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## Library Resources for Social Work 5037

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### Professional Psycho-Social Literature

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The following databases identify articles in the professional psycho-social research literature. In addition to the search results, also check the references at the end of each record.

#### Social Services Abstracts

Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in social work journals.

Dates covered: 1977 – present.

#### PsycINFO

Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in psychology journals, as well as dissertations and selected books and reports.

Dates covered: 1887 – present.

#### Sociological Abstracts

Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in psychology journals, as well as dissertations.

Dates covered: 1963 – present.

Access these  
databases via:

Library Website  
(<http://library.csustan.edu/>)

Find: Articles in journals,  
magazines & newspapers

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### Legal Research

#### LexisNexis Academic (Legal Research)

Full-text of law review articles, federal and state law (including case law), and news coverage of congress and state legislatures.

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
  3. Law/Legal Issues

#### FindLaw

Links to the full-text of federal and state law, including court cases.

Available via: <http://www.findlaw.gov>

#### Class Website

Links to the text of laws divided by type (e.g. federal cases, federal bills, federal code, federal regulations, state cases, state code, etc.)

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Class Pages
  3. SOCW 5037

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## Policy Discussions - Congress

### LexisNexis Congressional

Full-text of Congressional committee hearings (via *Testimony*) and the debate on the floor of Congress (via *Publications*).

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
  3. Government

### Thomas

Links to the full-text of bills proposed before the U.S. Congress and congressional publications.

Available via: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

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## Policy Discussions – News Media

### Expanded Academic

Index to (and select full-text of) popular magazines and scholarly journals.

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
  3. Social Work

### LexisNexis Academic (News)

Full-text of newspaper articles, newswires, and selected television and radio transcripts from sources around the United States and selected international sources.

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
  3. News and Newspapers

### Library Resources for SW5037 Website

Includes links to several advocacy and governmental Websites.

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Class Pages
  3. SOCW 5037



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## Law Review Articles – LexisNexis Academic

Law reviews publish articles on specific legal issues, court cases, or policy studies for lawyers, judges, law students, and other legal professionals. LexisNexis provides the full-text of articles from over 600 law review journals, mostly from the last 10 years.

- Available via:
1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
  2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
  3. Law/Legal Issues
  4. LexisNexis
  5. Legal Research
  6. Law Reviews

### Search Tips:

Change the date range searched to include last 5 or ten years

Add *and social work!* to general legal terms (e.g. *confidentiality and social work!*)

Sort results by relevance

### Broadening a search:

Change the date range (default is only last 6 months)

Separate synonyms with **-OR-** *battered women or domestic violence*

Search for plurals or forms of a word *report!* retrieves report, reporter, reporting, etc.  
*social work!* retrieves social work or social worker

### Narrowing a search:

Change the date range (e.g. use only the last 2 or 5 years instead of 10 or all)

Add an additional term with **-AND-** *confidentiality and social work!*

In the guided search form limit terms to “at least 3” or to the title.

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## Proposed Legislation

Bills are proposals for new laws and/or to amend existing statutes.

### Bills introduced in Congress

Available via: LexisNexis Congressional

1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
3. Government
4. LexisNexis Congressional
5. Bills

Also available via: Thomas (<http://thomas.loc.gov>)

### Bills introduced in the California Legislature

Available via: Official California Legislative Information Website

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>



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## Debates on Proposed Legislation

Many issues are discussed when bills are being drafted and debated in the United States Congress. The text of these discussions, including expert testimony, is available in several different Congressional publications.

### Hearings

Congressional committees hold hearings on important issues and proposed legislation. Experts on the topics are called to testify before the committee, summarizing the issues.

Available via: LexisNexis Congressional

1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
3. Government
4. LexisNexis Congressional
5. Testimony

#### Search Tips:

Hearings are often on very general topics.

e.g. Child Welfare (as opposed to confidentiality and child abuse)

Change the date range searched to include all available dates

Add terms like *social services*, *caseworkers*, or *social work!*

Search for a social work related term first, and add a more specific term in the Focus box.

