Legal Research Techniques

Fall 2020
Introduce yourself, and answer two:

• Of all the places you have lived/visited, what was the one you like the best? Why?
• What was your favorite book growing up?
• What is your favorite food?
Goals of the Course

• How to get started.
• How to plan your research.
• How to evaluate information.
• How to be efficient and effective.
• How information is organized.
Course Web Page(s)

Web:
http://personal.law.miami.edu/rschard

Blackboard:
https://courses.miami.edu/
Guidelines for the Course

• What to bring to class
• Course Description & Requirements
Research Guide

Instructional manual on researching a legal issue
Issue selected by September 10th
Other parts also submitted during the semester.

Don't wait! Don't wait! Don't wait!
Research Guide Evaluation

• Quality of the resources selected
• Evaluation of the particular source
• Organization and strategy recommended
• Searches and other efficient techniques

Please note that the number of pages and quantity of work are not part of the evaluation.
• Find federal cases discussing the adverse-interest rule, particularly in relation to employment or labor disputes

• What is the best search?
Research Skills

- What can you take away from the Research Standards?
- Principles I and II
- Which competencies are the most difficult to learn, which the easiest?
- Which ones are unclear?
Where to Begin
Library web page:
http://www.law.miami.edu/library/
Where to Begin

Library catalog: http://search.law.miami.edu
Where to Begin

Subscription Databases:
http://www.law.miami.edu/iml/library/list-of-subscription-databases

List of Subscription Databases

Off-Campus Access

From Other Libraries

Products & Requirements

- ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct (Miami Law network)
- AILALink (American Immigration Lawyers' Association) (Miami Law network)
- American Economic Review (Miami Law network only)
- American Law and Economics Review (UM network only)