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Finding Dissertations and Theses for Your Research

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Legal researchers must, on occasion, look beyond the traditional sources of the legal publishing realm to find needed background information involving expertise of other disciplines. One option for in-depth research of a specific issue is to find Ph.D. dissertations and Master's theses on point. Litigation research often requires research of dissertations and theses for purposes of investigating potential expert witnesses and impeaching their testimony:

...As with any expert witness, counsel should first establish the expert's qualifications and background. While the curriculum vitae can be a starting point, counsel should explore the educational and academic record of the expert to discover any areas in which the expert focused during his or her education. This would include, for example, the subject matter of the expert's thesis or

dissertation, and any research conducted while in school.¹

New York criminal defense attorney Thomas F. Liotti describes the payoff of such research:

Although they can be difficult to secure, I have obtained, through my investigator, copies of an expert's unpublished master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation and used them for evidentiary *voir dire*. A witness' writings can be like hitting the mother load. They must be carefully reviewed for "junk science" and inconsistencies.²

looking for all research done on a particular topic or only research completed by a particular individual. In either case, you must first pinpoint the bibliographic information of research work desired and then obtain the full-text version of it. For purposes of identifying a dissertation or thesis, many Doctoral and Master's candidates' works are indexed in various online database sources available to Cumberland and Samford students.³

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Depending upon the circumstances, you may be

¹ John Michael Klamann & Bert Stephen Braud, *Third-Party Accountant Liability—Prospective Financial Statements Used in*

Securities Offerings, 45 AM. JUR. TRIALS 113, §111 at 269-270 (1992).

² Thomas F. Liotti, *Feature: Evidentiary Voir Dire*, THE CHAMPION, May 2002, at 26, 28.



³ **Error! Main Document Only.** Also, many local public libraries may have access to many of the same or other databases that index dissertations and theses.

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The best resource currently available on campus for finding bibliographic information of theses and dissertations at Samford is the database of dissertations called WorldCatDissertations found at <https://library.samford.edu/purl/wcdiss>. At this web address, you will likely need to enter your Samford ID and password to access. This particular database essentially holds records of all dissertations and theses that are cataloged in most, if not all, research libraries. Personal names can be entered as authors while keywords of your topic may be entered into the title or keyword field. While the database will not show the actual documents, you will be able to ascertain which libraries hold the documents. Consultation with a librarian may be particularly crucial in devising an effective search as well as identifying and locating these documents; in many instances, the materials can be borrowed through interlibrary loan, while at other times, it may be necessary to purchase a copy through UMI (<https://www.proquest.com/products-services/dissertations/>).

Beyond WorldCatDissertations, there are numerous databases available through Samford University's Davis Library website found at <https://library.samford.edu/> which include citations to theses and dissertations, but also articles found in scholarly

journals; among them are *AMERICA: HISTORY AND LIFE*, *BUSINESS SOURCE COMPLETE*, *ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER*, *CASE FILES COLLECTION*, *CUMULATIVE INDEX TO NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH (CINAHL COMPLETE)*, *EDUCATION RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)*, *FACTS & COMPARISONS*, *HISTORICAL ABSTRACTS*, *NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFERENCE SERVICE (NCJRS)*, *SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK* and *SOCINDEX*. Please bear in mind that many of these databases are only accessible by computer on the Samford campus. Librarians at the Law Library or Samford's Davis Library are available for helping you devise an effective search strategy with any of these services.

**Resource Spotlight:
Online Study Guides
(LexisNexis Digital Library)**

Did you know that the full-text of many study guides can be found in the law library's online collection? They can be found by visiting the [LexisNexis Digital Library](#) database. The titles can, also, be found by searching the law library's [online catalog](#).

In the online collection, many Hornbooks and books from the Nutshell series can be found. Also, there are books from the

Q&A series. The books cover a wide range of topics.

For more information about what is found in the [LexisNexis Digital Library](#), please visit the law library's [website](#), or talk to a Reference Librarian.

