

Legal Research, Analysis & Writing II
Professors Baker & Plevel
Spring 2024

Print Textbooks:

1. Christine Coughlin, Joan Malmud Rocklin & Sandy Patrick, *A Lawyer Writes: A Practical Guide to Legal Analysis* (3d ed. 2018).
2. *The Bluebook* (21st ed. 2020).

Online Texts:

1. [Core Grammar for Lawyers](#)
2. LRAW Research Spring 2024 (“LRAW Research”) at <https://guides.law.sc.edu/LRAWSpring>. The password will be available in the Syllabus, which we will distribute in our first class meeting.

First Day Assignment (Tuesday, January 9th):

- **Read** the Secondary Sources Scavenger Hunt exercise that appears below. You will receive additional information about the exercise in our first class meeting.
- **Read** *A Lawyer Writes*: Chapter 18 (Professional Emails), pages 307-328. Skip the exercises in that Chapter.
- **Read** materials on Demand Letters posted in the Spring Writing Materials - Handouts folder on Blackboard. Skip the exercises in those materials.
- **Complete** the Core Grammar Post Test by 5:00pm on Wednesday, Jan. 10th, with a goal of scoring 85% or higher. If you have taken the post-test three times but have not achieved a score of at least 85%, please email Professor Baker to discuss a plan for building on your progress with Core Grammar.

Secondary Sources Scavenger Hunt & Library Practice

Our first research unit this spring is on Secondary Sources. In addition to the readings, regular in-class exercises, and quiz, you will do a short, specific scavenger hunt in the Law Library. This will give you the opportunity to use the Law Library catalog and find actual books on the shelves.

For this assignment, you will need both your computer and time to go to the Law Library to find a book. **In our first class, January 9, 2024, you will draw the name of a book to find.** You will ultimately take a picture of the book on the shelf, browse the contents of the book, and complete the form below.

First, you will need to look up your assigned book in the library catalog to find the call number. Second, you will then go to the library to find the physical book and take a photo of it. You will insert the photo into the form attached and provide all the other requested information required.

In **addition** to just finding the book on the shelf, you should **browse the book** to see what kind of information it provides, when it was published, and whether it is jurisdiction specific. You will also need to think about whether it is a good, great, or just ok source.

Bring your completed worksheet to class on Friday, January 12, 2024, and we will discuss.

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Student Name:

Book name:

Author(s):

Call Number:

Where in the library is this book shelved/located:

Year published:

Jurisdiction specific?

Good, great, or just ok?

Why:

Photo:

Additional info: Anything else you found interesting about 'your' book?