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Handouts for Quick Reference, Advanced Legal Research

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These handouts, designed for quick reference, were used for my Advanced Legal Research course at the University of Idaho College of Law. “The Legal Research Universe” attempts to graphically represent the interplay between the three branches of government, the three levels of government, the four primary sources, and secondary sources (filled out on a blank-box graphic as a class exercise, with the filled-in graphic handed out at the end of class). “Stacy’s Very Overly-Simplified ‘How a Bill Becomes a Law’” presents federal legislative history in its most basic steps, tied into each step’s relevant documents. “The Basics of Terms & Connectors Searching in Westlaw, Some Quick Examples” is a nuts-and-bolts tip sheet for Boolean searching, handed out after a class session on Boolean and available for student consultation for occasional questions in later assignments.