Finding Journal Articles at the Tulane Law Library

Introduction

There are two kinds of resources which are discussed here: indexes (which gives citation and subject information, but not the full text of the article itself), and full-text journal article databases.

Indexes

Tulane has the two major U.S. legal periodical indexes, the *Index to Legal Periodicals* and *LegalTrac*. Both are accessible from the law school website at http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlslibrary/Research.aspx.

LegalTrac is also available as The *Legal Resource Index* on LEXIS and WESTLAW. For WESTLAW, choose the “LRI” database; for LEXIS, choose “Law Reviews & Journals” under "Secondary Legal.” An advantage to using the WESTLAW version is the links the service provides to the full-text journal articles.

The *Current Index to Legal Periodicals* is usually the first index in which an article appears. It is available as the CILP database on WESTLAW; the database includes the latest eight issues.

For historical research, *PoolesPlus*, also called *19th Century Masterfile*, is available through the Howard Tilton Library website (http://library.tulane.edu): choose "Databases at Tulane" from the left-hand column, then choose "P" to find "*PoolesPlus*"). The *Index to Legal Periodical Literatur*e (1786-1922) is included within the larger "*19th Century Masterfile*" database.

The *Legal Journals Index*, a UK-based product, is on WESTLAW as the LJI database.

The *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*, which specializes in journals not covered by the *Legal Resource Index* or the *Index to Legal Periodicals*, is available online (http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlslibrary/Research.aspx), and in print in the third floor stacks at Range 399-Y.

Full-text Law Journal Databases

HeinOnline (http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlslibrary/Research.aspx) includes journal articles all the way back to the first issue of each journal. The last few years may not yet be included yet, depending on the journal.

LEXIS and *WESTLAW*: Coverage for many journals on LEXIS and WESTLAW begins in the early to mid-1980s. JLR is the WESTLAW full-text law journals database. To access the LEXIS database, choose "Law Reviews & Journals" under "Secondary Legal;" then choose "US Law Reviews and Journals, Combined."