

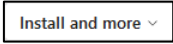
**Legal Research & Writing I (REQ 7123)**  
**Section 3 (Tu/F 11:20-12:35, Nina Thomas Courtroom)**  
**Professor Jennifer Sekula**

**First Day Assignments for Tuesday, August 27**

**Read:**

- *A Lawyer Writes*
  - Introduction (pp. xxi-xxii)
  - Table 1-C (p. 12) – this is our roadmap for the semester
  - p. 15 to the top of p. 18 (skip “Legislative History”)
  - pp. 19-32
- *Researching the Law*
  - Chapter 2 (pp. 9-20)  
(This reading overlaps with the readings from *A Lawyer Writes* a bit, but this one describes the types and hierarchies of authority with more nuance while *ALW* provides a higher-level overview.)
- An Issue of Sovereignty: <https://www.ncsl.org/quad-caucus/an-issue-of-sovereignty> (linked on Canvas)
- Excerpt: *June Med. Servs. v. Russo*, 140 S. Ct. 2103, 2134 (2020) (on Canvas).

**To do:**

1. Plan to attend a MANDATORY Teams-based **Westlaw** training session **on Aug. 26 (5pm) or Aug. 27 (1pm)** (details on Canvas).
2. Plan to attend a MANDATORY Teams-based **Lexis** training session **on Aug. 28 (5pm) or Aug. 29 (1pm)** (details on Canvas).
3. Install Microsoft 365’s Word (plus any other Office apps you’re interested in), free to you and available at <https://portal.office.com>
  - a. sign in with your VLGS credentials, click on  in the upper right of the screen, and then choose “Install Microsoft 365 Apps.”
  - b. more information is available on VLGS IT’s website at <https://www.vermontlaw.edu/it-help-desk>