**QUICK GUIDE TO LEGAL ETHICS RESEARCH**

1. **Getting Started** – see Research Guide at <http://libguides.law.hofstra.edu/legalethics_professional>
2. **Treatises**

* **The Law of Lawyering/ by Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr. and W. William Hodes:**

Call Number: KF306 .H33 Law Reserve

* **Modern Legal Ethics/ by Charles Wolfram**: Call Number: KF306 .W59 Law Reserve
* **Understanding Lawyer’s Ethics/ by Monroe Freedman and Abbe Smith:**

Call Number: KF306 .F76 Law Reserve

* **A Concise Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers / compiled by Vincent R. Johnson and Susan Saab Fortney Call Number:** KF300 .C66 2007  Law Reserve

1. **Law Review articles** – if keyword searching on Lexis or Westlaw is not working, try
2. Index to Legal Periodicals (ILP) or Legal Trac –

Library Online Resources > Article Finding

1. Look for useful subjects
   1. Possible ILP subjects – **Lawyers;** E**thics**; Rules; Confidential communications – **Lawyers**
   2. Possible Legal Trac subjects – Legal ethics (with subdivisions)
2. Look for Topic area on Lexis and Westlaw
   1. Westlaw – Database Directory > Topical Materials by Area of Practice > Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility
   2. Legal **>** Area of Law - By Topic **>** Ethics
3. **Ethics resources** – on Law Library’s web site see

* Law Library’s Research Guides > Legal Ethics
* Online Resources > Ethics

1. **BNA Manual on Professional Conduct (MOPC)**
2. **ABA Model Rules – see ABA web site at** <http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct.html>
   1. **Annotated Model Rules of Professional Conduct**:

Call Number: KF305.A6 Law Reserve

* 1. Legislative History
* **A Legislative History: The Development of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, 1982-2005**

Call Number: KF306 .L45 2006 Law Reserve

1. **State codes/rules of ethics for attorneys** – look in state’s annotated code (in print or online). You will find references to some decisions and possibly ethics opinions interpreting the ethics rules. You may find your state’s ethics code in the rules volumes or the main volumes, depending upon the state. See research guide for other sources.

See ABA web site, links of interest - <http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/resources/links_of_interest.html>

1. **Ethics Opinions** – ABA and state
   1. searchable on Lexis and Westlaw
   2. Specific opinion may be on free web site – look at State Bar Association web site
2. **Cases**

A. Look in annotated code

B. Try Topic– Attorney and Client – and Key Number (see table of contents for specific key numbers)

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