

## Abbreviations for Reporters, Codes, and Administrative Volumes

| Judicial                                                                          | Titles                                                                                          | Abbreviations                 |
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| U.S. Supreme Court                                                                | United States Reports                                                                           | U.S.                          |
|                                                                                   | Supreme Court Reporter                                                                          | S.Ct                          |
|                                                                                   | United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers' Edition                                           | L.Ed., L.Ed.2d                |
| U.S. Courts of Appeals                                                            | Federal Reporter, 3d Series                                                                     | F.3d                          |
|                                                                                   | Federal Reporter, 2d Series                                                                     | F.2d                          |
|                                                                                   | Federal Reporter                                                                                | F.                            |
| U.S. District Courts                                                              | Federal Supplement                                                                              | F.Supp                        |
|                                                                                   | Federal Supplement, 2d Series                                                                   | F.Supp.2d                     |
|                                                                                   | Federal Rules Decisions                                                                         | F.R.D.                        |
| State Appellate Courts<br>Tennessee Appellate Courts<br>Virginia Appellate Courts |                                                                                                 |                               |
|                                                                                   | South Western Reporter                                                                          | SW, SW.2d, SW.3d              |
|                                                                                   | South Eastern Reporter                                                                          | SE, SE.2d, SE.3d              |
| Legislative                                                                       | Titles                                                                                          | Abbreviations                 |
| U.S. Congress                                                                     | U.S. Statutes at Large<br>(chronological session laws)                                          | Stat.                         |
|                                                                                   | U.S.Code (topical)                                                                              | U.S.C., U.S.C.A.,<br>U.S.C.S. |
| Tennessee Legislature                                                             | Public Acts of the State of<br>Tennessee (chronological session<br>laws)                        | Tenn. Pub. Acts               |
|                                                                                   | Tennessee Code Annotated<br>(topical)                                                           | Tenn. Code Ann. or<br>T.C.A.  |
| Virginia General Assembly                                                         | Acts of the General Assembly of<br>the Commonwealth of Virginia<br>(chronological session laws) | Va. Acts                      |
|                                                                                   | Code of Virginia Annotated<br>(topical)                                                         | Va. Code Ann..                |
| Executive                                                                         | Titles                                                                                          | Abbreviations                 |
| Federal Agencies                                                                  | Federal Register (chronological)                                                                | Fed. Reg.                     |
|                                                                                   | Codes of Federal Regulations<br>(topical)                                                       | C.F.R.                        |
| Tennessee Agencies                                                                | Tennessee Administrative Register                                                               | Tenn. Admin. Reg.             |
|                                                                                   | Official Compilation Rules &<br>Regulations of the State of<br>Tennessee                        | Tenn.Comp.R.&Regs.            |
| Virginia Agencies                                                                 | Administrative Register of<br>Regulations                                                       | Va. Regs. Reg.                |
|                                                                                   | Virginia Administrative Code                                                                    | V.A.C.                        |

## Traditional Legal Research Exercise<sup>+</sup>

Note: Traditional researchers begin with secondary sources to get themselves oriented. Examples: American Jurisprudence (AmJur), Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS), American Law Reports (ALR), and legal periodicals. They use these secondary sources to locate appropriate primary authority. See primary authority below.

| Judicial                            | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Instructor Initials |
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| U.S. Supreme Court                  | Using the table of cases, find a Supreme Court case. Then locate the same case in the stacks and take it to the instructor, showing how the listed case name corresponds with the case in the reporter.                                                                                                                                                      | RB                  |
| U.S. Courts of Appeals              | Do the same with a Circuit Court of Appeals case.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | RB                  |
| U.S. District Courts                | Ditto for a District Court case.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | RB                  |
| State Appellate Courts              | Ditto for a state case.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | RB                  |
| Legislative                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Instructor Initials |
| U.S. Congress<br><i>USCA ✓</i>      | Find any session law from the U.S. Congress. Show it to the instructor and explain how a volume of session laws is different than a code volume.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |
|                                     | Using the list of statute citations, find a federal statute. Then locate the same statute in the stacks and take it to the instructor, showing how the listed statute name corresponds with the statute in the code. Show the instructor a supplement/pocket part, a history line, an amendment note, and a case annotation--explain the usefulness of each. |                     |
| Tennessee and Virginia Legislatures | Find any session law from the TN legislature and take it to the instructor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |
|                                     | Using the list of statute citations, find a state statute. Then locate the same statute in the stacks and take it to the instructor, showing how the listed statute name corresponds with the statute in the code. Show the instructor a supplement/pocket part, a history line, an amendment note, and a case annotation--explain the usefulness of each.   |                     |
| Executive                           | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Instructor Initials |
| Federal Agencies                    | Find any session law volume from a federal agency and take it to the instructor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |
|                                     | Find any code volume from a federal agency and take it to the instructor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| Tennessee Agencies                  | Find any Tennessee agency publication and take it to the instructor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |

