.usfca.edu/pj/](http://usf.usfca.edu/pj/)

Resources on Romantic Fiction and the Law—Resource guide provided by the University of Chicago Law Library. [http://www2.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/romance.html](http://www2.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/romance.html)

Writing Resources

Once you have finished researching your topic, you may want help in writing your paper. Listed below are some resources at the Taggart Law Library to assist you with questions you may have about writing in general and legal writing specifically.

Style Guides and Citation Manuals

- **ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation**, 4th ed. Association of Legal Writing Directors and Darby Dickerson.  
  KF 245.A45 2010—Law Reference

  KF 245.U54 2010—Law Reserve and Law Reference (multiple copies)

If you have more questions or need more help after looking at this research guide, please see one of our librarians. We are ready to assist you with your research!