

**ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH – LAW A549a**  
**Winter 2010**  
**Syllabus**

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**Texts:** [1] Berring & Edinger, *Finding the Law*, 12th Ed (Thomson-West, 2005)  
(Berring)

[2] Hazelton, et. al, *Washington Legal Researcher's Deskbook 3d* (2002)  
(Deskbook)

(can be purchased for \$49.28 (including tax) - payable to UW Invoice  
Receivables - at Circulation Desk, Library L1 or purchase in class January 19th)

[3] *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, 18th ed. (Columbia Law  
Review Association, 2005) (Bluebook)

**Assignments:**

Reading assignments from the texts will be given for each class. See below.

There is no final exam. Legal research is a skill. You need to practice it to improve. This course is designed to review and build on solid research skills. You will get prompt feedback on your work throughout the quarter. You may work together, but **you must turn in your own work unless you have been assigned to work in teams by Professor Hazelton.**

For each day in class you will find: the topic for the class, the assignments that are due that day, any reading you should have completed for the day, and new assignments.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Tues	1/5/10	<b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Overview; The Legal System and Legal Materials  <b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Berring: pp. 1-16 (Ch. 1)  <b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> Handout Exercise #1 - Due 1/12 ( <i>submit to Collect It</i> )

Thurs	1/7/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> No regular class; Library Tours - Required [See Schedule for assigned tour time]</p> <p>Meet at Gallagher Law Library Circulation Desk, floor L1 at your scheduled time for a 30 minute tour:</p> <p>8:30am    9:00am    9:30am    10:00am</p>
Tues	1/12/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Secondary Sources</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Exercise #1. <i>Submit to Collect It Dropbox by 8:30am today. Word document only.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Berring: pp. 111-114 (Ch. 4); pp. 307-326 (Ch. 10)</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  Analysis of Secondary Sources [Ungraded #1] (to be done in class only) – Due 1/14</p> <p>CALI lesson: Introduction to State &amp; Federal Statutes [Ungraded #2] - Due 1/14</p>
Thurs	1/14/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Secondary Sources (cont.);  Statutes - Federal and State</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Analysis of Secondary Sources [Ungraded #1]. <i>Hand in completed analysis during class.</i></b></p> <p><b>CALI - Introduction to State and Federal Statutes [Ungraded #2]. <i>Submit certificate with your name and percent correct (printed to PDF) to Collect It Dropbox by 8:30am today.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Berring: pp. 118-164 (Ch. 5)</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  Handout Exercise #2 - Due 1/19 (<i>submit in paper</i>)</p>

Tues	1/19/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Case Finding in Print; Case Verification Tools</p> <p>10:15am: Purchase Washington Legal Researchers' Deskbook 3d from Theresa in class.</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Exercise #2. <i>Hand in paper copy by 8:30am today.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Berring: pp. 17-117 (Ch. 2,3,4)</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  CALI Lesson: How to Find Case Law Using the Digests [Ungraded #3] - Due 1/21</p> <p>Handout Exercise #3 - Due 1/26 (<i>submit to Collect It</i>)</p>
Thurs	1/21/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Research Process</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>CALI - How to Find Case Law Using the Digests [Ungraded #3]. <i>Submit certificate with your name and percent correct (printed to PDF) to Collect It Dropbox by 8:30am today.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Deskbook: pp. 23-45; skim Ch. 4, pp. 93-133</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  Handout Research Problem #1 - Due 1/28</p>
Tues	1/26/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Bluebooking: Or How to Make Friends with the Bluebook</p> <p><b><i>Bring Bluebook to class</i></b></p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Exercise #3. <i>Submit to Collect It Dropbox by 8:30am today. Word document only.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Bluebook: Review Table of Contents. Read completely pp. 1-23 (The Bluepages)</p>

Thurs	1/28/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Free and Low-Cost Internet Sources for Legal Research.</p> <p><i>Bring Laptop to Class</i></p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Research Problem #1. <i>Hand in at 8:30am in class today.</i></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Internet Legal Resources, (updated 10/21/09), available at <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html">http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html</a></p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> Handout Exercise #4 - Due 2/2</p>
Tues	2/2/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Discuss Research Problem #1</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Exercise #4</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> Handout Research Problem #2 - Due 2/11</p>
Thurs	2/4/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Query Formulation and other Electronic Search Tips.</p> <p><i>Bring Laptop to Class</i></p>
Thurs	2/09/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Advanced Westlaw Training (Room 117)</p> <p><i>Bring Laptop to Class</i></p>
Thurs	2/11/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Washington Practice Materials</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Research Problem #2. <i>Hand in at 8:30am in class today.</i></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Deskbook: pp. 23-45; skim Ch. 4, pp. 93-133</p>
Tues	2/16/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Discuss Research Problem #2</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> CALI Lesson: Researching Federal Legislative History [Ungraded #4] - Due 2/18</p> <p>Handout Research Problem #3 - Due 2/23</p>

Thurs	2/18/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Legislative History - Federal and State</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>CALI - Researching Federal Legislative History [Ungraded #4].</b> <i>Submit certificate with your name and percent correct (printed to PDF) to Collect It drop box by 8:30am today.</i></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Berring: pp. 165-200 (Ch. 6)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 155-165 Legislative History and Bill Tracking (Ch. 6)</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  Handout Exercise #5 - Due 2/25</p>
Tues	2/23/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Legislative History (cont.); Court Rules</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Research Problem #3</b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Berring: pp. 277-306 (Ch. 9)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 62-64 (Ch. 3)</p>
Thurs	2/25/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Discuss Research Problem #3</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Exercise #5</b></p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  Handout Research Problem #4 - Due 3/4</p>
Tues	3/2/10	<p><b>REGULAR CLASS CANCELLED TODAY</b></p> <p><b>Professor Hazelton is in the Reference Area from 8:30-10:30am if you have questions about Research Problem #4</b></p>
Thurs	3/4/10	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Administrative Law</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b>  <b>Research Problem #4</b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b>  Berring: pp. 225-276 (Ch. 8)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 64-69 (Ch. 3); pp. 135-154 (Ch. 5)</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b>  Handout exercise #6 - Due 3/9</p>

Tues	3/9/10	[Last Class] <b>TOPIC:</b> Effective Legal Research – Research Guides; Discuss Research Problem #4; Wrap-up; Evaluation  <b><u>DUE TODAY</u></b> <b>Exercise #6</b>  <b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Review the contents of the Gallagher Law Library’s Conduct Research section: <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu">http://lib.law.washington.edu</a> .
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