

BASIC LEGAL RESEARCH SERIES

Finding Books in *JSTOR*

What is JSTOR?

JSTOR is a digital collection of core scholarly journals in a wide variety of disciplines. Full-text articles of older journals starting with the first issue, many of which date from the 1800's, are available for searching and printing. Since the intention of this database is to provide an archive of journal backfiles, recent issues of journals (last 2 to 5 years) may not be included.

How do I access JSTOR?

JSTOR can be accessed from the Law Library's homepage <http://www.law.fsu.edu/library>. From the **Most Used eResources** menu in the middle of the page, select **JSTOR**.

How do I search JSTOR?


JSTOR allows two methods of accessing articles: **Search** and **Browse**.

- Use the **Search** feature for locating articles by keywords. Search using either the **Basic**, **Advanced**, or **Article Locator** search screens.
- Use **Browse** feature for locating journal issues and articles by journal name. Browsing can be useful if you would like to skim other articles surrounding a particular article or journal issue.

Basic Search

At the *JSTOR* start page, select **Search**. You are ready to search the **Basic** Search screen. Enter search term(s) or phrase in the dialog box. Click **Search** button.

Advanced Search

- At the *JSTOR* start page, select **Search**. Click "**Advanced Search**" link.
- Enter search terms in one of the search boxes.
- Narrow your search by selecting a field, article type, or date range.
- Further limit your search by selecting a discipline or specific journal. To select specific journal, click the  box and open the list of journals under that subject area.

Search Tips

PHRASE SEARCHING — Use quotation marks to search for a phrase. "first amendment"

WILDCARDS or Truncation)

- To search for the singular and plural form of a word at the same time, use the ampersand & at the end of a singular form of the search word. (e.g. liability& will retrieve articles with both liability and liabilities.
- Use question mark ? To replace letters in words.

BOOLEAN (OR SEARCH OPERATORS)

- And — All search terms appear in the record.
- OR — Any one of the terms appear in the record.
- NOT — Excludes records with term. Computers NOT Microsoft

PROXIMITY OPERATORS

- Use the tilde (~) as a proximity operator to find terms that are within a specific number of words of each other. "debt forgiveness"~10

Browse Search:

- Use the **Browse** search function to identify articles by looking through journals and issues.
- At the **JSTOR** start page, select **Browse**.
- Select browsing by subject category, then by journal title.
- Further select by volume, by issue, and by article.

Article Locator Search

Use the Article Locator function to quickly search by author, title, journal title, volume, date or ISSN.

Links to Recent Content

JSTOR typically does not contain recently published articles. However, they have begun to link the older archived issues with the recent issues published elsewhere online. For twenty-nine titles common to JSTOR and Project Muse, users are now able to search and browse the title, author, and abstract information for articles in the recent issues in addition to searching the full text for the past articles in JSTOR. In addition, users with a subscription to the journals in Project MUSE, either through their library or individually, are able to follow direct links to the full-text articles available at Project MUSE.

Search Results

VIEWING RESULTS

- Results are presented, by default, 10 items at a time with the most relevant items first.
- To change this sort order, select one of the following from the top of the page:
 - Most Recent,
 - Oldest, or
 - Entire List

PRINTING ARTICLES

- To print a full-text article, select the “Print” option listed under the citation. Then select “Proceed with Printing.”

PRINTING/EMAILING/SAVING RESULTS LIST

- To print entire results list (citations only), choose “Save All Citations on the Page.” Then, choose “View Saved Citations.” To sort before printing, select the “Sort By” option at the top of the page. Choose **In a New Window** option in the “Export Citations” drop-down box as well as the **Printer-Friendly** option in the second drop-down box. Select **Export** button. Then print the new page.
- To print selected citations from results list,
- To email only the results list (citations only), choose **Email** option in the “Export Citations” drop-down box as well as the **Printer-Friendly** option in the second drop-down box. Select **Export** button. Enter email address in the box and click “SEND.”