Teaching Specialized Legal Research: Administrative Law


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Reviewer’s Summary:

In this article, Sowards addresses the process of teaching administrative law as specialized legal research course. He begins by providing suggestions about the materials that legal research instructors could use to become familiar with administrative law substantively, in order to prepare for teaching the course. This portion of the article also includes substantive information about administrative law. Sowards continues by discussing how his administrative legal research course was structured and includes information about the syllabus, specific course materials, and the content of each unit of his course. The course units include administrative agencies, legislation tracking, legislative history, and administrative law research. The article ends with information about student assessments for the course.

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