



University of Minnesota Law Library

Research Support Provided to University of Minnesota Law Faculty Members

One of the Law Library's highest priorities is providing exceptional research support for the curricular and scholarly needs of our regular and visiting law school faculty members. The Library also assists emeriti and affiliated faculty members with research to the extent that such assistance does not impede the Library's ability to support our regular faculty members.

The Law Library is strongly committed to offering Law School faculty expert research support, including:

- Utilizing a wide array of research tools to identify information to support faculty research and instruction
- Evaluating identified information to ensure that it is authoritative and responsive to faculty needs
- Organizing selected information in the faculty-preferred format (e.g., bibliography, spreadsheet, memo)
- Providing faculty-hired student research assistants with customized guidance to assist them in efficiently and successfully completing research projects

A few examples of projects completed for faculty by the reference staff include tracing legislative, regulatory, and judicial developments; finding support for a statement of law, policy, or fact; identifying most-cited works on a legal topic; ascertaining frequently-cited scholars in a particular field; compiling annotated bibliographies; assisting with footnote formatting; finding syllabi from law courses at other schools.

To help the Library effectively manage faculty requests for research support, we ask faculty members to please:

- Provide adequate time for the Law Library to respond to requests (as it may not be possible for the law librarians to interrupt ongoing faculty research projects and other duties to handle a rush request)
- Provide sufficient details (e.g., relevant time periods, jurisdictions, types of sources, delivery formats) about the information desired

- Contact Connie Lenz (lenzx009@umn.edu; 625-4301) to discuss longer-term projects (e.g., cite-checking, editing) that may be best assigned to a faculty-hired student research assistant

Faculty members may request research assistance [by contacting any reference librarian](#) with whom they wish to work.

We also encourage faculty to utilize the Law Library's LIBRA research service by contacting Connie Lenz (lenzx009@umn.edu; 625-4301). A librarian, working with a Library-hired student research assistant, will be assigned to handle the research request.

Faculty members with curricular or scholarly research needs not addressed above should contact Connie Lenz (lenzx009@umn.edu ; 625-4301) to discuss ways in which the Law Library can best provide assistance. Also, we welcome your feedback on ways we might better serve you.

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