**LAW LIBRARY
SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY
7:00 A.M.-12 MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY
7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
SATURDAY
9:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
SUNDAY
1:00 P.M.-12 MIDNIGHT**

***Circulation Desk
Opens at 7:30am**

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Collaborative Work Space

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Do you need a place to work with a group of classmates? Or, perhaps, you prefer to study with friends. Noise restrictions have been lifted on the lower level of the Law Library to allow students to collaborate. The large tables, club chairs, and whiteboards are waiting for you!



Coping with Stress and Anxiety: Select Resources

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As the end of the Fall semester quickly approaches, stress and anxiety can be common among the students and faculty of the law school. Because stress and anxiety can hinder performance, it is important to address these issues. The following are resources that can help.

Books (Print)

The Anxious Lawyer (Jeena Cho & Karen Gifford)

Call Number:
KF298 .C47 2016
ISBN: 9781627226240
An introduction to mindfulness and meditation.

The Lawyer's Light (Kevin M. Chandler)

Call Number:
KF298 .C44 2014
ISBN: 9781627225298
Daily meditations for those who face recovery issues.

Lawyers: Anger and Anxiety (Rebecca Nerison)

Call Number: KF300 .N46
ISBN: 9781604429497
An examination of the relationship between anger and anxiety and how they can be managed.

The Reflective Counselor (Maureen C. Kessler and F. Gregory Coffey)

Call Number:
KF298 .C633

ISBN: 9781590319567

Daily meditations designed to assist in the recovery of spiritual strength.

Articles

[Anxiety Relief: How to Combat Stress and Anxiety through Mindfulness Meditation](#)

Journal of the Kansas Bar Association, Vol. 83, Issue 5 (January 2014), pp. 14-14
Moore, Matthew
Database: HeinOnline

[Feeling Exhausted Lately?](#)

Colorado Lawyer, Vol. 48, Issue 1 (January 2019), pp. 18-21
Myers, Sarah
Database: HeinOnline

[Maintaining Resilience through Personal Difficulties](#)

TYL, (Spring 2017), pp. 8+
Vincent, Tish
Database: LegalTrac

[On the Balance Beam of Life with Depression and Anxiety](#)

Iowa Lawyer, Vol. 76, Issue 4 (May 2016), pp. 8-8
Anonymous
Database: HeinOnline

[Overcoming Anxiety](#)

Texas Bar Journal, Vol. 73, Issue 8 (September 2010), pp. 666 - 669
Vann, Cameron
Database: HeinOnline

Research Guides

[How to Survive Law School without Losing Your Mind](#)

University of Illinois Law Library

[Law Library Resource Displays: Overcoming Stress and Anxiety](#)

*Beeson Law Library
Cumberland School of Law Library

[Law Student Wellness & Life Balance](#)

University of Minnesota Law Library

[Thriving in Law School: Stress Management](#)

Drake Law Library

[Wellness](#)

University of Michigan Law Library

Campus Resources

[Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Resources](#)

Email: disability@samford.edu

[Campus Recreation](#)

Email: njmadsen@samford.edu

[Counseling Services & Wellness Programs](#)

Email: ryoakum@samford.edu

[Office of Spiritual Life](#)

Email: osl@samford.edu

[University Health Services](#)

Email: SUhealth@samford.edu

*The resources found here (and additional resources about stress and anxiety) can be found in [Law Library Resource Displays: Overcoming Stress and Anxiety](#), a Beeson Law Library Research Guide.



Moving to Catalina

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The new Mac OS Catalina has been out for several weeks now and it is tempting to upgrade. There are a few things to be aware of before upgrading.

First – I recommend to students that they wait until after exams before any major laptop changes. Although Exam4 will work on Catalina for exams – other issues may occur.

Second – always back up your data. You can do this with a backup hard drive and use it as Time Machine which will make a copy of your hard drive. You may also use iCloud, Google Drive,

Carbonite (or one of the other many cloud services), etc. Always make a backup before an OS upgrade! I have seen so many upgrades go horribly wrong over the years. It is so much easier to survive an OS upgrade failure if you have a backup.

