**Research Resources for International Externs**

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**Research Help from Afar**

**Best bet:**  [**Ask the Zief Librarians**](http://asklawlib.usfca.edu) — <http://asklawlib.usfca.edu>

Drop your question off at our “Ask the Zief Librarians” site. No need to worry about time zones or librarians’ vacation schedules; all the librarians on duty will see the question, and one of us will get back to you with ideas and advice in about a business day.

You could also try our live chat service, available at: <http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/ZiefResearchHelp> — but our availability will depend a lot on your time zone.

At any time, check our [Zief Library research guides](http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/) (<http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/>) to see if there is one that might help.

**U.S. Law Life-Savers**

**Practice guides & treatises**

Find out if there is a general or federal law practice guide on your topic at: <http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/GeneralAndFederalPracticeGuides>.

(For [California law practice guides](http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/calpracticeguides), visit: [http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/CalPracticeGuides](http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/calpracticeguides).)

**Online research services & databases**

Check the list for the area of law you’re researching: <http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/ZiefDigitalCollectionByTopic>.

The Zief Library may have an online research database for your topic.

Off-campus access is allowed for most of these. All you need is your MyUSF / USF email login information.

(An alphabetical list is at: <http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/ZiefDigitalCollection>.)

**Foreign and EU Law Life-Savers**

[**Foreign Legal Systems guide**](http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/ForeignLegalSystems) — from the Zief Library

<http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/ForeignLegalSystems>

[**Globalex research guides**](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/) — country-by-country research advice

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/>

[**European Legal Research: The Basics**](http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/EuropeanLaw) — from the Zief Library

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**Non-Legal Questions Life Savers**

[**Gleeson Library Database Options for Starting Your Research**](https://www.usfca.edu/library/databases)

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Research options for: statistics, business and management, economics, sociology, and much more. Start with the “By Subject” list:

<https://www.usfca.edu/library/databases-by-subject>

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**Making the Most of Google**

You can get a lot out of Google (if the country where you’re based allows access!) by using special tricks and techniques.

[Google Search Operators](https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/2466433?hl=en&ref_topic=3081620)

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[Advanced Google searching](https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/35890) — links to helpful fill-in-the-blank templates

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[Lifehacker’s Google tips](http://www.lifehack.org/articles/technology/20-tips-use-google-search-efficiently.html)

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My personal favorite Google tip —

Use **site:** to limit your Google search to one site. For example:

**philippines economic growth site:worldbank.org**

**Using Lexis, Bloomberg Law, and Westlaw**

**Lexis** allows unlimited summer access. You should have already registered for Lexis as part of your first-year LRW&A class. If you have Lexis access problems, contact Teal Taylor, USF’s Lexis rep, at teal.taylor@lexisnexis.com.

**Bloomberg Law** also allows unlimited summer access.

To register for Bloomberg Law —

1. Go to the registration form:
<https://profile.bna.com/bloomberglaw-activate/>.

2. Skip the “Activation Code” box.

3. When prompted for an email, use your official “usfca.edu” email address.

Once you register, you’ll get an email with your username and password.

If you have problems, contact Terry Stedman, USF’s Bloomberg Law rep,
at tstedman@bna.com. Let him know: your name (as it appears on the Registrar’s records); your likely graduation date (month and year);
your usfca.edu email address.

**Westlaw** allows unlimited access for *unpaid* internships and externships.

To sign up, visit the Westlaw summer registration web page at: <https://lawschool.westlaw.com/registration/summerextension.aspx>.
If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Zoet, USF’s Westlaw rep, at mailto:Stephanie.Zoet@thomsonreuters.com