Sort results by relevance.

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## Other Congressional Publications

Available via: LexisNexis Congressional

1. Library Website (<http://library.csustan.edu>)
2. Find: Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers
3. Government
4. LexisNexis Congressional
5. Publications

*Congressional Record* – debates on the floor of each house of Congress

Reports – committee recommendations on proposed legislation

Prints – reports ordered printed by committees



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## Federal Statutes

**Example Legal Citation:** 115 Stat 1425  
PL 107-110

Also known as Public Laws. Laws as written when passed by Congress and signed by the President, arranged chronologically. Available via:

LexisNexis Congressional  
Laws  
Public Laws

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## Federal Statutes: Codified

**Example Legal Citation:** 42 USC § 5106  
42 USCS § 5106  
42 USCA § 5106

The *United States Code* includes the text of statutes currently-in-force arranged into subject order, placing all currently laws on a topic together. Available via:

LexisNexis Academic  
Legal Research  
Federal Code

FindLaw  
<http://www.findlaw.com>  
U.S. Law, Cases and Codes  
Federal Laws  
U.S. Code

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## Federal Regulations

**Example Legal Citations:**  
**Proposed rules:** 70 FR 35782  
**Final rules:** 28 CFR 59.4

Rules created by administrative agencies of the U.S. government are proposed in the *Federal Register*, published every business days. Final rules are arranged by subject in the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

LexisNexis Academic  
Legal Research  
Federal Regulations  
Choose  
Code of Federal Regulations  
-OR- Federal Register

FindLaw  
<http://www.findlaw.com>  
U.S. Law, Cases and Codes  
Federal Laws  
Code of Federal Regulations  
(or Federal Register)

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## Federal Case Law

**Example Legal Citations:**  
**District Courts:** 855 F. Supp. 244  
**Appellate Courts:** 51 F. 3d 1346  
**Supreme Court:** 518 U.S. 1  
**OR** 116 S. Ct. 1923; **OR** 135 L. Ed. 2d 337

When courts interpret law, their ruling can serve as precedent if the same issues are raised again. Precedents set by Federal Appellate Courts are legally binding in their district (area of the country), and decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court are binding nationally.

LexisNexis Academic  
Legal Research  
Federal Case Law  
Choose  
Supreme Court Cases  
-OR- Court of Appeals  
-OR- District Courts

FindLaw  
<http://www.findlaw.com>  
U.S. Law, Cases and Codes  
Federal Laws  
US Supreme Court  
-OR- a specific Court of Appeals  
-OR- US District Courts



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## California Statutes

Example Legal Citation:

CA Stats 2003 ch 607

Laws as written when passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, arranged chronologically. Available via:

### Official California Legislative Information

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/statute.html>

### FindLaw

<http://www.findlaw.com>  
U.S. Law, Cases and Codes  
US State Laws  
California  
California Statutes

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## California Statutes: Codified

Example Legal Citations:

**Cal Bus & Prof Code § 4997**  
**Cal Evid Code § 1010**  
**Cal Fam Code § 3040**  
**Cal Wel & Inst Code § 5328**

California statutes are arranged by broad subject codes (e.g. Family Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, Business and Professions Code). Available via:

### LexisNexis Academic

Legal Research  
State Codes  
California  
California Code

### FindLaw

<http://www.findlaw.com>  
US State Laws  
California  
California Codes

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## California Regulations

Example Legal Citations: 17 CCR §56702

Rules created by administrative agencies of the state government.

*California Code of Regulations*

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/>

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## California Case Law

Example Legal Citations:

Roe v. Superior Court

California Appellate Courts:

Cal.App.2d 549

OR

280 Cal. Rptr. 380

California Supreme Court:

467 P.2d 557

OR

85 Cal. Rptr. 829

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### LexisNexis Academic

Legal Research  
State Case Law  
California  
California High Courts (Supreme)  
-OR- California Appellate Courts

### FindLaw

U.S. Law, Cases and Codes  
US State Laws  
California  
California Supreme Court and Court  
of Appeals Opinions