Third – with Catalina – not all of your applications will work. 32-bit apps will no longer function. To check which ones will and won't, do the following:

Click the Apple icon in the top left corner, then click About this Mac

A new window will appear - System Report.

In the System Report window, scroll down on the left until you find Applications and click on it

On the right, you'll see a column named 64-bit (Intel). Look for the apps that say No.

Application Name	Version	Obtained from	Last Modified	64-Bit (Int... ^
{D18D54F9-6DA9-469D-A8AF-53B37FFF5CB5}	3.0.122.0	Unknown	12/07/2017, 12:42	No
AAM Registration Notifier	1.0.175.0	Unknown	05/03/2010, 22:18	No
AAM Updates Notifier	1.0.175.0	Unknown	05/03/2010, 22:18	No
Adobe AIR Application Installer	1.5.3	Unknown	10/04/2010, 02:28	No
Adobe AIR Application Installer	1.5.3	Unknown	10/04/2010, 02:28	No
Adobe AIR Uninstaller	1.5.3	Unknown	10/04/2010, 02:28	No
Adobe AIR Updater	1.5.3	Unknown	10/04/2010, 02:28	No
Adobe Application Manager	1.0.175.0	Unknown	05/03/2010, 22:18	No
Adobe Bridge CS5	4.0.0.529	Unknown	12/07/2017, 12:52	No
Adobe Device Central CS5	3.0.0.376	Unknown	12/07/2017, 12:53	No
Adobe Extension Manager CS5	"5.0.0.298"	Unknown	11/07/2017, 19:13	No
Adobe Flash Player Install Manager	27.0.0.130	Identified Developer	13/09/2017, 21:23	No
Adobe Illustrator CS5	399	Unknown	12/07/2017, 12:57	No
Adobe InDesign CS5	7.0.0.355	Unknown	12/07/2017, 13:07	No
BBC iPlayer Downloads	1.14.2	Identified Developer	10/12/2015, 10:10	No
CS5ServiceManager	5.0.0.738	Unknown	11/07/2017, 19:13	No
DVD Player	5.8	Apple	05/09/2017, 13:43	No
dynamiclinkmanager	1.0	Unknown	12/07/2017, 12:43	No
ExtendScript Toolkit	ESTK CS5 3.5.0.52	Unknown	11/07/2017, 19:14	No
GoToOpener	1.0.467	Identified Developer	07/07/2017, 14:20	No
InkServer	10.9	Apple	05/09/2017, 13:43	No
quicklookd22	5.0	Apple	05/09/2017, 13:43	No

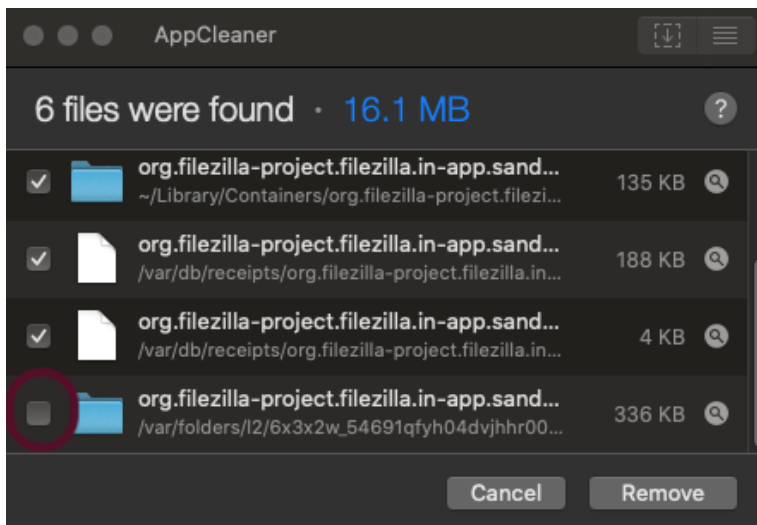
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Are there any 32-bit apps in the list that would be awful if they no longer function? You may need to wait on an update from the developer if that is the case or purchase/download a new version.

