An Introduction to Resources in Higher Education Law

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ProTip:
For in-depth help, set up an appointment!
Library Guides

Step One:
• From the Libraries’ homepage, find and click on the link for Research Guides

Step Two:
• Find and click on Education

Step Three:
• Find and Click in HIED 752/852 Law in Higher Education
Laws & Regulations

• Statute Law: Laws passed by legal bodies

• 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)

• **Nexis Uni** (Electronic Database)

• **Google Scholar** (scholar.google.com)
Nexis Uni

- 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
- Search for news, company information and public figures

Access Nexis Uni from your Course Guide OR from the Databases A-Z list
Categories in Nexis Uni

You can select these two items, and then save them as a favorite.
Create Favorites

If you create Favorites, you can access them with two clicks.
Plans to 'sonify' weather data could lead to new audible ways of warning communities vulnerable to extreme weather events, putting the fight against climate change. Researchers at the Monash Communication Research Hub with the Sir Zelman Cowan School of Communication at State University (USA) are working to 'sonify' cyclones and other weather events as soundtracks for use by scientists, weather forecasters and emergency services.


But Dr David Holmes, Director of the Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub, believes the technique could also be used to create climate change awareness among the public.
Shepardizing

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

• Shepardizing in Nexis Uni
  – Search by citation
    • Grutter v. Bollinger 539 U.S. 306
  – Open the full view of the case
    • Click on “Shepardize this document”
Activity #1: Nexis Uni

• 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
  - Nexis Uni
  - CQ Electronic Library
  - ProQuest Congressional
- Education databases
  - Education Source (includes ERIC, Education Research Complete, and Education Full Text in one search)
  - ERIC (free)
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?