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- Starting a research project? Contact (phone, email, chat) or visit the reference desk to determine the best starting database.

**Where to look:**
- **Google Scholar** (searches done at USD will include our subscription access to full text articles)
- HeinOnline Periodicals, [Law Journal Library](http://www.lawjournallibrary.com) (requires USDOne login)
- Westlaw, [Law Reviews and Journals](http://www.lawreviewsandjournals.com) (requires lawschool Westlaw login)
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Use this search engine to find full-text legal subject matter articles from a selected number of USD subscription databases.

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- **Westlaw** - Law Reviews & Journals

- **Lexis-Nexis** - U.S. Law Reviews & Journals, Combined

- **HeinOnline** contains digital (PDF) images of law reviews from U.S. law schools. Access through our [Research Databases page](#).
Non-Law Journal Databases

- **JSTOR**  PDF archives of over 1,000 leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences and sciences, as well as select monographs.

- **PubMed** Comprises over 19 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals and online books.

- **Academic Search Premier** Multi-disciplinary database, full text for over 4,600 journals.

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First, check to see if the article has since been published.

Then check:

- SSRN: Social Science Research Network
- bepress Legal Repository
- Author’s Curriculum Vitae
  [http://www.law.umich.edu/FacultyBio/Pages/FacultyBio.aspx?FacID=dancrane](http://www.law.umich.edu/FacultyBio/Pages/FacultyBio.aspx?FacID=dancrane)
Tip #1 – Use the “fuzzy” searching capacity of Google, Westlaw and Lexis Advance to your advantage

General Tips & Tricks

Tip #2 – Be cautious of misspellings and other red herrings

**Example:** Michael Burkhart & Samuel Lee, The One Share-One Vote Debate – probably published in a law review in 2009 or later.
Actual Citation: Mike C. Burkart & Samuel Lee, *One Share - One Vote: the Theory*, 12 Rev. of Finance 1-49 (Jan. 2008).
Tip #3 – To find support for a sentence, search for sentence fragments in a full-text journal database and/or Google Scholar

Example: “the IATTC dolphin accord addressed the question of dolphin mortality caused by tuna fishing and provided the foundation for the Declaration of Panama MEA”
Cited in: Marlo Pfister
Remember . . .

• If you know the exact article you are looking for, start by searching the library catalog by journal title.

• Along with law journal databases, you may be asked to research non-law journal databases, as well as search for working papers.

• Tips and tricks – be flexible with your search terms and search strategy.

• LRC Reference Librarians are here to help.