

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING RESOURCES: RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, *Commonwealth Caribbean Law and Legal Systems* (1999). [London: Cavandish Publishing, 346 p.] Discusses in detail the 12 independent countries and six territories that remain dependencies of Great Britain. The book places the various legal institutions of Commonwealth of the Caribbean in their historical and social contexts.

John R. Austin, *The Law of Electronic Commerce and Digital Signatures: An Annotated Bibliography*, 17 J. Marshall J. Computer & Info. L. 1043 (1999).
“This bibliography consists of annotated references to periodical articles, books and book chapters, World Wide Web sites, and government documents that examine the law of electronic commerce and digital signatures.” *Id.* Sources are grouped under five major subject headings.

Thomas E. Baker, *Federal Court Practice and Procedure: A Third Branch Bibliography*, 30 Tex. Tech. L. Rev. 909 (1999).
This extensive bibliography of approximately 225 pages consists of books and articles relating to the federal courts and federal court procedure. Consists of seven major topics and numerous subtopics. Although the sources are not annotated, each subtopic begins with a description of the coverage therein.

Black's Law Dictionary[®], Bryan A. Garner, Editor in Chief (7th ed. 1999). [Eagan, MN: West Group, 1738 p.]
First published in 1891, this new edition under the editorship of one of the preeminent experts on good legal writing contains more than 4,500 new terms and more definitions than any other legal dictionary. Over time,

Black's has become the leading authority for legal definitions. This edition, for the first time, includes quotations from scholarly sources to show the context of terms and exemplify their usage.

Ruth Bohill, *Electronic Citation Guide for Legal Materials*, 8 J.L. & Info. Sci. 210 (1997).
The University of New England Department of Law developed this guide to provide uniformity in electronic citations. Includes a discussion of attempts in the United States and Australia to develop medium-neutral citation guides.

Cynthia Grant Bowman, *Bibliographical Essay: Women and the Legal Profession*, 7 Am. U. J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L. 149 (1999).
There is ample evidence in various gender bias studies and related reports that women are frequently mistreated in the legal profession. This essay first discusses these sources and then concludes with assessments of attempts of feminist theory to come to grips with the situation and how entry of women into the profession may help transform it.

Ralph S. Brown: A Selected Bibliography, 108 Yale L.J. 1483 (1999).
This bibliography collects the works of noted intellectual property expert Ralph Sharp Brown as part of a tribute issue of the *Yale Law Journal*.

Jonathan A. Bush, *Telford Taylor: A Bibliography* [Telford Taylor], 37 Colum. J. Transnat'l L. 1015 (1999).
This entire issue is devoted to “Essays on the Law of War and War Crimes Tribunals in Honor of Telford Taylor.” The concluding bibliography “attempts to enumerate Telford Taylor’s published writings from 1932 to the mid-1990’s, as well as a few categories of unpublished writings.” *Id.*

Julianne Claydon, *Select Bibliography of 1997 Great Lakes' Literature: An Environmental, Economic, and International View*, 1998 Toledo J. Great Lakes' L. Sci. & Pol'y 179.
This unannotated bibliography, arranged by subject, includes only sources published in 1997.

- Thomas M. Clyde, *Plain Language Turns the Corner: New SEC Rules for Prospectuses*, *Clarity*, Sept. 1998, no. 42 at 9.
Describes the new rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission calling for plain English in prospectuses.
- A. Darby Dickerson, *Florida Legal Research: Sources, Process, and Analysis*, 26 Fla. St. U. L. Rev. 1177 (1999).
A review of *Florida Legal Research* (1998) by Suzanne E. Rowe, Barbara J. Busharis and Lisa Kuhlman Tietig that examines the book's organization and content and compares it with other books on Florida legal research.
- Dictionary of Law* [P. H. Collin, ed.] (2d ed. 1999). [Chicago, IL: Fitzroy Dearborn, 258 p.]
A dictionary of terms and phrases of primarily English law.
- Nancy Eagan, *The Police Response to Spouse Abuse: A Selective, Annotated Bibliography*, 91 L. Libr. J. 499 (1999).
"Background on the traditional governmental responses to spouse abuse and brief periods of reform, as well as the rationale for a bibliography annotating materials concerning the police response to spouse abuse, are provided. The bibliography is arranged in four sections: (1) empirical research, (2) criminal justice commentary, (3) feminist commentary, and (4) legal commentary." *Id.* Abstract.
- G. LeGrande Fletcher, *Nevada Practice Materials: A Selective Annotated Bibliography*, 91 Law Libr. J. 313 (1999).
"The author provides a selective listing of primary and secondary legal materials useful for the practice of law in Nevada, including general publications, periodicals, electronic sources, and treatises." *Id.*
- Bryan A. Garner, *The Substance of Style in Federal Rules*, *Clarity*, Sept. 1998, no. 42 at 35.
Describes the revamped and rewritten set of rules for the federal appellate courts, the sole purpose of which was to improve their style.
- Pearl Goldman, *A Guide to Researching Bankruptcy Law on the Internet*, 8 J. Bankr. L. & Prac. 499 (1999).
Provides references to Web sites that are useful in researching bankruptcy law.
- Clyde H. Hamilton, *Effective Appellate Brief Writing*, 50 S.C. L. Rev. 581 (1999).
"The purpose of this Article is to offer practical advice from the perspective of one federal appellate judge regarding how to draft effectively the seven components constituting the heart of the appellate brief." *Id.*
- Margaret Kerr, *Legal Research: Step by Step* (1998). [Toronto: Montgomery Publications, Ltd., 184 p.]
Deals with the law in Canada and provides course coverage for college legal and public administration program courses.
- Leonard E. Klein, *The War Powers Resolution: A Bibliography*, 2 J. Nat'l Security L. 191 (1998).
Lists books, articles and essays, dissertations, congressional hearings, and legal opinions relating to legal and political science literature on the War Powers Resolution, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1541-1548.
- Ilhyung Lee, *The Rookie Season*, 39 Santa Clara L. Rev. 473 (1999).
The author recounts his own experiences as a legal research and writing instructor, including what he views as his second-class status. He argues for improved institutional respect for both the subject and teachers.
- Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (Volume 5, 1999).
Once again this annual volume contains some terrific articles on legal writing, too many to annotate. For subscription information, contact Editor, *Legal Writing*, Seattle University School of Law, 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402.
- Myres S. McDougal: *A Selected Bibliography*, 108 Yale L.J. 961 (1999).
This bibliography collects the works of noted

