Work with Me Here: Collaborative Learning in the Legal Research Classroom


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Reviewer’s Summary:

The author makes a strong argument for teaching collaboration to law students, and for adding it specifically to legal research instruction. The article reviews all of the ways that attorneys of various types (e.g., Big Law, in-house counsel, and solo/small firm lawyers) collaborate in practice. Beyond practice itself, the author focuses on defining collaborative learning and its pedagogy. She outlines the benefits and challenges of incorporating collaborative learning into the classroom. For more concrete advice on adding collaborative learning to legal research pedagogy, the author uses the AALL Legal Research Competencies to discuss specific examples of collaboration in the classroom.

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