



POLITICAL SCIENCE 400:

Moot Court

Finding Background / Historical Overview Information

The following print and online resources will provide helpful background information on a wide variety of legal-related topics. The print titles are arranged in call number order in the **reference section**, and the online databases can be accessed through the [A – Z list](#) on the library web site.

Code of Virginia, 1950 REF JK 392.5 .M6 online <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode>

U.S. Code REF KF 62 .A2 2012 online <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscode/2017/>

Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History REF K 50 .O96 2009

United States Reports: Cases Adjudged in the Supreme Court REF KF 101 .A212 online <https://www.supremecourt.gov/>

American Justice REF KF 154 .A44 1996

Encyclopedia of the American Judicial System REF KF 154 .E53 1987

Oxford Companion to American Law REF KF 154 .O96 2002

West's Encyclopedia of American Law REF KF 154 .W47 2005 online [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

Black's Law Dictionary REF .KF 156 .B53 1999

Great American Court Cases REF KF 835 .A4 G68 1999 online [Credo Reference](#)

Magill's Legal Guide REF KF 385 .M35 2000

Gale Encyclopedia of Everyday Law REF KF 387 .G27 2006 online [Credo Reference](#)

Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation REF 4527 .A2 2004
online at <http://permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo55843/GPO-CONAN-2012.pdfv>

Encyclopedia of the American Constitution REF 4548 .E53

Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties REF KF 4747.5 .E53

U.S. Supreme Court REF KF 8742 .A35 E53 2016 online [Salem Online Reference](#)

United States Statutes at Large Gov Docs AE 2.110: online
<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=STATUTE>

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[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

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Finding Legal Information in Databases

JSTOR

Scholarly articles and books; includes a substantial law component.

Legal Collection

The same user interfaces as [Academic Search Complete](#)

New York Times

Good background and analysis for the general reader; you need to make an account to use it. The hyperlink in this guide takes you to the registration form.

[Nexis Uni](#)

One of the main legal information databases. Also contains newspapers and business information. In addition to the demo today, you might also want to look at these tutorials:

How to Search from the Home Page <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUED6Lo13M>

How to Search the Advanced Search Form <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSq5ZTCGyc0>

Some Useful Websites

FindLaw <https://www.findlaw.com/>

Justia <https://law.justia.com/>

Legal Information Institute (Cornell Law School) <https://www.law.cornell.edu/>

Library of Congress: United States Law <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/federal/uscode.php>

Supreme Court of the United States <https://www.supremecourt.gov/>

Supreme Court of Virginia <http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/scv/home.html>

Tennessee Code Unannotated

<https://advance.lexis.com/container?config=014CJAA5ZGVhZjA3NS02MmMzLTRlZWQtOGJjNC00YzQ1MmZlZnc2YWYKAFBvZENhdGFsb2e9zYpNUjTRalWVfyrur9ud&crd=545ce910-ed55-4150-b737-074980d2d472>

TNCOURTS.gov : Courts <http://www.tncourts.gov/courts>

TNCOURTS.gov : Supreme Court <http://www.tncourts.gov/courts/supreme-court>

United States Courts <http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/court-role-and-structure>

Virginia Courts in Brief <http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/cib.pdf>

Virginia General Assembly LIS <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/>

Virginia's Judicial System <http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/maps/home.html>

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