

The Effectiveness of Law School Legal Research Training Programs

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Reviewer's Summary:

In this 1990 article, Howland and Lewis report the results of a survey of law firm librarians on the research skills of summer and first-year associates and on the efficacy of legal research training programs in law school. Law firm librarians reported that summer and first-year associates lacked essential research skills and largely blamed law school legal research instruction for these deficiencies. As this is an older article, many of the librarians' complaints involved things like associates' inability to use print digests, print *Shepard's*, USCCAN, and loose-leaf materials.

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