



## CONSERVATION LAW LIBRARY RESOURCE GUIDE SHAKE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

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Shake Library offers students, faculty, and staff a wide array of resources to use in locating information on any given topic. From traditional print material such as books to more popular online resources such as *EBSCOhost*, one can find information about a topic. Four professional librarians are available to assist library users in finding and locating information. **If you need help, ask a librarian at the Reference Desk.**

### INFORMATION PATHWAYS

- Find Books: VU WebCat Online Catalog (books, music, videos, ebooks, periodicals, etc.)
- Find Articles: Electronic Periodical Databases (EBSCOhost, LexisNexis, ProQuest, etc.)
- Library Reference Collection: (dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, statistics, etc.)
- Internet Resources

### I. FIND BOOKS: VU WEBCAT (LIBRARY CATALOG)

*VU WebCat* is VU's computerized catalog of books, ebooks, videotapes, music CDs, periodicals subscribed to by the library, and some useful web sites. *WebCat* is available in the library and through the World Wide Web (You access the VU Library home page at <http://www.vinu.edu/>, and then select the Academic Resources tab at the top of the page, then click VU Libraries, then Find Books, and then VU WebCat).

The user can find materials quickly using the Keyword Search function (click Keyword Search), which allows searching the *VU WebCat* database using one of the following choices:

- Keyword Anywhere
- Title
- Subject - Use topics like animal populations, fishery management, law, law enforcement, law Indiana, law reports, law United States, waterfowl management, wildlife, wildlife conservation, wildlife management, etc.
- Author Name

### II. FIND ARTICLES (ELECTRONIC PERIODICAL DATABASES)

Shake Library offers researchers many choices of electronic databases for use in locating articles on specific topics in periodical literature (newspapers, journals, magazines, etc.). After accessing online databases, use the help information available with each database to become familiar with its search options. If you need assistance with using a database, please ask for help from a librarian at the Reference Desk. To search periodical databases, go to the VU Library home page at <http://www.vinu.edu/>, then select the Academic Resources tab at the top of the page, then click VU Libraries, then Find Articles, and then click the database you want to search. The three electronic resources described below are found under the heading **Journals, Magazines and Newspapers**.

## LexisNexis ACADEMIC

The conservation law student will find *Academic's* legal research to be useful in pinpointing legal resources that have the full text to law reviews, federal and state case law, federal and state codes, federal regulations, and much more. Follow the directions below on how to access the different areas of legal research.

### Case Law

- Click **Legal** at the top of the page in the area colored in red.
- Click **Federal & State Cases** link located on far right side of page.
- Select search type: **Terms and Connectors** or **Natural Language**.
- If you use **Terms and Connectors**, you must use a connector (see **View Connectors** for listing of connectors) between search terms (example: poaching **and** deer, poaching **w/5** deer).
- If you use **Natural Language**, just type in your terms. You can also search words as a phrase by enclosing your phrase inside double quotation marks: "**hunter harassment act.**"
- Select Sources – Select a source to search. To search Indiana cases, select **IN Federal & State Cases Combined**.
- To search within document sections, click **Show**, and then select a section and enter terms, and then click **Add to Search**. Next, click the search button in far right corner of page.
- You can search by case name: **shuger v. state**.
- You can search by citation number: **479 n.e.2d 1264**.

### Codes and Regulations

- Click **Legal** at the top of the page in the area colored in red.
- Click **Federal & State Codes** link located on far right side of page.
- Select search type: **Terms and Connectors** or **Natural Language**, and then follow the directions on how to use each found above under Case Law.

#### Federal Code – Search within Document Sections

- Select Sources – Use **United States Code Service – Titles 1 through 50**.
- Click **Show** to search within document sections.
- From Section menu, select **Cite** and type in USCS citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. Format your USCS citation like the following: **16 uscs sec 703**. Next, click the Search button in far right corner of page.

#### State Codes – Search within Document Sections

- Select Sources – Use **State Codes, Constitutions, Court Rules...**
- Click **Show** to search within document sections.
- From Section menu, select **Cite** and type in the Indiana Code citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. Format your Indiana Code citation like the following: **14-22-6** or **14-22-6-2**. After adding to search, be sure the connector button for **And** is checked. Next, from the Section menu, select **State** and type in **Indiana**, and then click **Add to Search**. Next, click the Search button in far right corner of page.

