

On Specialized Legal Research

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Reviewer's Summary:

In this article, Whisner discusses specialized legal research and perceptions about it. She also examines the characteristics of specialized legal research that might help define or explain what it is. Such characteristics include the researcher's subjective experience, institutional factors, and bibliographic factors. She points out that specialized legal research is usually only briefly addressed in law school and details the reasons that such is the case. Finally, she provides tips for the researcher on how to approach specialized legal research, including the use of relevant secondary sources and becoming more familiar with the substantive law involving the specialized topic being researched.

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