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Legal Beagle's Post

March 8, 2019

The History of Impeachment in the United States



When people talk about impeachment they often do so in a politically charged way. In this post we are presenting non-partisan information about the history of U.S. impeachment for your consideration. Impeachment is often mentioned in the news, on social media, and in conversation. We have collected some basic resources to enable you to be ready with factual information for your next discussion where this legislative action is discussed.

According to the [U.S. Senate website](#), "If a federal official commits a crime or otherwise acts improperly, the House of Representatives may impeach—formally charge—that official. If the official subsequently is convicted in a Senate impeachment trial, he is removed from office." The Constitution in [Article I, section 2, clause 5](#) states, "The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment." It continues in [Article I, section 3, clauses 6 & 7](#):

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief

Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

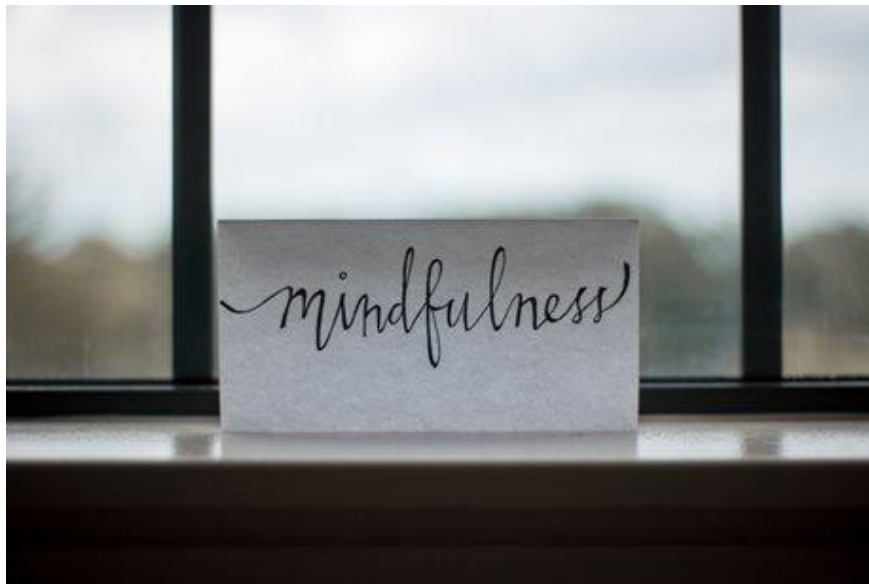
To read a detailed account of the history of American impeachment, experience, see this [1998 Congressional Research Service report](#).

While we have several resources in our collection, the [Law Library of Congress' Impeachment guide](#) provides a thorough bibliographic resource for finding sources on impeachment. Also, this [CNN website](#) has some little known impeachment facts with links to legislative documents. (Did you know that 2 separate measures were introduced to impeach President Ronald Reagan?)

Finally, we have put together a small collection of resources on the history of impeachment in the United States which can be found in the library. An [online guide to this small collection](#) can be found on our library's website.

March 22, 2019

Law School and Mental Health



If there is one universal fact we all know, it is this: law school is hard.

To help address the everyday needs of the RWU Law community, the law school has a [Student Wellness](#) page on the law school website highlighting resources available to students. This page contains information on how to access counseling services on campus; on how to contact the Dean of Students Office; on fitness and recreational services on campus; on upcoming wellness-related events, and more!

One of the resources highlighted on the Student Wellness page is a [LawGuide](#) created by the Law Library to help you find ways to manage the always-present stress of law school in serious ways and not-so-serious ways. The guide includes information on [wellness and the law](#) generally, the various [reflective spaces](#) at RWU, and [ways to bring some fun](#) into your life while in law school.

If you are interested in learning more about how mental health and substance abuse issues impact the legal community and general resources available to you as law students, here are some additional resources to explore:

- The ABA Law Student Division, the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs, and the Dave Nee Foundation collaborated to create the [Substance Abuse & Mental Health Toolkit for Law School Students and Those Who Care About Them](#) - this resource discusses signs and risk factors related to mental health and substance abuse and provides suggestions and resources for addressing these health concerns.
- [Voices of Recovery](#) podcast - this series features lawyers who tell their stories about overcoming substance abuse disorders, mental health issues, and addiction.
- [The Besden Redemption](#) – the story of Laurie Besden, a lawyer who battled addiction.

The overwhelming message that these resources want to get across is this: you are not alone.

As we get closer and closer to finals and graduation, don't forget about self-care. The most important thing to remember is to try and take some time to focus on yourself.

March 29, 2019

Tax Law Research for Beginners



One thing that divorce law, estate planning law, corporate law, and international law all have in common is taxes. Knowing how to start a tax law research project can be helpful in a number of law school classes and legal specialties. And surprise, it can almost be fun!

Here are some recommendations for those interested in starting to improve their tax law research skills:

1. Thomson Reuters Checkpoint (available on our [Digital Resources Page](#)) is one tax-specific database to check out. For some basic information on how to begin to use this service, see this [helpful webpage](#). For more assistance, online training can also be found [on this website](#).
2. Bloomberg BNA Tax Practice Center (available through our [Digital Resources Page](#)) is another database to check out. It provides a variety of resources for tax law practitioners. In particular, check out the *Daily Tax Report* in the “News & Journals” section to keep updated on tax current events.
3. Lexis Advance Tax can be found by signing into [Lexis Advance](#) and then choosing Lexis Advance Tax from the black and white tiled icon on the upper left side of the platform. Once you are there, you can change the content by selecting the Practice Area menu.

If you have any questions about tax law research, stop by the Reference Desk or email us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu. Don't worry, researching taxes is way more fun than doing your taxes, we promise!