

## **Teaching Legal Research: A Proactive Approach**

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### **Reviewer's Summary:**

This article provides an in-depth discussion of the role of academic law librarians in teaching legal research. Cihak advocates for librarians to take a proactive approach to legal research instruction. Over the course of the article, Cihak addresses multiple methods of legal research instruction, including 1L legal research and writing programs, Advanced Legal Research courses, individualized training, workshops, and presentations. Cihak also discusses technology issues that impact law schools. The article concludes that teaching legal research is a "win-win proposition" that should be embraced by law librarians.

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