
Library Resources for Social Work 5037

Professional Psycho-Social Literature

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 sociology 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

Social Work

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.com>

Choose *For Legal Professionals* and then *Cases & Codes*

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

Policy Discussions – News Media

Academic Search Elite

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

Proquest Newspapers (News)

Full-text of articles from newspaper published around the United States.

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

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

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>)
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 3. Law/Legal Issues
 4. LexisNexis
 5. Legal Research

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 social workers*)

Change Sources to "Family Law Review" articles.

Terms and Connectors Search features:

Separate terms with Boolean operators

-AND- *confidentiality and social work*

-OR- *guardianship and (senior citizens or elderly)*

-NOT-

Search for multiple versions of a word with !

e.g. *social work!* searches for social work, social worker, social workers



Federal Statutes (as Passed) **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:

GPO Access

(<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>)

Public and Private Laws

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

Federal and State Codes

(searches United States Code Service)

FindLaw

<http://www.findlaw.com/>

For Legal Professionals

Cases & Codes

U.S. Federal Laws

US Code

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 & State Codes

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CFR –OR– FR

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US Federal Laws

Code of Federal Regulations

(or Federal Register)

Federal Case Law **Example Legal Citations:** **Jaffee v. Redmond**

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 & State Cases

Select:

U.S. Supreme Court Cases

-OR- US Courts of Appeals

-OR- US District Court Cases

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http://www.findlaw.com

Information for Legal Professionals

US Federal Laws

US Supreme Court

-OR- a specific Court of Appeals



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>

Cases and Codes
US State Laws
California
California Codes
California Statutes

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

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<http://www.findlaw.com>

Information for Legal Professionals
US State Laws
California
California Codes & Statutes
California Codes

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/>

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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US State Laws
California
California Supreme Court and Court
of Appeals Opinions