After the update – how do you remove the 32-bit apps? Many believe dragging the app to the trash is

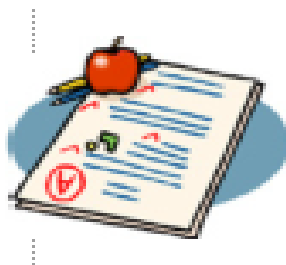
enough. I have found it is far better to use AppCleaner: <https://freemacsoft.net/appcleaner/> It's a free and easy to use program. Once installed, open it and drag/drop apps from the application folder on to AppCleaner. Be sure all the boxes within AppCleaner are checked before clicking Remove:



After clicking Remove, the app and its files will be moved to the trash. Empty the trash to complete the process.

If you need any help with any of this or if something goes wrong – please ask for help: Grace L. Simms, Information Technology Librarian, glsimms@samford.edu.

We wish you the very best for the end of the semester.



Good luck with final exams!

Director's Brief

From Gregory K. Laughlin
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Monday, November 18, we will begin restricted access for the final exam period.

If you do not have red and orange paw stickers on the back of your student ID, please stop at the front desk to get them.

Exam/Extended Fall Hours 2019

Friday, November 22:

7:00 am – Midnight

Saturday, November 23:

9:00am – Midnight

Sunday, November 24:

1:00 pm – Midnight

Monday, November 25 –

Tuesday, November 26:

7:00 am – Midnight

Wednesday, November 27:

7:00 am – 4:30 pm

(TENTATIVE)

**Thursday, November 28:
CLOSED**

Friday, November 29 &

Saturday, November 30:

9:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday, December 1:

1:00 pm – Midnight

Monday, December 2 –

Friday, December 6:

7:00 am – Midnight

Saturday, December 7:

9:00 am – Midnight

Sunday, December 8:

1:00 pm – Midnight

Monday, December 9 –

Thursday, December 12:

7:00 am – Midnight

Friday, December 13:

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Saturday, December 14 –
Sunday, December 15:
CLOSED**

All schedules are subject to change based on University decisions to close during times we currently list as open.

Restricted Access during Final Exam Period

Beginning at the opening of the law library on Monday, November 18 through 2pm Friday, December 13 the law library will be closed to all but the following patrons in order to accommodate the study needs of law students during their exam period:

1. Cumberland School of Law students, faculty and staff.
2. Samford University faculty and staff.
3. Lawyers and other professionals who are routinely given access to the law library for their work.

The following will be permitted access only upon prior approval following a request made to the law library director:

Other Samford University students who need immediate access to an information resource that is only available within the law library.

IN ORDER TO ENFORCE THESE RESTRICTIONS, ALL PATRONS, INCLUDING LAW STUDENTS, WISHING TO ENTER THE LAW LIBRARY WILL BE SUBJECT TO HAVING TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION BEFORE DOING SO.

IN REQUIRING ID, THE LIBRARY DESK WORKERS ARE FOLLOWING MY DIRECTIONS. ANY COMPLAINT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ME, AS I HAVE GIVEN THEM NO DISCRETION IN ENFORCING THIS POLICY.

DURING THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTED ACCESS, ALL PATRONS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP NOISE TO A MINIMUM AND THE LAW LIBRARY STAFF IS INSTRUCTED BY ME TO IMPOSE GREATER RESTRICTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS!

**Gregory K. Laughlin
Law Library Director**

Retirement Announcements: Congratulations to Jann Hammel and Rebecca Hutto!



Jann Hammel (Left) and Rebecca Hutto (Right)

Jann M. Hammel, Law Library Assistant in the Cataloging Department, and Rebecca M. Hutto, Cataloging Librarian, will both retire at the end of this semester. Ms. Hammel has served the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library for over 20 years, and Ms. Hutto has served the Beeson Law Library for over 41 years. We have truly appreciated their hard work, dedication, selflessness, and warm personalities. The law library, law school, and university will not be the same without them. With an abundance of gratitude, we say:

Thank You!



A retirement celebration was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 in the Friendship Room of the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library.