Legal Research Charts – CJS, AmJur2d and digest

These charts are a sampling designed to mainly assist our 1L's on how to research in print. Our legal research and writing program requires our students to use only print resources their first semester. I choose Virginia for the digest since that is where Regent is. For these charts, I show two approaches in researching *AmJur2d*, *CJS*, and a digest. One is by the index and other is by the table of contents. I scan example pages of each resource so that the students will know the exact look of the pages and what information is there. I also imitate the spine so the students can match the spine on the chart to the books on the shelves. I also choose for these three charts a dog bite issue since this legal problem is easy to comprehend.

These charts a few years old, so the pages from *CJS*, *AmJur2d* and the digest may have changed. I know, for example, that the key number for dog bites is no longer 68. Although, I will update them in the future, the point of the charts is to instruct on how to use a different resource in print. These charts can be printed, laminated and three holed punch. I post them on Blackboard each Fall semester for student's to access. I also bind them into booklets and place them on reserve on our law library. I have more charts on researching a state code, a state encyclopedia, *USCA*, federal regulations on *CFR*, *ALR*'s and *Shepard's* in print.