#### State Attorney General Opinions – Search within Document Sections

- Select Sources – Use **Attorney General Opinions, All States**.
- Click **Show** to search within document sections.
- From Section menu, select **Cite** and type in the attorney general opinion citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. Format your Indiana Attorney General citation like the following: **1985 op. atty gen. ind. 68** or **1985 ind. ag lexis 15**. Next, click the Search button in far right corner of page.

### **Federal Register – Search within Document Sections**

- Select Sources – Use **Federal Register**.
- Click **Show** to search within document sections.
- From Section menu, select **Cite** and type in the Federal Register citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. Format your Federal Register citation like the following: **72 fr 63123**. Next, click the Search button in far right corner of page.

### **EBSCOhost**

*EBSCOhost* offers conservation law students and faculty three databases to search for information related to conservation-related topics.

- *Academic Search Premier* – This database provides information from a wide range of academic areas, including social sciences, humanities, education, general science, multi-cultural and general reference (over 4,600 full text publications).
- *Masterfile Premier* – This database provides coverage of general interest magazines, including over 2,000 full text titles. This database is provided through INSPIRE.
- *Newspaper Source* – The full text news coverage from over 25 national and international newspapers and selected full text from over 200 regional U.S. newspapers is provided. This database is provided through INSPIRE.

### **NEWSBANK - AMERICA’S NEWSPAPERS**

*America’s Newspapers* is a full-text electronic newspaper resource providing access to over 800 American newspapers, including seventeen from Indiana. You can search newspaper articles in one of four ways: national collection (all papers), regional collection (papers from several states), state collection, or an individual newspaper like the *Indianapolis Star*. This is an excellent source for getting stories about game violations such as poaching, illegal hunting, etc.

### **Periodicals in Print Collection**

- *Field & Stream*
- *Indiana Conservation Afield*
- *Indiana Game and Fish*
- *Journal Of Wildlife Management*
- *National Parks*
- *National Wildlife*
- *New York State Conservationist*
- *Outdoor Indiana*
- *Outdoor Life*
- *Wildlife Conservation*

## **III. LIBRARY REFERENCE COLLECTION**

There are different types of reference books and electronic sources that focus on unique areas of inquiry. All academic areas have their own voluminous reference literature. Included in this guide are a few major reference sources to help you get started.

- *Black’s Law Dictionary* (Ref. 340.3 B782b)
- *Burton’s Legal Thesaurus* (Rev. 340.14 B974L)
- *A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage* (Ref. 340.3 G234d)

- *Indiana Administrative Code* (<http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/>) – Indiana Rules and Regulations
- *Indiana Code* (<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/>) - The Official Code; state law
- *West's Annotated Indiana Code* (Ref. 345.12 I39ind) - Published under the authority of the Official Code. This provides supplementary information used for research purposes.
- *West's Indiana Digest* (Ref. 345.12 W519d) - Index to Indiana case law
- *West's Indiana Law Encyclopedia* (Ref. 345.12 W519we)
- *North Eastern Reporter, First Series* (Ref. 342 N519n) – This series set contains Indiana cases from 1885 to 1936.
- *North Eastern Reporter, Second Series* (Ref. 342 W519n) – This set contains Indiana cases from 1936 to present.

#### IV. INTERNET RESOURCES

##### Federal and State Law

###### *Code of Federal Regulations*

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>

This site provides searching the full-text of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The *Code* contains all the federal rules and regulations that are carried out by all the federal branches of government.

###### *The Federal Register*

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

The *Federal Register* is the official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents.

###### *GPO Access*

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html>

The Government Printing Office (GPO) site contains the full-text to the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the *Federal Register*, the *Congressional Record*, the *U.S. Code*, and other government documents.

###### *Indiana Administrative Code (IAC)*

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/>

The *Indiana Administrative Code* contains the rules and regulations for state agencies in Indiana. Title 312 contains the rules and regulations of the Natural Resources Commission.

