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Getting to Know Your Law Library: Electronic & People Resources
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Introduction

Hello! I'm Lyo Louis-Jacques. Bill Schwesig showed you how to find books, past exams, study aids, and research guides. I will demo how to find electronic resources generally – law and non-law databases, e-journals – and show you our wonderful Ask-A-Law-Librarian service.

Databases

If you are looking for databases, start with our [D'Angelo Law Library web site](#). This assures you untroubled access to our subscription databases (many have this Proxy URL in their web address: proxy.uchicago.edu) and the website helps you identify the available databases.

Law Database Quicklinks

We provide links to our most popular, high-use databases on the *upper right-hand corner* of the Law Library home page under "Law Database Quicklinks". The databases include **LexisNexis** and **Westlaw/WestlawNext** - and two major databases for scholarship - **HeinOnline** (which includes, in PDF, complete runs of U.S. and foreign law reviews; it also has U.S. court reports, statutes, codes, and other legal materials) and **JSTOR** (which includes mostly non-law journals with a few select law journals in PDF beginning with the first volume).

Electronic Resources

Under "[Electronic Resources](#)", we have links to other databases. You can browse our pages to locate them. Note that our research guides usually include related databases.

Law Databases

The "[Law Databases](#)" page lists our databases, which include sources of U.S. national law (**Bloomberg Law**, **Practical Law Company**), topical collections (**BNA** e-newsletters and databases on antitrust, banking, corporations and securities law, intellectual property, environmental law, tax, and Internet law from **CCH** and other publishers), and foreign and international law databases covering a wide variety of jurisdictions and subjects such as India, China, the WTO, human rights, and international commercial arbitration.

Law Journals

The "[Law Journals](#)" page features full-text law journal databases, indexes and abstracting services, and the **SSRN** Legal Scholarship Network and **Bepress** working paper series.

Non-Law Journals

The "[Non-Law Journals](#)" page includes general databases such as **JSTOR**, **Ebsco**, and **ArticlesPlus**, news databases such as **Factiva** and **ProQuest**, and databases on social sciences, humanities, business, economics, and finance, science and technology, and history. The key point about this page is the Law Library reference staff has selected out of the many databases to which you have access, the ones faculty and students here have found very useful for Law School-related research.

Database Finder

To locate all types of databases to which University of Chicago libraries subscribe, use [Database Finder](#). If you know the database name, for example, **EconLit**, enter it in the Title Search/Browse box to get the web address. Click on the link to access the database. The "I" button provides more detail about each database. You can also use the Advanced Search feature.

Otherwise, you can browse a list of databases by broad subject categories by clicking on Subject Browse. You'll see categories from Anthropology to Zoology. If you were researching a Law and Economics issue, for example, you can browse the Economics databases. If you choose "Economic Literature (9)" and click on GO, you'll see a list of 9 databases including **EconLit**.

E-Journals

If you have a specific journal title for which you'd like to find an online copy, you can search our [E-Journals](#) page. The electronic resource indicates in which databases you can find an e-version of a journal title and the dates of coverage.

For example, to find the online version of the *Journal of Law and Economics* cited in [Question #6](#), enter its name in the Journal Title search box:

Use the **Library's E-Journals** search to find a PDF of the published version of R.H. Coase, "The Problem of Social Cost" 3 *Journal of Law and Economics* 1(1960). Is the article available in more than one database?

You'll see from the search results that two databases - **HeinOnline** and **JSTOR** - include the *Journal of Law and Economics*, beginning with the volume 1, 1958 publication. **HeinOnline** covers issues through volume 48, 2005, while **JSTOR** covers all of the journal's issues. So, YES, more than one database makes the 1960 article available.

Notice also the *Find It!* button. Click on that button anywhere you see it to check if you can also access online versions of print materials. If the search uncovers no e-versions, you will get a link to our library catalog and interlibrary loan (in order to access the print title).

You can also browse through the list of E-Journals in alphabetical order by journal title. You can use the Subject Browse, Advanced Search, and CitationFinder (get-by-citation) features.

Let's choose HeinOnline to access the PDF of the Coase article. Click on the link to it. You'll be taken directly to the *Journal of Law and Economics* page in HeinOnline. Scroll down to v.3 (1960) and voilà! There on page 1 is the Coase article. You can download the PDF – selected pages or the full article.

HeinOnline

Instead of using our E-Journals page, you can go directly to [HeinOnline](#) <<http://heinonline.org.proxy.uchicago.edu/HOL/Welcome>> since you know that HeinOnline is one of the best places to find law reviews in PDF. For the Coase article, you already have the full citation, so you can search the HeinOnline database for the *Journal of Law and Economics* by title, or you can click on the Law Journal Library link, then use the Find-By-Bluebook-Citation feature. Fill in the boxes with the volume number (3), legal abbreviation (HeinOnline will autocomplete for you)(**J.L & Econ.**), and page number (1). And voilà, here's the Coase article again in PDF.

Notice the URL at the top. This is what I mentioned before. When you access databases to which the University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library subscribes, most will have the URL including [proxy.uchicago.edu](#).

Google Scholar

[Google Scholar](#) is a free resource for locating journal articles on all types of topics. It has a special refinement for legal journal articles. When you search it, you will sometimes find articles in HeinOnline or JSTOR. Unless you have a UChicago setting, you will likely only be able to see the first page of articles found. To ensure you can access the full texts of needed articles from these or other databases to which the University subscribes when you use Google Scholar, you should set your scholar preferences to *Find It! @UChicago*. We provide instructions for doing so [here](#) (our [Library Instruction for LL.M. Students](#) page also includes a link to the instructions).

Off-Campus Access

If you are having trouble with remote access to information in our subscription databases, check the [Off-Campus Access](#) page. It provides instructions for configuring your desktop or laptop to facilitate access to University of Chicago subscription databases via the proxy server. You will be prompted to login to connect to the campus network using your CNet ID and password. But remember, you can avoid most off-campus login problems by accessing databases directly from the Law Library webpage.

Ask-A-Law-Librarian

If you have any problems accessing or using our electronic resources, you can contact the reference staff in a variety of ways. On the Law Library home page, there is an [Ask A Law Librarian](#) section with a rotating photo of one of us reference librarians. When you click on the image, you will get to a page with our reference hours and information for contacting us via IM/chat, in-person, email, phone, text message, and arranging a research consultation (typically 30 minutes). But, it doesn't have to be a database access question, you can ask us anything!

Looking at the chat box, I see a green Available button. This means there's a reference librarian on duty who can help. Let me type in something. You'd put in your research request or any other question you have for us, but I have nothing in mind, so...☺:

"Testing, testing. Hi, Connie!"

Connie Fleischer is one of our reference librarians. She is now at the reference desk and will respond in a few seconds – ah, here she is:

"Hi, Lyo!"

So, that's how it works.

Any questions?

If not, here is Margaret to discuss the [Guide to United States Legal Resources for LL.M. Students.](#)

Thank you.