**Family Court Review Staff Orientation**

**Source Gathering/Research for Note**

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1. Finding Books - Online Catalog - http://libweb.hofstra.edu/

Library Homepage > Research & Instruction

* 1. How to use and interpret search results - location, availability

- author (last name first) and title tabs for known authors and titles

- guided search - *adoption*; *law*

- guided search - a=Rosenwald ; k= *foster care*

* 1. Use to find book, not articles
  2. Books from both Law Library and Axinn

1. Finding Books - Journal Borrowing Cards
   1. Use to take out books from Axinn under journal account
   2. Found at circulation desk
   3. Must sign out and in, only one per journal
   4. Use only for source gathering, not personal note
2. Finding Books - Books not held by Hofstra will require an interlibrary loan (ILL) http://illiad.hofstra.edu/illiad/Deane/logon.html
   1. ILLs for source gathering must be referred to research editor
   2. Must confirm Hofstra doesn’t have with reference librarian, write down librarian’s name
   3. ILL for own note, must use own account, create account on library website, student then responsible for fines and lost books

d. WorldCat - for finding which libraries (if any) have the book in their collection or finding books with improper citations, **must** provide OCLC Accession number from WorldCat on ILL form

1. Finding Articles - Law Library Online Resources Subject List for article databases

http://law.hofstra.edu/Library/Research/libres\_online.cfm**>**Article Finding; General

and Interdisciplinary - Articles

* 1. Hein Online - provides PDFs of articles
  2. Index to Legal Periodicals (ILP) - finding law articles with improper citations

- *juvenile delinquency*; *law*

- note subject headings (aka descriptors)

c. SSRN - articles not yet published and working papers

d. BNA - Family Law Reporter - Online Resources > Family Law

e. To check for proper abbreviations and matching legal publications - Cardiff

Index to Legal Abbreviations ([online](http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/)) and Prince’s Bieber Dictionary of Legal

Abbreviations ([book](http://libweb.hofstra.edu/record=b2047672~S1))

1. Finding Articles - Articles Research Databases - Axinn Library

http://www.hofstra.edu/Libraries/Index\_Libraries.cfm

* 1. Academic Search Premier
  2. Subject listing **-** under Anthropology/Sociology (also look under Psychology, Scholarly); Sociological Abstracts - search *foster care* and *visitation*
  3. Journal Finder - use to find specific journal title **-** http://sa3zg4da3h.search.serialssolutions.com/(link on Law Library homepage)

1. International Sources [http://law.hofstra.edu/Library/Research/libres\_online.cfm](http://law.hofstra.edu/Library/Research/libres_online.cfm%20)>International Law; Foreign/Comparative Law

a. Hein Online - International & Non-U.S. Law Journals; Foreign & International

Law Resources Database; and other applicable libraries

b. Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals – search *Hague Convention* and *child*

c. GlobalLex; Legal Information Institute: World Law; World Legal Information

Institute (WorldLII) - global and worldwide law (Note: may not provide

original PDF)

d. Georgetown Law Library Research Guide - Foreign and Comparative Law

Research Guide

e. Law Library Research Guides - Foreign / Comparative & International

Law Resources; Beginner’s Guide to International Family Law

1. Research Guides
   1. Other Law Library Research Guides – Family Law; Finding Citable PDFs; Finding Articles; Finding Books
   2. Look at legal web sites like Georgetown Law Library, Legal Information Institute and FindLaw
2. Research for Note

a. 50 State surveys - Lexis - heading in Legal tab; Westlaw - Popular Resources>50 State Surveys; web sites of organizations like AFCC **-** Google search**,** HeinOnline> Subject Compilation of State Laws

b. SSRN - new and upcoming articles

c. BNA Family Law Reporter

d. Lexis Advance, WestlawNext and Bloomberg Law

Google Books - http://books.google.com/

Google Scholar - http://scholar.google.com/

Chat Reference - IMERNSTER **/ Text Reference -** (516) 847-5966

Reference Librarian hours - link on Law Library homepage - http://law.hofstra.edu/Library/General/libgen\_hours.html#ReferenceDesk

\*\* Can make appointments with librarians to discuss your note\*\*