

# The Foggy Notion

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Here we are once again, another January. Welcome new and returning students, we're glad to have you here.

## Paper or Plastic: How Do You Research?

Researching online is very easy but that doesn't necessarily mean that online is the best place to conduct your research. There are stories of young associates spending hours online looking for something, while the partner, "old-fashioned" as she or he may seem, heads to the library where the librarian pulls it out of a print resource in less than 5 minutes.

So how do you know whether to use paper or plastic (online)? It depends what you're looking for.

Online sources are great when you're trying to find certain words or specific phrasing somewhere in the text of a document, such as when you are searching for a specific fact pattern in a case. And using an online index to find journal articles can really speed up the process.

Paper sources, however, are a better choice when you are not familiar with a legal topic, because it's easy to browse the table of contents or see alternate terminology suggested in the book's index. Also, the serendipity of just

browsing a book's contents could lead you right to what you're looking for.

For more ideas on starting a research project, ask at the reference desk.

## Who Cites it Right?

I came across an article by Sean Carter entitled *What Cooks Your Goose May Just Be the Candor: Does the Court Really Want Us to Tell the Whole Truth?* It came out in the ABA Journal eReport, an online publication that is picked up by both LX and WL and the weird thing is, they do not cite to it in the same way.

Westlaw cites to it as 3 NO. 16 ABA J. E-REPORT 7 and Lexis-Nexis cites to it as 3 ABA JOURNAL EREPORT 16.

Who cites it right and why? Send Letters to the Editor care of the library circulation desk.

## Lexis-Nexis Training for 1Ls

Get your LexisNexis I.D. and learn how to research for your Moot Court brief when you attend one of the mandatory LexisNexis training classes.

For a list of dates and times, go to <http://www.lexisnexis.com/myschool/#C> and click on California, University of - Hastings. Once you decide your first and second choices, email Debbie Myers ([debra.myers@lexisnexis.com](mailto:debra.myers@lexisnexis.com)) and you will receive a confirmation by e-mail.

## 1L Westlaw Classes

To register for Westlaw classes, go to <http://lawschool.westlaw.com> and click on Westlaw Training Calendar. Scroll down to the Cs for *University of California, Hastings College of the Law*. From there you can view the classes in list or calendar form. For more information, you can contact Mark Cygnet at [mark.cygnet@thomson.com](mailto:mark.cygnet@thomson.com).

## Worthy Website

The more fuel your vehicle burns the more greenhouse gases it emits, and even a small, extremely fuel efficient vehicle will still emit several tons of greenhouse gases, namely carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and methane, in one year.

According to [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov), in one year a 2004 VW Beetle with a 5-speed manual transmission will emit 7.2 tons; a 2004 Chevy Blazer automatic with 4WD will send out 11.5 tons, and a hybrid like a 2005 Toyota Prius will emit 3.5 tons of these gases.

In addition to greenhouse gas emissions, fueleconomy.gov has info about hybrid cars, gas mileage tips, air pollution ratings, and safety information for new and used cars.

## Bundle Up in the Library

Of all the libraries I have ever worked at or studied in, this one has by far the worst temperature control. Actually, that's because it has NO temperature control. There is literally no heat in the three floors of this library.

This building was built with the idea that heat would be created naturally by all the people studying and working in the library. Your 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit bodies are the library's heaters.

But something happens right around this time of year; it's the holiday shutdown. The building has been either completely or partially closed for a few weeks now; the bodies have gone and only the cold has stayed.

So come study in the library and help us warm this place up. But remember to bundle up if you're going to stay awhile. Wear a hat and an extra pair of socks. If you are going to drink hot liquids, please use a lid, and remember to throw away your trash when you've finished. Thanks.

## Articles With Funny Titles

The formerly titled segment "Articles of Interest" is now going to officially be called "Articles With Funny Titles" because that's all they were anyway...

J.C. Oleson, *You Make Me [Sic]: Confessions of a Sadistic Law Review Editor*, 37 U.C. Davis L. Rev. 1135-1145 (2004).

Cecily Small Gooch and Kirk D. Rasmussen, *Who Will Play Poker in the Texas Saloon if the Sheriff Makes Everyone Play with Their Cards Face Up? The Importance of Protecting Competitively Sensitive Information in the Restructured Texas Electric Market*, 5 Tex. Tech J. Tex. Admin. L. 37-62 (2004).

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