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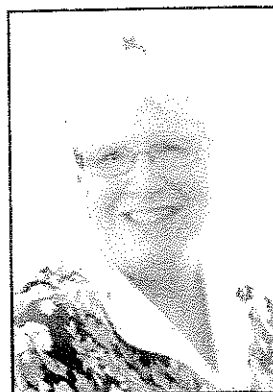
LEGAL DATABASES AT THE CHASE LAW LIBRARY!

We've all started a project by using the internet, but as you know you can't always finish up your research by just researching with those free sources out in the wild west of the web. Electronic databases are comprehensive but expensive; perhaps you don't even know outside of Lexis and Westlaw which databases would be useful for you to use for your legal practice. The Chase Law Library is here to help! As a user of the Chase Law Library you may come into the library

during our business hours and access the many databases Chase provides for its students, faculty, and public patrons. This article highlights a few of the databases accessible to you when you are *physically* in the law library.

Westlaw is available for free to anyone in the library through two terminals dedicated to Westlaw, located on the second floor of the library. It is a limited subscription to the primary sources of cases, regulations, and statutes of the federal government and the fifty states. Validate your research using the KeyCite service embedded into Westlaw; research your point of law finding

additional cases through West's topic and key number system. Even though treatises and other secondary sources are not available through "public Westlaw" you may find citations to



helpful secondary sources by using the annotated statutes and writing down the references to treatises and encyclopedias such as AmJur and ALR to find at a later time in the law library. Researchers have the ability to download research to a USB flash drive or send the documents to an email account along with the option of printing and paying at the circulation desk.

Bloomberg BNA offers access to a wide range of sources covering criminal law, litigation, health care, intellectual property, employment and labor, and tax among other topics. The topic list is very comprehensive. Follow the latest cases and legal trends through U.S. Law Week, located in the topic list under "litigation." Many of the topics listed contain "Resource Centers." I always check the resource center for any topic first because all of the material on that topic has been collected in one place for ease of research. Check the Labor and Employment Resource Center to find cases and primary materials on arbitration, wages and hours, and individual employment rights. Look through the Tax and Accounting Center for state tax forms, regulations, statutes and practice tools. The statutes and regulations are by year from 2005. The extensive BNA Tax Portfolios are included, with links to the laws and regulations mentioned in the article. Many of the topical sources have a "practice tools" section containing client letters, forms, checklists, and rate finders. The Tax Resource Center has an interactive tool allowing the researcher



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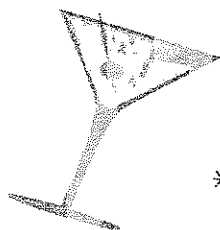
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HeinOnline is known for its comprehensive collection of law reviews starting with volume one. It also has an extensive collection of journals published by the ABA, including the ABA Journal, ABA Tax Times, Business Lawyer, GPSolo, and Health Lawyer are just a few of the journals which might interest Northern Kentucky practitioners. If you need legal information back to the beginning of the Commonwealth, HeinOnline is the place to go. Kentucky resources in HeinOnline include statutes from 1802, Kentucky Acts from 1792 to the present time, and Attorney General Opinions from 1908 to the present. The Bar Journal Collection includes the Kentucky Bench & Bar from its first issue in 1936. While you may go to the internet for the U.S. Code, if you need a code earlier than 1993 you'll want to use HeinOnline. Hein has the U.S. Code beginning with the first version of the U.S. Code in 1925, with the later codes in chronological order. If you're researching federal regulations, the Code of Federal Regulations is available from its first edition in 1938, with the Federal Register available from the first issue in 1936. Statutes at Large containing the federal laws as passed in chronological order is also available. All of the materials in HeinOnline are image-based or high resolution reproductions of the originals. It's much easier to search the text of earlier session laws electronically than to use the paper source, if you can even locate it. HeinOnline has it all, just waiting for you to search and download your find. HeinOnline does provide a lot of access to over 100 million pages of legal history and present-day law. It can be a bit intimidating when you first sit down to use this database, but with some help from the reference librarian or from the clearly written Hein User Guide, you'll be successful in no time.

Newsbank is the place to go to track down information from regional newspapers,

news magazines, and broadcast transcripts. Area news sources include the Cincinnati Post, the Associated Press for Kentucky, the Kentucky Post, the Lexington Herald-Leader, and the Louisville Examiner. If you need to check a newspaper for Ashland or Paducah it's available also. Newsbank is a good place to research news and trends in Appalachia, as it includes 178 publications under Appalachian News Sources. While most of the news coverage is from the mid-2000s to the present, some papers begin coverage as early as 1990. Newsbank includes transcripts from a wide variety of radio and television broadcasts, ranging from Fox News to CNN to NPR.

Research Guides, while not an electronic database, are available for anyone to use even if they are not physically in the library. Professor Carol Furnish has crafted a useful series of research guides. The list is located at chaselaw.nku.edu/library/research/researchguides.html. If you're at the Chase library page, click on Research located on the left of the page and then choose Research Guides. All of the guides are tabbed for ease of navigation. The Kentucky Legal Research Guide combines links to web sites under the tabs Kentucky Courts, Court Rules, Administrative Sources and Laws+ Legislation with titles available in Chase's print collection. The book's call number is included so it may be easily located in the library. The tab for Administrative Sources includes an

explanation of Kentucky administrative regulations and how to read a citation. Interested in researching Elder Law or Labor Law? Need to know more about Statutes of Limitation? For Kentucky research by subject choose the tab Kentucky Practice Legal Materials. This section of the guide includes Kentucky specific treatises, manuals, form books and continuing legal education publications. All of these practice guides will help to jump start your research, saving you time and money.

Chase Law Library's reference librarians are another resource for Northern Kentucky attorneys to consult. If you experience digital overload as you contemplate the database list, or you'd like a demonstration of the ways in which a particular database may be used to further your legal practice, please be in touch! Our library also has many print resources to use; be sure to apply for a library card to qualify to check out some of our books. Chase Law Library's reference desk may be contacted at 859.572.6484; the circulation desk's phone number is 859.572.6030. Check our web site for any changes in hours at chaselaw.nku.edu/library. Expand your research by using Chase's digital resources!

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