###### *Indiana Code (IC)*

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/>

The *Indiana Code* provides the legal statutes for the State of Indiana. Title 14 contains the statutes for Natural and Cultural Resources. This is the official code for the state of Indiana.

###### *The Indiana Register*

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/irtoc.htm>

The *Indiana Register* is an official publication of the state of Indiana and acts as a source of information about the rules being proposed by state agencies and serves as an “advanced sheet” to the *Indiana Administrative Code*.

*Legal Information Institute*  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu>

This is a great web site at Cornell University's Law School providing access to the *U.S. Code* and the *Code of Federal Regulations*. There are links to state codes as well.

*United States Code*  
<http://uscode.house.gov/> or <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>

The *Code* is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

## **Federal and State Agencies**

*Indiana Department of Natural Resources*  
<http://www.state.in.us/dnr>

The home page for the Indiana DNR provides links to information about state parks, camping, law enforcement, and full-text articles from DNR publications such as *Outdoor Indiana* magazine.

*U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*  
<http://www.fws.gov/>

This is the federal agency that is charged with conserving, protecting, and enhancing our fish and wildlife and their habitats. Coverage includes information on migratory birds and endangered species.

*U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Region 3 Great Lakes- Big Rivers*  
<http://midwest.fws.gov/>

Find information about the Fish & Wildlife Services' activities in the Great Lakes region, including Indiana.

*U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Region 3 Great Lakes- Big Rivers- Indiana*  
<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/maps/indiana.htm>

Find information about the Fish & Wildlife Services' activities in Indiana.

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*  
<http://www.epa.gov/>

This federal agency is charged with protecting the American environment. Content at this web site includes information about the agency, federal rules, regulations, and legislation relating to all aspects of the environment.

*U.S. Department of the Interior*  
<http://www.doi.gov/>

This department is the nation's principal conservation agency and has responsibility for most of our nationally-owned public lands and natural resources.

*The Bureau of Land Management*

<http://www.blm.gov/>

This federal agency has the responsibility for managing our nation's public lands, which includes hunting and other recreational uses on those public lands.

*USDA Forest Service*

<http://www.fs.fed.us/>

The Forest Service has the federal responsibility for national leadership in forestry. One of the Service's responsibilities is to advocate a conservation ethic in promoting the health, productivity, diversity, and beauty of forests and associated lands.

*National Park Service*

<http://www.nps.gov/>

The National Park Service administers for the American people an extensive system of national parks, monuments, historic sites, and recreation areas.

*U.S. Department of Justice*

<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

The Department serves as counsel for its citizens by representing them in enforcing the law in the public interest. The Department plays a significant role in protecting citizens through its efforts for effective law enforcement, crime prevention, crime detection, and prosecution and rehabilitation of offenders.

*Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet*

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

A service of the United States Congress that provides full-text to legislation and the *Congressional Record* and links to other legislative material

*State DNR Website Listing*

<http://www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html>

This provides a complete listing of all fifty state DNR websites.

## **Professional Organizations**

*Federal Wildlife Officers Association*

<http://www.fwoa.org/>

This is the primary professional organization for people employed as federal wildlife officers. This page has links to job opportunities with federal and state agencies.

*Indiana Conservation Officers Organization*

<http://www.icoo.com/>

This is the official home page for the professional organization representing the interests of Indiana's conservation officers.

*North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association*

<http://www.naweo.org/>

More than 8,000 members belong to this organization of wildlife and fisheries enforcement officers across North America.

## **V. HOW TO READ A LEGAL CITATION**

*Indiana Code - Statutory Law* - 14-22-1-1 is interpreted as Title (14), Article (22), Chapter (1), and Section (1).

*Indiana Administrative Code* - Rules and Regulations 312 IAC 9-10-10 is interpreted as Title (312), Article (9), Rule (10), and Section (10).

*West's Indiana Law Encyclopedia* - I.L.E. Conservation §§ 5, 6 is interpreted as Title of Source (I.L.E), Topic (Conservation), and Section (\$5, \$6).

*North Eastern Reporter 2d Series* - Case Law – A sample citation for this title is interpreted as 482 (volume) N.E.2<sup>nd</sup> (North Eastern Reporter 2<sup>nd</sup> Series) 282 (Page where the decision is found).