


GOOGLE SCHOLAR, CASEMAKER, FASTCASE & ETHICS

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Released in 2004

- Contains full-text or metadata of scholarly literature
- Estimated 160 million documents as of May 2014
- Case law and legal articles were added in 2009

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

CASE LAW

- All U.S. appellate and state supreme courts (1950-)
- U.S. federal district, appellate, tax and bankruptcy courts (1923-)
- Court of Claims (1929-1982, when court was abolished)
- Court of Customs and Patent Appeals (1929-1982, when it was abolished)
- Customs Court (1949-1980, when it was replaced by the Court of International Trade)
- Court of International Trade (1980-)
- Board of Tax Appeals (1924, when it was established – 1942, when it became the Tax Court)
- Tax Court (1943, when it replaced the Board of Tax Appeals -)
- U.S. Supreme Court (1791-)

CITE-CHECKING CASES IN GOOGLE SCHOLAR

- ❖ There is no editorial treatment available
- ❖ Brings up a list of cases that cite your case, and then you must determine how they treated your case (by reading them)
- ❖ Suggestion: 1) Read the cases citing your case very carefully to determine how they treated your case 2) use another citator if possible (Shepard's or KeyCite)

SEARCHING LAW REVIEWS

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Stand on the shoulders of giants

- ❖ Some advanced search features available
- ❖ Articles may link to subscription databases that you may not have access to
- ❖ The exact scope of Google Scholar's article database is not known

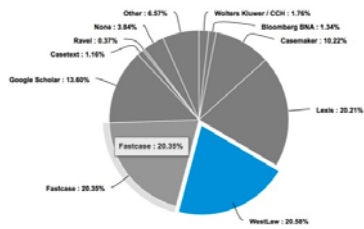
GOOGLE'S LIBRARY LINKS PROGRAM

- ❖ To enable links from within Google Scholar to UW licensed article databases, choose Settings – Library Links and search for the University of Wyoming. Select *University of Wyoming – Full-Text @ UW Libraries*
- ❖ If you ever have problems accessing UW databases from off-campus, contact us. Don't pay for a resource without first checking with us!

GOOGLE SCHOLAR SEARCH TIPS

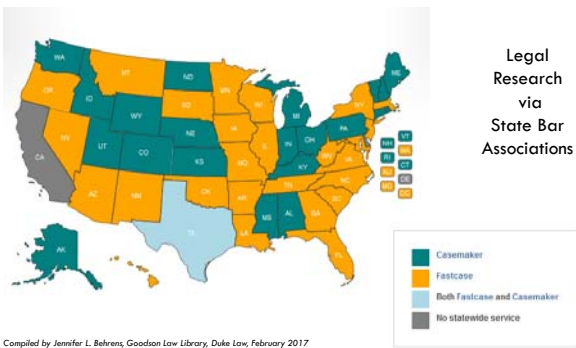
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 Where my words occur – anywhere in the article = anywhere in the case
 Search by citation – use Bluebook citation in the exact phrase box
 Search by party names – in exact phrase box (use v.), in the title of the article
 Search by judge – author search
 How courts have cited to a case – select court(s), party names in exact phrase box, anywhere in article

MOST USED LEGAL RESEARCH TOOLS



Results of a Clio users' survey, 2016

Legal Research via State Bar Associations



Compiled by Jennifer L. Behrens, Goodson Law Library, Duke Law, February 2017

CASEMAKER



- ❖ Launched by the Ohio State Bar Association in 1998
- ❖ As of 2013, 23 state bar associations subscribe to it
- ❖ Law students have free access to CasemakerX

CASEMAKER - CONTENTS

Federal Library: Bankruptcy Opinions, Circuit Opinions, C.F.R., the Constitution, Court of Appeals - Armed Forces, Court of Appeals -Veteran's Claims, Court of Claims, Court of International Trade, District Court Opinion, Federal Court Rules, Federal Rules Decisions, Longshore and Harbor Worker's Compensation, NTSB Decisions, Public Laws, Supreme Court Opinions, Tax Court, and the U.S. Code.

State Libraries vary between states, but for many states, include: Session Laws, Administrative Code, the Bar Journal, Case Law, the Constitution, Ethics Opinions, State Court Rules, and statutes.

USING CASEMAKER



CITE-CHECKING IN CASEMAKER

- ❖ Read through cases citing your case to determine how they treated your case
- ❖ Does not display positive history
- ❖ Not as reliable as other resources, such as Shepard's and KeyCite

CASEMAKER SEARCH TIPS

Party names – omit the v.

Boolean search example – sidewalk /10 ("snow covered" OR snow*) (fall* OR fell)

AND is the default when you leave spaces between keywords

FASTCASE



- ❖ Began as a state and federal case law-only database
- ❖ Students have access through our databases. Alumni have access to a version through HeinOnline
- ❖ Some specialty bar associations subscribe, as well as many state bar associations
- ❖ Interfaces: Classic Fastcase and Fastcase 7

FASTCASE - CONTENTS

❖ State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, all Federal Courts, including U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal, Federal District Courts, Federal Bankruptcy Courts, U.S. Customs Court

❖ U.S. Code, state statutes (not Wyoming), regulations, attorney general opinions, constitutions, court rules

CITE-CHECKING IN FASTCASE

❖ "Authority Check is an automated system that identifies later-citing cases, but it is not a citator, and does not include editorial information telling you whether your case is still good law."

❖ As with Google Scholar & Casemaker, you need to read the cases to see how they treated your case

❖ Does not indicate positive history

ETHICS RESOURCES - STATE

❖ Wyoming Court Rules <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/Supreme/CourtRules>

❖ No formal ethics opinions in Wyoming, but informal opinions are published in Wyoming Lawyer

❖ Ethically Speaking Column - <https://www.wyomingbar.org/>

❖ Wyoming State Bar Ethics Hotline

❖ Wyoming Disciplinary Summary

❖ For other states - State bar associations, judicial branch or Westlaw/Lexis

ETHICS RESOURCES — ABA

- ❖ Model Code of Professional Responsibility
<http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/cpr/mrpc/mcpr.authcheckdam.pdf>
- ❖ Canon of Professional Ethics
http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/cpr/mrpc/Canons_Ethics.authcheckdam.pdf
- ❖ Model Rules of Professional Conduct
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html
- ❖ Model Code of Judicial Conduct
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_code_of_judicial_conduct.html

ETHICS RESOURCES — ABA

- ❖ Formal ethics opinions are available. The most recent are free.
http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/cpr/mrpc/Canons_Ethics.authcheckdam.pdf
- ❖ Membership in the Center for Professional Responsibility is free for students. It allows you access to ethics opinions from 1984 to present.

OTHER ETHICS RESOURCES

- ❖ ABA Links
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/resources/links_of_interest.html#States
- ❖ Ethics CLEs for self-study are available in the library. Search our catalog for: CLE self-study
