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Legal Beagle's Blog

Spotlight on ProQuest Congressional

Posted by Library Blog on 10/07/2011 at 01:23 PM

A great resource for research involving materials generated by Congress and the President is [ProQuest Congressional](#) (formerly LexisNexis Congressional). House and Senate materials include bills, hearings, reports, and floor debates. You can locate presidential statements that frequently accompany the signing of important bills into law. The database also provides access to full-text reports from the [Congressional Research Service](#), a division of the Library of Congress. CRS reports offer in-depth, non-partisan policy and legal analysis of the hundreds of topics considered by Congress. To round out the above materials, one can even search the newspapers that specialize in coverage of “the business of Congress,” such as *The Hill*, *Roll Call*, and section A of the *Washington Post*.

ProQuest Congressional is user-friendly with several options for searching materials. For fun, conduct a basic search of Congressional Publications using “Roger Williams University” and select “All available dates.” You will find some transcripts of hearings in which you can read the testimony of RWU School of Law professors who have testified before a Congressional committee! Among them are Professors Louise Teitz, John Chung, Carl Bogus, and David Zlotnick.

For tips on using the database, use the ProQuest Congressional [Quick Start Guide: Congressional Basic](#). For help using ProQuest Congressional, do not hesitate to ask the Librarian staffing the Reference Desk, call 401-254-4547 or email LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu.

Off-campus Access to Law Library Databases!

Posted by Library Blog on 10/13/2011 at 11:54 AM

Using the Law Library databases from home is easy! The key is to use the database list on the law library’s website, where the links have been proxied for off-campus use. Bookmark the URL [/library/research-resources/databases](#) for the database list so that you will have it handy on your home computer. Select the database of your choice (excluding LexisNexis and Westlaw, which require individual passwords). At the prompt, type your name (e.g. Jane Smith) and the barcode number from the back of your law school ID.

Note that the database links begin with **http://0-** and contain a string of characters that link to the law library’s proxy server. That is why you must use the database list as a starting point from off-campus. If you Google the database, you will not get the appropriate link for the Law Library’s databases and you will be denied access.

If the database requires a login and password, or if you receive an error message, email LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu or call the Reference Desk at 401-254-4547 for assistance.

Writing with Style!

Posted by Library Blog on 10/21/2011 at 03:49 PM

As you work on your legal and non-legal writing pieces while here at the law school, the law library has excellent manuals you can consult to get a more polished result.

Some of the manuals are:

- *Chicago Manual of Style* (16th ed. 2010 and [online](#)). Reference, Z253 .U69 2010
- *Guide to Legal Writing Style* (5th ed. 2011). [KF250 .L435 2011](#)
- *A Manual of Style for Contract Drafting* (2d ed. 2008). [Reserve, KF807 .A33 2008](#)
- *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3d ed. 2008). [Reference, PN147 .G53 2008](#)
- *The Modern Rules of Style* (2007). [Reference, KF250 .M37 2007](#)
- *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* (2d ed. 2006). [Reserve, KF250 .G3 2006](#)

In addition to the above publications, do not hesitate to call on the expertise of the law school's Writing Specialist, Professor [Kim Baker](#)!

Like HeinOnline? "There's an App for That!"

Posted by Library Blog on 10/28/2011 at 11:15 AM

Like HeinOnline? "There's an App for That!"

iPhone and iPad users can now access the Law School's HeinOnline subscription anywhere via a dedicated application. Download the free HeinOnline app from the AppStore and then complete this setup *while on campus*:

Add the RWU proxy server information to your device wireless settings:

1. Go to your iPhone or iPad general "Settings"

- Tap "Wi-Fi"
- Log into the applicable Wi-Fi network (Students1 or Academics)
- Next tap the blue arrow that appears next to the applicable Wi-Fi network
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page. Under HTTP Proxy, click on "Auto".

2. Go to the HeinOnline App:

- Click on the button that says IP Authentication

- You will receive a message once your IP Authentication is confirmed.

You are now set to use the HeinOnline app on and off campus. ***Please Note:*** Once you have set up your device, you will need to re-authenticate as an RWU user once every 30 days by following step 2 *while on campus*.

To see the app in action, visit <http://home.heinonline.org/heinonline-app/>