<sup>+</sup> Traditional researchers check Shepard's Citations for every primary source used, because it is critical to make sure that the sources are still current. The ETSU law library stacks are now primarily historic, but most Tennessee sets are kept current.



## Selected Statute Citations:\*

Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125  
Audio Home Recording Act, 17 U.S.C. §§1001 *et. seq.*  
Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§6501 *et.seq.*  
Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. §1030  
Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. §§101 *et.seq.*  
Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§1201 *et. seq.*  
Economic Espionage Act, 18 U.S.C. §§1831 *et.seq.*  
Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. §2510 *et. seq.*  
Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. §§7001 *et.seq.*  
Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§551 *et. seq.*  
Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§1051 *et. seq.*  
Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. §§101 *et.seq.*  
Sherman Anti-Trust Act, 15 U.S.C. §§1 *et.seq.*  
Telecommunications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§151 *et.seq.*

Broadband Business Certainty Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§65-5-201 *et. seq.*  
Computer-Assisted Hunting from Remote Locations, Tenn. Code Ann. §§70-4-501 *et.seq.*  
Identity Theft, Tenn. Code Ann. §39-14-150  
Electronic Mail Communications System; Monitoring , Tenn.Code Ann. §10-7-512  
Foreign Corporations Subject to Actions ( Long-Arm Stat.), Tenn. Code Ann. §§20-2-201 *et.seq.*  
Legislative Computer Access and Information, Tenn. Code Ann. §3-10-109  
Regulation of Unsolicited Electronic Advertising, Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-2501  
Tennessee Office of Management Information Systems, Tenn.Code Ann. §§3-16-101 *et.seq.*  
Tennessee Personal and Computer Act, Tenn.Code.Ann. §§39-14-601  
Tennessee Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation Act, Tenn.Code Ann. §§ 39-17-1001 *et.seq.*  
Tennessee Terrorism and Response Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§39-13-801 *et.seq.*  
Tennessee Trademark Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§47-25-501 *et.seq.*  
Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Tenn.Code Ann. §§47-10-101 *et. seq.*  
Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§47-25-1701 *et.seq.*  
Virtual Education Programs, Tenn. Code Ann. §§49-16-101 *et. seq.*  
Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§40-6-301

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\* *Et. seq.* is Latin for "and the following." Legal publications use it to include all the section numbers following the first number stated.

# LexisNexis Academic Research Exercise

| Secondary Sources      | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                        | Find a useful law review article about software patents. .<br>Citation: <u>U.S. Office Rejects 2nd Apple Patent, The New York Times, Dec. 20, 2012</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                        | Find a useful newspaper article on Net Neutrality. Article Title: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Judicial               | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| U.S. Supreme Court     | Find Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union, 535 U.S. 564, 122 S.Ct. 1700, 159 L.Ed.2d 690 (2002) using the case name. Then use one of the citations to find the same case. Which method works better for finding the original Supreme Court ruling? _____<br>Why? _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| U.S. Courts of Appeals | Use the citation to find Playboy Enterprises, Inc. v. Welles, 78 F. Supp. 2d 1066 (1999). Is this case still good precedent? ____ How do you know? _____<br>Click on the Stop sign. Scroll down to "Subsequent History" and click on "Show Subsequent Appellate History." Go to number 5 and click on Affirmed in part, Reversed in part, and Remanded in part. What does each signal tell you about the District Court Case you just searched?<br>_____<br>_____<br>Give the name and citation of U.S. Court of Appeals Case that affirmed in part; reversed in part; and remanded in part.<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| U.S. District Courts   | Use the citation number to find Arizona Retail Systems, Inc. v. Software Link, Inc., 831 F.Supp. 759 (D. Ariz. 1993). What does the Q-sign mean? _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| State Appellate Courts | Find a VA or TN state case on identity theft. Do not be tricked by U.S. District Court cases (e.g. Eastern District of Tennessee). Give the state case name and citation number. _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Legislative            | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| U.S. Congress          | In 2001, Congress passed the Patriot Act in response to 9/11. Rather than being an entirely new act that lived in one place in the U.S. Code, it amended portions of many existing statutes that were in different topical places in the Code. There was originally a Sunset Provision stating that these emergency amendments would cease to have effect in 2005, but some of the provisions were extended. Lawsuits were against parts of the Patriot Act, arguing that they were unconstitutional.<br><br>Use the US Legal, Federal Statutes, to find 18 U.S.C.S. §2709 (c). (You may have to use the connectors.)<br><br>Find History ("history line") to see the Public Law (session law) numbers and dates of the acts that amended this section. Does this section look the same as it did when it was first enacted? _____ |



