Learning Research and Legal Education: A Brief Overview and Selected Bibliographical Survey


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Reviewer’s Summary:

In this article, Kochan presents an overview of literature on learning legal research. Throughout the article, the text explains various fields, while extensive footnotes point readers to relevant sources. The first section of the article characterizes general literature on learning and teaching, with the caveat that some of this literature’s technical or scientific nature may challenge the expertise of most legal researchers. The second section gathers materials addressing three areas: legal research and writing, “thinking like a lawyer,” and the law school environment, experience, and success.

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