- international law expert Myres S. McDougal as part of a tribute issue of the *Yale Law Journal*.
- Maureen Bonace McMahon, *Legislative History in Ohio: Myths and Realities*, 46 Clev. St. L. Rev. 49 (1998).
Legislative history in Ohio is often considered sketchy and elusive and perhaps even nonexistent. This article attempts to show that indeed there are sources for legislative history in Ohio.
- Robert W. Peterson, *The Bard and the Bench: An Opinion and Brief Writer's Guide to Shakespeare*, 39 Santa Clara L. Rev. 789 (1998).
With more than 800 citations to William Shakespeare in published opinions, it is common to use and misuse the famous Bard. This essay collects the author's favorite sources. A Web-based site contains most of the attributed references to Shakespeare in court opinions.
- Ellen J. Platt & Mary J. Koshollek, *Wisconsin Practice Materials: A Selective, Annotated Bibliography* (1999). [Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein, 169 p.]
A bibliography of primary, secondary, and reference materials pertaining to the practice of law in Wisconsin. Arranged by topic and subtopics.
- Deborah L. Rhode, *Annotated Bibliography of Educational Materials on Legal Ethics*, 11 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 1029 (1998).
Compiled by one of the leading authorities on legal ethics, "[t]his annotated bibliography includes references to written and audiovisual materials for professional responsibility courses and curricular integration projects. Its objective is to identify innovative materials that can enrich legal instruction." *Id.*
- Kenneth F. Ripple, *Legal Writing in the New Millennium: Lessons from a Special Teacher and a Special "Classroom"*, 74 Notre Dame L. Rev. 925 (1999).
The author, a federal appeals court judge and a former law clerk to Chief Justice Warren Burger, discusses what he learned about legal writing during his clerkship years.
- Deborah A. Schmedemann & Christina L. Kunz, *Synthesis: Legal Reading, Reasoning, and Writing* (1999). [New York, NY: Aspen Law & Business, 550 p.]
Explains the process of reading and synthesizing cases, reading and interpreting statutes, and reading commentary; explores techniques of deductive reasoning, reasoning by example, and policy analysis; provides chapters on the office memo; explains how to draft advice letters; and examines the uses of written and oral advocacy.
- Kennard R. Strutin, *Writing Practical Articles*, 45 Prac. Law. 41 (1999).
This article provides advice to lawyers interested in how to write articles of practical use to other lawyers.
- Symposium* [Law Reviews], 26 Fla. St. U. L. Rev. 813 (1999).
Contains four interesting and well-researched articles on empirical evaluation of specialized law reviews, ranking specialized law reviews, ranking journals, and author prominence.
- Larry L. Teply, *Legal Research and Citation* (5th ed. 1999). [Eagan, MN: West Group, 461 p.]
Like the prior editions, this volume is designed to introduce students to legal research and citation. Emphasis is on how legal research is conducted. *Legal Citation Exercises* and *Legal Research Process Exercises* accompany the text.
- Suzanne Thorpe & Laura J. Cooper, *Researching Labor Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution in Employment*, 91 Law Libr. J. 367 (1999).
"The authors list and describe the sources that may be used to research arbitration and other means of employment dispute resolution in unionized and nonunionized settings. Both print and electronic works are included." *Id.* Abstract.
- John Trone, *Electronic Sources of Asian Laws*, 8 J.L. & Info. Sci. 264 (1997).
This paper provides some general observations about electronic sources for Asian laws, discusses sources relating to particular countries, and examines sources relating to particular subject areas. *Id.* at 265.