



CONSERVATION LAW LIBRARY GUIDE
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DIRECTIONS TO THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

To access online resources and other information about library services, go to VU's website at <http://www.vinu.edu>, then click on **Majors and Academics**, and then click **Libraries**.

I. FIND ARTICLES

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. Use the directions above to go to the library's website, and then click **Find Articles** located on the left side of the page. Follow the directions below on how to access the different areas of legal research in *LexisNexis*.

Case Law

- Click **Legal** at the top of the page.
- Click **Federal & State Cases** link located on left side of page.
- Select search type: **Terms and Connectors (default setting)** or **Natural Language**.
- If you use **Terms and Connectors**, you must use a connector (see **Tips for using search 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 options to search specific document sections**, and then select a section and enter terms, and then click **Add to Search**. If searching multiple terms, determine whether to use **AND** or **OR** as connectors.
- Click the search button on right side 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.
- Click **Federal & State Codes** link located on left 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

- Select Sources – Use **United States Code Service – Titles 1 through 50**.
- Click **Show options to search specific document sections**.
- If searching multiple terms, determine whether to use **AND** or **OR** as connectors.
- To search by USCS citation, go to **Show options** and select **Cite** and type in the USCS citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. Format your USCS citation like the following: **16 uscs sec 703**.
- Click the Search button on right side of page.

Code of Federal Regulations

- Select Sources – Use **CFR – Code of Federal Regulations**
- Click **Show options to search specific document sections**.
- If searching multiple terms, determine whether to use **AND** or **OR** as connectors.
- To search by CFR citation, go to **Show options** and then select **Cite** and type in the CFR citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. Format your CFR citation like the following: **50 CFR 22.2** or **50 CFR 22.23**.
- Click the Search button on right side of page.

Federal Register

- Select Sources – Use **FR - Federal Register**.
- Serves as the “advanced sheet” to the **Code of Federal Regulations**.
- Click **Show options to search specific document sections**.
- If searching multiple terms, determine whether to use **AND** or **OR** as connectors.
- To search by FR citation, go to **Show options** and 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**.
- Click the Search button on right side of page.

State Codes

- Select Sources – Use **State Codes, Constitutions, Court Rules...** or select a specific state code to search.
- Click **Show options to search specific document sections**.
- If searching multiple terms, determine whether to use **AND** or **OR** as connectors.

- To search by code citation, go to **Show options** and select **Cite** and type in the state code citation you want to search, and then click **Add to Search**. For the Indiana Code, format your 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**.
- Click the Search button on right side of page.

State Attorney General Opinions

- Select Sources – Use **Attorney General Opinions, All States**.
- Click **Show options to search specific document sections**.
- If searching multiple terms, determine whether to use **AND** or **OR** as connectors.
- To search by attorney general opinion citation, go to **Show options** and 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**.
- Click the Search button on right side of page.

II. Indiana Resources

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*.