WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
(Fall Semester Research)

To successfully complete the research unit of this course, you should be able to perform the following tasks:

1. Rank a set of authorities, identifying binding and persuasive precedent.

2. Find authority online and in print if given a full or partial citation or by topic, including case opinions, statutes, secondary sources, and administrative regulations.

3. Using proper Bluebook citation format, draft a case citation, a statutory citation, a secondary source citation, and an administrative regulation citation.

4. Identify ways to find specific cases in print if given:
   a. case name,
   b. Subject and court,
   c. Subject and year, or
   d. Subject and at least one party.

5. Identify the reporters in which certain types of cases are reported.

6. Identify the print digests in which a specified jurisdiction’s case law is “squibbed” or “headnoted.”

7. Understand the function of topics and key numbers and explain how to find cases in print using those topics and key numbers.

8. Find information using headnotes as a guide in a print copy and in an online copy of a case opinion.

9. Explain the possible differences between an opinion as it appears in a regional reporter and as it appears in an official reporter.

10. Explain the uses, including advantages and limitations, of:
    a. digests,
    b. reporters,
c. A.L.R.,
d. treatises,
e. law reviews,
f. Words and Phrases,
g. legal encyclopedias,
h. an annotated statutory code, and
i. an administrative regulation.

11. Explain how to use the indices for each of the above.

12. Explain how each of the above is updated.

13. Identify at least three ways to find law review articles.

14. Explain how to use a citator for a case, a statute, a secondary source, and a federal administrative regulation.

15. Explain the function and importance of advance sheets and pocket parts.

16. Using the listed knowledge and skills, devise a research plan to solve specified legal problems.