WELCOME!

Being on Law Review is an honor and a privilege…
CONGRATULATIONS!
Overview for Orientation

- Library Nuts & Bolts
  ILL/Scanning & Copying, etc.

- Library Resources
  Print, Online, etc.

- Case Notes & Comment Basics
  What’s the Difference?

- Brainstorming Topic Ideas

- Developing a Research Strategy
Guide for Law Review Members
http://libraryguides.law.pace.edu/lawreviews
Library Nuts & Bolts

- Copier behind Circulation
  (each Law Review has its own access code)

- Course & Law Review Reserve Shelving behind Circulation

- Library Study Rooms:
  [http://libcal.law.pace.edu/booking/studyrooms](http://libcal.law.pace.edu/booking/studyrooms)

- InterLibrary Loan: [http://law.pace.edu/interlibrary-loan](http://law.pace.edu/interlibrary-loan)

- Reference Hours:
  (10–5 pm weekdays/11–5 weekends)
Library Resources
Finding Sources in the Library

- **Library Catalog:** [http://innopac.pace.edu/](http://innopac.pace.edu/)

- **1st Floor**
  Microfilm & Microfiche: U.S. Government, State Statutes and Reporters
  Interdisciplinary and International Materials

- **2nd Floor**
  Foreign Laws; Comparative Laws and Jurisprudence

- **3rd Floor**
  Federal Statutes and Reporters; New York Materials

- **4th Floor**
  U.S. Law; Multistate Materials; Subject Treatises

- **5th Floor**
  U.S. Law; Multistate Materials
Materials can be checked out with:

- Catalog includes the Undergraduate libraries.
  - Mortola (Pleasantville) & Birnbaum (NYC)

Interlibrary Loan ([ILLiad](http://law.pace.edu/databases#W))
- Allyson Carney – ILL Public Services Assistant
  - acarney@law.pace.edu
- New York Connect (Consortium)
- Worldcat: [http://law.pace.edu/databases#W](http://law.pace.edu/databases#W)
REFERENCE

Contact the reference librarians with your research and citation questions. We are available at the reference desk, via our Ask Us service, or via chat.

- Reference Services
- Reference Librarians & Hours
- Ask Us / Live Chat
- Research Guides
- Bluebooking Tip Sheets
- A-Z Databases
Legal Research Guides

- Subject Guides are now available from http://libraryguides.law.pace.edu/index.php

Topics include the following:

- Treatises Guide, by Subject
- Administrative to Criminal to Immigration Law
- Environmental to International Law
- Corporate to IP to Family and Copyright Law

CHECK THESE FIRST FOR A STARTING POINT!
Legal databases can fill in the gaps left by Westlaw and Lexis.

Subjects:
- General Academic Information
- Indexes and Locating Resources
- Corporate Law & Business Transactions
- Criminal Law
- Education Law
- Environmental & Energy Law
- Government Documents, Dockets & Legislative History
- Health Law
- International Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Legal History
- New York Law
- Patent, Trademark & Copyright
- Professional Responsibility
- Tax Law
Database Highlights

- Academic Search Premier
- HeinOnline
- Law Review Commons
- JSTOR
- New York Times (Historical: 1851–1993)
- Social Science Research Network (SSRN)
- Pace University Library Databases
Case Notes & Comments
Types of Articles

**Note:** an article that focuses on a current legal controversy. You’ll conduct in–depth analysis of the topic, and make a legal argument advocating pro or con for the controversy. Notes are more challenging because you’ll use a variety of sources, but their depth tends to lead to publication.

**Comment:** an article on a specific case and its impact on a specific area of law. Comments require in–depth analysis of the sources contained in the case itself, and tend to be shorter than notes.

http://www.lexisnexis.com/documents/pdf/20120730122236_large.PDF
Other Types of Law Review Articles:

- **Case Cruncher**—analyzes case law in conflict or transition
- **Law Reform**—proposal to change an inequitable law or institution
- **Legislative Note**—analyzes recent or proposed legislation (pros & cons)
- **Interdisciplinary**—focuses on insights from other fields
- **Theory**—fitting—analyzes developments to propose a new legal theory
- **Legal Profession**—insights into issues facing lawyers and the profession
- **Existing Debates**—articles that add or give new insight to old issues
- **Legal History**—articles delving into the history of a law, rule, institution or figure
- **Comparative Law**—articles that compare foreign legal systems with U.S.

Where Do I Find Topic Ideas?
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- Bar Journals
- New York Times
- New York Law Journal
  - Password on Westlaw, Law Library on TWEN
- Law Professors Blog
- ABA Blawg Directory
- Blawg Search
- Circuit Splits
- How Appealing
- SCOTUSblog
Develop a Research Strategy

- Clearly Identify Your Topic
  - (What it is, and is NOT!)
- Brainstorm Keywords and Search Terms
  - Consider alternative ideas and concepts (broader/narrower)
- Select Resources to Search
  - Legislation (primary)
  - Cases (primary)
  - Regulations (quasi–primary)
  - Treatises, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Articles, etc. (secondary)
- Reevaluate
- Keep Track of Your Searches
- Update Your Research
Article Format

- Introduction
- Brief Background or History
- Prior Law/ Description of Current Issues
- Overview of the Main Case or Problem
- Analysis
- Conclusion
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