

Legal Research and Writing
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Fall Term 2024
Professor Greg Johnson

Readings and Activities for the First Week

Dear students,

We will have a busy first week in Legal Research and Writing. In addition to our two classes, you will attend one mandatory training session for Westlaw (online legal research) and one mandatory training session for Lexis (same). Below you will see the required readings for our two classes and your options for the Westlaw/Lexis training sessions. The training sessions will take place on Teams.

Welcome to Vermont Law and Graduate School, and see you soon in class!

Tuesday, August 27

An introduction to American legal systems

A Lawyer Writes, 15-23 (Sources of Law) (through “Weave a Tapestry”)

Researching the Law, 3-7 (Introduction to Legal Research)

Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (on Canvas)

The Bluebook, review ix-xvi (Table of Contents), read 1-4 (Introduction and Rule B1.1) and Rules B11 and 11

Thursday, August 29

Hierarchies of authority; legal research process; citing case names (with workshop)

A Lawyer Writes, 23-32 (Systems of Law)

Researching the Law, 21-26 (Defining a Research Question)

Legal Research Process Chart (on Canvas)

The Bluebook, Rules B2, B10.1.1, 10.2, and Table 6 (Case names in citations)

In-class citation workshop on case names (on Canvas)

Westlaw and Lexis Training Schedule – Fall 2024

J.D. students should attend *one* Westlaw and *one* Lexis training session.

Westlaw Training (choose one)

Monday, August 26, at 5:00 pm ET

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 275 026 973 719

Passcode: NMx5XM

Tuesday, August 27, at 1:00 pm ET

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 287 226 281 607

Passcode: BraYnd

Lexis Training (choose one)

Wednesday, August 28, at 5:00 pm ET

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 249 745 129 488

Passcode: dpL4hA

Thursday, August 29, at 1:00 pm ET

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Meeting ID: 281 447 169 410

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