

**ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH A549a**  
**Winter 2008**  
**Syllabus – Updated 2/28/08**

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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 \$49.01 (including tax) - payable to UW Invoice  
Receivables - at Circulation Desk, Library L1)

[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	1/8/08	<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 1/15  CALI Lesson: Introduction to Secondary Resources - Due 1/15

Thurs	1/10/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> No regular class; Library Tours - Required [<a href="#">See Schedule</a> for assigned tour time]</p> <p>Meet at Gallagher Law Library Circulation Desk, floor L1 at your scheduled time:</p> <p>10:30am   11:00am   11:30am   12 noon</p>
Tues	1/15/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Secondary Sources</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> <b>Analysis of Secondary Sources (to be done in class)</b></p> <p><b>Exercise #1 due</b></p> <p><b>CALI - Introduction to Secondary Resources Due</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> CALI lesson: Introduction to State &amp; Federal Statutes - Due 1/17</p>
Thurs	1/17/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Statutes - Federal and State</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> CALI - Introduction to State and Federal Statutes Due</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 1/22</p>
Tues	1/22/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Case Finding in Print; Case Verification Tools</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Exercise #2 Due</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 - Due 1/29</p> <p>Handout Exercise #3 - Due 1/29</p>

Thurs	1/24/08	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Bluebooking: Or How to Make Friends with the Bluebook</p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Bluebook: Review Table of Contents. Read completely pp. 1-23 (The Bluepages)</p> <p><b><i>Bring Bluebook to class</i></b></p>
Tues	1/29/08	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Research Process; Washington Practice Materials</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> <b>Exercise #3 Due</b></p> <p><b>CALI - How to Find Case Law Using the Digests Due</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 2/5</p>
Thurs	1/31/08	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Internet Basics for Legal Research</p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Internet Legal Resources, (updated 11/15/07), available at <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html">http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html</a></p> <p>Nancy McMurrer and Kristy Moon, <i>Low-Cost Legal Research Services on the Web</i>, (updated 4/20/06), available at <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/lowcostcalr.html">http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/lowcostcalr.html</a></p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> Handout Exercise #4 - Due 2/7</p>
Tues	2/05/08	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Advanced Westlaw Training in LRTC L201/202</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> <b>Research Problem #1 Due</b></p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Same as 1/31/08</p>

Thurs	2/7/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Discuss Research Problem #1</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Exercise #4 Due</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> CALI Lesson: Researching Federal Legislative History - Due 2/12</p> <p>Handout Research Problem #2 - Due 2/14</p>
Tues	2/12/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Legislative History - Federal and State</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> CALI - Researching Federal Legislative History Due</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>
Thurs	2/14/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Legislative History (cont.); Court Rules</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Research Problem #2 Due</p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Berring: pp. 277-306 (Ch. 9)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 62-64 (Ch. 3)</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> Handout Exercise #5 - Due 2/19</p>
Tues	2/19/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Discuss Research Problem #2; Electronic Legal Research</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Exercise #5 Due</p> <p><b><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u></b> Handout Research Problem #3 - Due 2/26</p>
Thurs	2/21/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Query Formulation</p>
Tues	2/26/08	<p><b><u>TOPIC:</u></b> Specialized Legal Research (Indian Law and Employment Law)</p> <p><b><u>DUE TODAY:</u></b> Research Problem #3 Due</p> <p><b><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u></b> Washington Legal Researcher's Deskbook 3d, chapter 9 Mary Whisner, <i>Research in Labor and Employment Law</i>, (updated 10/16/2007), available at <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/labemp.htm">http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/labemp.htm</a></p>

Thurs	2/28/08	<b>CLASS CANCELLED TODAY</b>
Tues	3/4/08	<b>TOPIC:</b> Discuss Research Problem #3; Cost Effective Searching  <b>ASSIGNED TODAY:</b> Handout Research Problem #4 - Due 3/11
Thurs	3/6/08	<b>TOPIC:</b> Administrative Law  <b>READING FOR TODAY:</b> Berring: pp. 225-276 (Ch. 8)  Deskbook: pp. 64-69 (Ch. 3); pp. 135-154 (Ch. 5)  <b>ASSIGNED TODAY:</b> Handout exercise #6 - Due 3/13
Tues	3/11/08	[Last Class] <b>TOPIC:</b> Wrap-up; Efficient Research; Evaluation  <b>DUE TODAY: Research Problem #4 Due</b>
Thurs	3/13/08	[Voluntary Class] <b>TOPIC:</b> Discuss Research Problem #4 and other research questions.  <b>DUE TODAY: Exercise #6 Due at 10:30am</b>

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