Key web addresses

UNK Library homepage  http://library.unk.edu


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LexisNexis search tips

1. Searching for a legal case?
   HINT: Use LexisNexis Academic as listed on the CJUS 340 Research Guide.

   Use the "Look up a Legal Case" box and search by the citation.
2. Want to screen out LexisNexis’s unofficial headnotes from a case?

Customize your view using the "Show" dropdown box.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

496 U.S. 292; 110 S. Ct. 2394; 110 L. Ed. 2d 243; 1990 U.S. LEXIS

February 20, 1990, Argued
June 4, 1990, Decided

PRIOR HISTORY: On Writ of Certiorari to the Appellate Court of Illinois, Fifth District.

DISPOSITION: 176 Ill. App. 3d 443, 531 N.E.2d 141, reversed and remanded.
3. Ready to Shepardize a case?

Click on "Next Steps" to Shepardize a case.

4. Legal Information Institute: https://www.law.cornell.edu/
   a. Free information source; has access to many BUT NOT ALL of the same features as LexisNexis
   b. Better for basic learning than advanced searching
5. Looking for secondary sources in law review journals?

**HINT:** Try *Index to Legal Periodicals and Books* as linked on the CJUS 330 Research Guide

**How can I get more research help? Ask Us!**

- Visit Us @ Calvin T. Ryan Library
- Call 308-865-8599
- Email or Chat:  [http://library.unk.edu/ask](http://library.unk.edu/ask)
- Contact Librarian Laurinda Weisse (weissell@unk.edu) for in-depth assistance by email or by appointment.

**Suggested Practice Exercises**

Choosing a case from your syllabus, determine what type of information is available using the following sources:

1. Use LexisNexis to locate the Supreme Court ruling on this case
   - What were the facts to the case?
   - What was the opinion of the Court?
   - Which justice(s) issued a dissent, if any?
2. Shepardize the case using LexisNexis
   - Has the case received any warnings of negative treatment?
   - If so, what was the decision and the significance of this case?
   - If so, are there any related cases cited?