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New United States Supreme Court Term


The 2002 Term of the United States Supreme Court begins October 7th. For information on how to follow the Court's activities, consult the following research tips.





Research Tips From the Experts:


United States Supreme Court

For those of you who plan to follow the activities of the United States Supreme Court during its upcoming term, there are web sites which may be of interest to you. Materials available through these sources may include full-text opinions, case briefs, summaries or transcripts of oral arguments, Court rules, biographical information on the Justices, and news coverage about the Court.


 The Court's official web site (<http://supremecourtus.gov>) provides access to slip opinions, orders, the argument calendar, schedules, special notices, transcripts of oral arguments, and press releases starting with the 1999 Term of the Court. General information about the Court is also included at the web site.

 Findlaw's *Supreme Court Center* (http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/resources.html) features the current term docket, decisions, orders, briefs, rules, and calendar.

 The Supreme Court collection at the Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute (LII) web site (<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct>) contains decisions arrayed by date; orders granting and denying cert.; rulings on procedural matters in pending cases; the court calendar and oral argument schedule; and questions presented in cases to be heard. You can receive syllabi of the Court's decisions via email on the date each is decided by subscribing to a current awareness service offered by LII.

 The Law Library subscribes to *U. S. Law Week* by the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) in both print and via the web. This resource contains information about cases brought before the Court from the initial docketing of the case until its conclusion. At the web site are Journals of Proceedings, argument schedule, status of cases, text of opinions, and argument and review stories. The web site is accessible from the Law

Library's "Research Links" page under the heading "Consortium and Subscription Sites." Once at the web site, click on "U.S. Supreme Court Today."

 For those who would like to listen to argument, but cannot make it to Washington, D.C., the *Oyez Oyez Oyez* site at Northwestern University (<http://oyez.nwu.edu>) provides recordings of Supreme Court oral arguments.



Library News

New Look!

The Law Library's home page has recently been updated. The new look includes "Quick Links to Web Databases and Indexes," "Quick Facts" about the library, and "Library Telephone Numbers for Assistance." The former "Legal Web Sites" page has also been redesigned. It is now the "Research Links" page. The new design allows quicker access to specific sites and includes many new links. Clicking on the "Research Links" categories will access annotated listings of the web sites with links to the web sites if you need more information.

U.S. Constitutions!

Available at the Reference Desk are booklets containing *The United States Constitution* and, in limited quantity, the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure* and the *Federal Rules of Evidence*. The booklets are courtesy of LexisNexis.

Weisberger Opinions!

In between the display of recent faculty publications and the Law Library's Career Collection are bound opinions of Rhode Island Justice Joseph R. Weisberger. The opinions were written from March 1978 to February 2001.

Thanks!

Thank you to all those students who responded to the recent web design survey. While we had an extremely small turn-around time, your efforts were important to the University's and Law School's goal of a new overall web design by the end of the semester.

Barb's Computer Advice:

This month, Barb offers the following computer advice.

① If you have a Microsoft Works document, you can now open your document using any of the computers in the Main Computer Lab. To open your document, put your diskette into the floppy drive. Start Microsoft Word. Click on File/Open. Navigate to the A: drive. If you do not see your document, click the drop down arrow next to the "files of type" box and select "all files."

False Rumors

Contrary to rumor, the Library's **No Food and Beverage** policy includes the study rooms and the Portuguese-American Comparative Law Center area.

All food and beverages should be left outside the Library.

Click on the file name. Microsoft Word will open a conversion dialog box. Scroll down the list of wordprocessing formats until you see Works 6.0 and click "OK." The document will open in Microsoft Word for editing and printing.

① You have three choices for saving changes to your Microsoft Works file.

① You can save the document in Microsoft Word and do all your future editing on the document in Word.

② You can save the document as a Microsoft Works document and potentially lose some of your formatting. Microsoft Word will ask you if you want to save your document as a Works document even though some formatting may be lost.

③ You can save the document in Rich Text Format. A document in Rich Text Format can be opened by both Microsoft Works and Microsoft Word.



LEXIS and WESTLAW Printing:

For those of you who currently have access to LEXIS and WESTLAW, these services provide **free** printing to their stand-alone printers.

To print from LEXIS (<http://lawschool.lexis.com>), click on the LEXIS "Print" link. A dialog box will open. From the drop down menu, select either "Printer 540336 Library Training Lab #1 RM 131" or "Printer 545881 Main Library Computer Lab RM 166." After making any selections you choose governing the format of the printout, click on the "Print" button. Using the "File/Print" menu of the web browser will print to an attached printer.

To print from WESTLAW (<http://lawschool.westlaw.com>), click on the down arrow of the "Print: All Options" box located on the left frame of the screen and select either the current document, all documents, selected documents, or the cite list tab. A dialog box will open. Click on the down arrow of the "Print or deliver to" drop down menu, select "Stand-alone printer." After making any selections you choose governing the format of the printout, click on the "Send Request" button. Clicking on the "Print Doc" button located at the bottom of the screen of a retrieved document will print to an attached printer.

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