

Survey on Identifying Skills and Knowledge for Legal Practice - Librarian

Introductory and Demographic Questions

Thank you for taking this short survey on legal research in your office's practice. Your answers will help ensure that we prepare the most practice-ready new lawyers that we can. Please note this survey is ONLY for librarians who work with practicing attorneys on a daily basis; please do not respond if you do not see your working environment listed in question 1.

This survey consists of 4 sections; please hit the "next" button on the bottom of each page to advance to the next section.

1. Which setting best describes your working environment?

- Law firm
- Court/judicial library
- Government agency - Federal
- Government agency - State
- In-house/Corporate library

Other type of legal practice (please specify)

2. In which state is your library?

3. What is the size of the office in which you work?

- Solo practitioner
- 2-5 attorneys
- 6-10 attorneys
- 11-20 attorneys
- 21-50 attorneys
- 51-100 attorneys
- 101-150 attorneys
- 151-200 attorneys
- 201+ attorneys

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4. How many years have you been employed as a law librarian?

- 0-4
- 5-9
- 10-19
- 20-29
- 30+

5. Do you have an MLS, MSIS, or equivalent degree?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you have a JD or equivalent degree?

- Yes
- No

Research Process

7. In an average week, how much of your time is spent working directly with attorneys on legal research issues?

- none
- up to 15%
- at least 15% but not more than 25%
- at least 25% but not more than 50%
- at least 50% but not more than 75%
- more than 75%

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8. When the attorneys you work with begin their legal research, how often do they:

| | Very Frequently | Frequently | Occasionally | Rarely | Never | I don't know |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Start by asking a fellow attorney for research advice? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start by asking a librarian for research advice? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start with a Google search? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start by looking in a statutory database? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start by consulting work product documents from other attorneys in your law office? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start by looking in a secondary source? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start by looking in a case law database? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Start by consulting a subject-specific practice guide? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

9. When the attorneys you work with are conducting their research, how often do they:

| | Very Frequently | Frequently | Occasionally | Rarely | Never | I don't know |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Use a case digest or online equivalent to find a topic and key number for their research? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Use the headnotes and key numbers in a case they are reading to locate other relevant cases? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Follow citations in a case they are reading to find relevant materials? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Use an index or table of contents when researching statutes online? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Follow citations in a secondary source they are reading to find primary law and other relevant materials? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Use terms and connectors searching? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Follow citations in an annotated code to find relevant materials? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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12. How often are the following free internet resources used by the attorneys at your office?

| | Very Frequently | Frequently | Occasionally | Rarely | Never | I don't know |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Google | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Google Scholar | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Court web sites | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government legislative web sites | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government agency web sites | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Legal blogs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Law firm web sites | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Law school library web sites | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Non-profit organization's website | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

13. Which of the following databases, if any, do attorneys have access to in your library? Select all that apply.

- Bloomberg Law
- Lexis Advance
- WestlawNext
- None of these

14. Please check the answer that best describes your subscription plans for WestlawNext at your office:

- My office currently subscribes to WestlawNext.
- My office plans to subscribe to WestlawNext within the next year.
- My office plans to subscribe to WestlawNext within the next two years.
- My office is undecided about subscribing to WestlawNext.
- My office does not plan to subscribe to WestlawNext.

15. Please check the answer that best describes your subscription plans for Lexis Advance at your office:

- My office plans to continue with or start a subscription to Lexis Advance this year.
- My office plans to subscribe to Lexis Advance within the next two years.
- My office is undecided about subscribing to Lexis Advance.
- My office does not plan to subscribe to Lexis Advance.

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16. Please check the answer that best describes your subscription plans for Bloomberg Law at your office

- My office currently subscribes to Bloomberg Law.
- My office plans to subscribe to Bloomberg Law within the next year.
- My office plans to subscribe to Bloomberg Law within the next two years.
- My office is undecided about subscribing to Bloomberg Law.
- My office does not plan to subscribe to Bloomberg Law.

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18. Are there any further comments you would like to share regarding legal research in practice?

