An Introduction to Resources in Higher Education Law

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ProTip:
For in-depth help, set up an appointment!
Step One:
• From the Libraries’ homepage, find and click on the link for Course Guides

Step Two:
• Find and click on the guide for HIED 752/852
Laws & Regulations

• **Statute Law:** Laws passed by legal bodies
  – Example: No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

• **Case Law:** Laws interpreted & redefined by courts
  – Example: Brossard v. School Board of Norfolk

• **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):** Regulations with the force of law from federal regulatory agencies.
  – Example: CFR Title 34 (U.S. Department of Education) 97.401: Protections for children who are subjects in research
Finding Case Law

• Case Books:
  – U.S. Supreme Court Reports, **KF101.U53** (3rd Floor)
  – Federal Reporters, **KF115.F42** (3rd Floor)
  – State Court Reporter (Southeastern Reporter), **KF135.S62** (3rd Floor)
  – LexisNexis Academic (Electronic Database)
  – Google Scholar (scholar.google.com)
LexisNexis Academic

- Includes all levels of case law (state, federal, supreme court).
  - Search by case citation or keyword
- Supreme Court Briefs
- Search/browse federal and state statutes, codes and regulations
- Law review articles on legal topics

Access LexisNexis from your Course Guide or from the Databases A-Z list

PROTIP: See your course guide for LexisNexis help!
Shepardizing

• To Shepardize a case means to retrieve prior and subsequent history and all citing references.

• Shepardizing in LexisNexis
  – Search by citation
    • Grutter v. Bollinger 539 U.S. 306
  – Open the full view of the case
    • Select “next steps,” then select “Shepardize”
Other Cool Things About LexisNexis

• Export to EndNote
• Export to DropBox or Google Drive
• Search for news, company information and public figures.
Activity #1: LexisNexis Academic

• Find the case School District of Abington Township v. Schempp
• What is this case about?
• Shepardize it and see its prior and subsequent history, especially the citations
Google Scholar

- Limit search to case law

- Limit further to Federal or specific State courts.
Activity #2: Google Scholar

Try searching for cases related to school districts or higher education using Google Scholar.

How is Google Scholar different from LexisNexis?
ProQuest Congressional

• Find statute law, primary documents
• Look up member voting records
• Find Research Reports
• Look up Committees
• Includes hearings, congressional records, bill text, CRS Reports, Committee prints, U.S. Code, Public Law, House & Senate Reports & Documents, & more.
Activity #3: ProQuest Congressional

Find a research report related to The Higher Education Act.
Background Information About Laws Pertaining to Education

• Law Databases
  – Legal Collection
  – LexisNexis Academic
  – CQ Electronic Library
  – ProQuest Congressional

• Education databases
  – Education Source
  – ERIC
  – Education Research Complete
  – Education Full Text
Searching the “Open Web”

• Restrict your search to .gov sites
  – In Google: +Discrimination +education site:.gov

• Examples:
  – Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)
  – Landmark Supreme Court Cases About Teens

Citing Legal Materials

• APA, Appendix D: References to Legal Materials (p. 397)

• BlueBook: A Uniform System of Citation
  – Help Desk (KF 245.B58)

See HIED 752/852 Course Guide for links to more resources.
Questions?