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|                    | <p>There a way for you to see exactly what each amendment did. Find Amendments ("amendment notes"). Which amendment note would you read if you wanted to know how the Patriot Act affected subsection (c)? _____</p> <p>There is also an easy way to tell whether any courts have ever held this section to be unconstitutional. Go to Interpretive Notes and Decisions ("case notes"). What did Doe v. Gonzales do to this section?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Annotations to the Code section will help you decide whether or not you can use this section as precedent. There is a faster way to get a hint about this, but right now LexisNexis does not offer it to students. Be patient until you do your Westlaw exercise.</p> |
| State Legislatures | <p>Find Tennessee's Long Arm Statute, Tenn.Code.Ann.§§20-2-201. What is the "Catchline" (title) of this section?</p> <p>_____</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Executive</b>   | <b>Assignment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Federal Agencies   | <p>Session Law: Find 65 FR 33646. Find it the same way you would find a federal or state statute, but click on Federal Register in the Source box.</p> <p>Code: Now find 16 CFR Part 313.1</p> <p>How are the FR and the CFR provisions related?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How are they different? _____</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| State Agencies     | <p>Find a regulation about cyber-therapy.</p> <p>Citation: _____</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Westlaw's Campus Research Exercise

| Secondary Sources      | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                        | Find a useful journal or law review article about Social Networking (i.e. Facebook). Citation: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                        | Explore American Jurisprudence (AmJur) to find an article that mentions wireless networking. Citation: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                        | Explore American Law Reports (ALR) to find an article that mentions domain names. Citation: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Judicial               | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| U.S. Supreme Court     | Use Shortcuts and Find a Document by Citation to find <i>Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union</i> , 535 U.S. 564, 122 S.Ct. 1700, 159 L.Ed.2d 690 (2002). Click on the Yellow flag (make sure you know what a yellow flag means). Now click on Direct History (graphical view). What District Court (federal trial court) case started all this? Give the name and citation: _____                                              |
| U.S. Courts of Appeal  | Use Find a Document by Citation to find <i>Playboy Enterprises, Inc. v. Welles</i> , 78 F. Supp. 2d 1066 (1999). Click on the Red Flag. Then see Direct History, KeyCited Citation. What case affirmed in part and reversed in part? Give the name and citation. _____                                                                                                                                                                |
| U.S. District Courts   | Find <i>Matthew Bender &amp; Co., Inc. v. West Publishing Co.</i> , 158 F.3d 693 (1998). What color is the flag? _____ Compare the LexisNexis search on the same case. Why is it occasionally useful to cite-check in both LexisNexis and Westlaw?                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| State Appellate Courts | Use Search Terms and State Court Cases Combined to find any useful state case relating to Internet and computer law. Do not be tricked by U.S. District Court cases (e.g. Eastern District of Tennessee). Give the state case name and citation number. _____                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Legislative            | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| U.S. Congress          | Key "18 USC 2709" into the Find a Document by Citation box. What color is the flag? _____ What does this mean? _____<br><br>What does Westlaw call its history line? _____<br>Its amendment notes? _____<br>Its case notes? _____<br><br>Note: Even though Westlaw cite checks statutes for you, you will still need the annotations to help you understand complicated code sections. Thankfully, most sections are not complicated. |
| State Legislatures     | Find the Tennessee's Long Arm Statute, Tenn.Code.Ann. §§20-2-201. Is this section good precedent in Tennessee? _____ Take a look at the history line (Credits). Has this section ever been amended? _____ So will there be any amendment notes? _____ What are the case notes called? _____                                                                                                                                           |
| Executive              | Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Federal Agencies       | Session Law: Find 65 FR 33646. Use Find a Document by Citation.<br>Code: Find 16 CFR 313.1 Use Find a Document by Citation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| State Agencies         | Find a useful provision in the VA Administrative Code that mentions privacy or the internet. Citation: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |