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# NKBA AND THE NKU CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW LIBRARY: PARTNERS IN LEGAL RESEARCH

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Where do you turn to find sources of legal information? One good place is each issue of the NKBA Lex Loci. The librarians at the NKU Chase College of Law contribute a regular research column to Lex Loci to help educate the members of the NKBA on the ever changing landscape of legal research.

These articles have covered such topics as the recent three part series on "Following the Money" which, as the name suggests, focused on how to save money on research costs. In 2009 we looked at an eclectic set of topics including "Kentucky Legislative History: A Checklist" and a look at the new Google Scholar and its usefulness for legal research. Earlier issues of Lex Loci (all available at the Law Library) are chalk full of other research tips including "Finding jury verdicts and settlements", "Kentucky administrative law", and an in-depth, four part series on finding forms to help you avoid re-

inventing the wheel each time you start a new project.

Beyond the helpful tips in each issue of Lex Loci, the NKU Chase College of Law Library and its librarians are an excellent resource for legal researchers. So if you now find yourself without a large online database at your disposal, or a large in-house law library at hand, then I invite you to use our law library. The law library has many online databases and print resources that can help a newer attorney with research, all of them available at no cost to you.

Looking for online legal databases? The law library provides limited Westlaw access at no cost to attorneys through our subscription to Westlaw Pro. Our subscription provides users with access to primary materials for federal and state cases, statutes and regulations, as well as KeyCite. Additionally attorneys have access to our other databases including the full BNA suite of second-

ary sources, CCH for tax and business research, and Hein Online for access to law review articles.

The law library also provides access to a rich collection of practice oriented materials with a heavy emphasis on Kentucky and Ohio, including many from books. As has been pointed out in a number of past Lex Loci articles, these sources are an excellent resource to point the novice practitioner to the best primary sources in a particular area of law. Beyond the Ohio and Kentucky specific materials are a number of good Indiana sources as well as those that are more national in scope. These include the invaluable Wright & Miller's Federal Practice & Procedure set, and the competing product, Moore's Federal Practice. Both of these sources are widely cited by the courts for issues involving the rules of civil procedure, criminal procedure and evidence.

Finally, do not forget that one of the most valuable assets to the new attorney is the same asset you used while in law school when needing research help, the reference librarians. The librarians at the law school are available to answer your research questions and suggest sources that would be helpful to you as you prepare to help your clients. Reference librarians are available to help by phone or in-person if you come on to campus.

The NKU Chase College of Law Library will continue to support the NKBA and its members through regular research columns and by assisting you with your research needs. You can find the Law Library online at: <http://chaselaw.nku.edu/library/index.php>, on Facebook, or by phone at 859-572-6030.



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