

The Foggy Notion

News of the Hastings Law Library

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Have you noticed those purple “Not for Corovan” signs hanging on and near artwork throughout the library and on other floors of the 200 building?

Corovan is one of the companies that will be helping us with the upcoming move in preparation for the 200 building renovation. This spring, during the first stage of the move, the photos and artwork will be moved to a storage area where they will be kept until the renovation is completed.

Social Science Research

Many students are working on notes or papers combining social science (anthropology, psychology, sociology, etc.) and law.

Although we are a **law** library, we do have access to some social science materials. Here are some ideas on how to start your research.

The library does have a few social science titles—check the Catalog.

For online research, try the **Social Science Information Gateway** at www.sosig.ac.uk/sociology/. This is a freely available Internet service which aims to provide a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information for students, academics, researchers and practitioners in the social sciences, business and law.

Westlaw has several social science databases, the most famous being *Social Science Abstracts* which has abstracts of articles from 415 periodicals dating back to 1994. It’s a great place to start your research even though it is not full-text.

Why do they only include abstracts? In the early days of electronic research, full-text took up too much space on old-time computers, so instead brief summaries of articles were included with its citation. The art of abstracting continues today in many non-legal areas because it is a way to quickly alert the reader about the main points of the article. (If later on in your research you want to read the full-text, talk to us about an Inter-Library Loan.)

LexisNexis has full-text of a few titles such as *Law and Psychology Review*; *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*; and the *International Journal of Sociology & Social Policy*. You can also make use of segment searching on LexisNexis which is a great way to limit your search. By putting “social science” in the summary segment, you will retrieve law review articles mentioning “social science” in the section summarizing the article.

The New York Times® online

It used to be that the *New York Times* was available on LexisNexis, but not Westlaw. Well, not anymore.

Due to the end of an exclusive agreement set up years ago between

LexisNexis and the *New York Times*, the *New York Times* is now available on both LexisNexis and Westlaw.

The Westlaw database identifier is **NYT** and has coverage from 6/1/1980 through current.

On LexisNexis, you can access the full-text of the New York Times final City edition from 6/1/1980 to present, and research the abstracts back to January 1, 1969 by going to News & Business > News > By Individual Publication > N > *New York Times*.

The Wall Street Journal® online

It used to be that the full-text of the *Wall Street Journal* was available only on Westlaw, and LexisNexis provided only article abstracts. This has recently changed.

Last October, LexisNexis arranged an exclusive agreement with Factiva, the news and business information provider for some 9,000 global sources (one of which is the *Wall Street Journal*), but this arrangement is not very user-friendly... yet. Until LexisNexis works out a final deal with Factiva, full-text of the *Wall Street Journal* is not available on either Westlaw or LexisNexis.

For full-text access, you're better off going to the San Francisco Public Library's Articles and Databases webpage and clicking on Newspapers| ProQuest. Full-text of the *Wall Street Journal* is available back to 1984. You will be asked to enter your SFPL library card number to access the database. What? You live in California and you don't have a SFPL library card? Free access to online

databases such as this is another great reason to go across the street and get a library card from San Francisco Public Library.

Get Ready for Your Summer Job

...by taking LexisNexis and Westlaw classes from Debbie and Mark this April.

Mark Cygnet will be teaching Westlaw "Prepare to Practice" classes. Check the Westlaw Training Calendar at mylawschool.westlaw.com for class days and times.

Debbie will be teaching classes in researching secondary law and legal drafting. Check her webpage for the class schedules by going to www.lexisnexis.com/myschool; click on C for California, University of - Hastings.

Articles You Haven't Read

Royce de R. Barondes, *Rejecting the Marie Antoinette Paradigm of Prejudgment Interest*. 43 BRANDEIS L.J. 1-27 (2004).

Karen Erger, *The Alligator in the Toilet: 10 Loss-Prevention Myths Debunked*, 92 ILL. B.J. 319-320 (2004).

Tracy A. Thomas, *Understanding Prophylactic Remedies Through the Looking Glass of **Bush v. Gore***, 11 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 343-401 (2002).

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