

GUIDE SERIES 5 – NAVIGATING THE LAW LIBRARY



Guide 5B - ELECTRONIC DATABASES

The Law Library subscribes to a number of online databases to facilitate your legal research. This Guide is intended as a brief introduction to the use of these databases, which are available to all Law Students and Faculty.

All of our databases are accessed by surfing to:
http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/virtual/online_resources. From on or off campus, clicking on the link for each database will take you to a screen where you will be asked to input your last name and student or faculty ID number which is found on the lower right-hand corner of your GGU ID card. This will authenticate you as a valid user of our system.

Each database operates a bit differently, and you will learn to navigate them with ease as you use them. Below are some of the major databases to which we subscribe.

IntelliConnect (Wolters Kluwer/CCH)

All of our CCH (now Wolters Kluwer) databases have been combined into a single platform called *IntelliConnect*. Databases included: Omnitax, Business & Finance Network, and the Pension Library.

CEB OnLaw

This database contains almost all titles and forms in the CEB library, searchable across titles.

Hein Online

Hein-On-Line is an ever-expanding, comprehensive, image-based collection of legal periodicals, U.S. Reports, Federal Register and CFR, the Treaties and Agreements Library, and more. This database offers a number of search and browse features that make it a very useful legal research tool for faculty and students alike. Upon entering Hein Online, you see the list of modules to which we subscribe. The most popular is the Law Journal Library, especially important as it provides access to articles that are out of scope from Westlaw or Lexis. Also very useful are the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations libraries when you need to print pages from an older FR. When printing, be sure to use the PDF format rather than the "HPRINT" format.

Legaltrac

Legaltrac indexes legal periodicals dating from 1980. This service accesses all major law reviews, and specialty law and bar association journals and is updated daily. Legaltrac is searchable by key word, date, and/or journal title. Once you have found your citation, check other online databases with full text available (such as Hein Online) or check our

OPAC to see if we carry the journal you seek. Legaltrac provides abstracts, with selected articles in full text.

Lexis and Westlaw

Training on these vital databases is given to all students on an arranged schedule. Check with our Head of Electronic Services, Maryanne Gerber at mgerber@ggu.edu or Electronic Services Librarian, Marisa Diehl at mdiehl@ggu.edu for the next training sessions.

LLMC Digital

LLMC is a non-profit library cooperative which has spent the last 27 years reformatting many thousands of law books and government documents onto microfiche. Its fiche collections range from routine court reports and government documents to rare, historic and international law collections. Now the entire LLMC microfiche back file, in addition to all data captured in the future, is becoming available through their on-line database. All members of the Golden Gate University Community have access to this collection. The primary format of the documents on this web site is TIFF images, which are exact copies of the original pages. Each document allows full-text searching.

LLMC-Digital offers the following modules:

- US Federal Government
- US State
- US Territories
- Anglo-American Collections
- Foreign Jurisdictions
- International Law & Organizations
- Multi-Jurisdiction Subject Collections

RIA Checkpoint

The *Checkpoint* research system provides a powerful system to optimize tax and accounting research.

United Nations Treaty Collection

This is the U.N.'s database of treaties, reports, and other supplemental publications. The navigation bar across the top of the page will direct you.

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