

**RESEARCH GUIDE FOR**  
**AD 5700 SCHOOL LAW**  
**EP 7060 LEGAL ISSUES IN POLICY MAKING**  
**SE 5300 SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW**

**I. General Print Legal Resources** (see section VIII. below for WWW resources)

- A. Ambrogi, Robert J. THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE BEST (AND WORST) LEGAL SITES ON THE WEB. 2nd ed. 2004 (REF KF242 .A1 A45 2004) – *organized into more than 30 specific areas; each Web site is rated up to five stars*
- B. BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY. 7th ed. 1999. (REF KF156 .B53 1999)
- C. Burton, William C. BURTON'S LEGAL THESAURUS. 4th ed. 2007. (REF KF156 .B856 2001)
- D. Corbin, John. FIND THE LAW IN THE LIBRARY: A GUIDE TO LEGAL RESEARCH. 1989. (REF KF240 .C63 1989) – esp. Section I. The Law (Outline of American Law; Where It Is Recorded; How to Find It)
- E. Elias, Stephen and Susan Levinkind. LEGAL RESEARCH: HOW TO FIND AND UNDERSTAND THE LAW. 13th ed. 2005. (REF KF240 .E35 2005)
- F. INTERNET GUIDE FOR THE LEGAL RESEARCHER. 3rd ed. 2001. (REF KF242 .A1 M3 2001)
- G. LEGAL RESEARCHER'S DESK REFERENCE. annual. (REF KF240 .L44)
- H. Olson, Kent C. LEGAL INFORMATION: HOW TO FIND IT, HOW TO USE IT. 1999. (REF KF240 .O365 1999)
- I. Oran, Daniel. ORAN'S DICTIONARY OF THE LAW. 4th ed. 2008. (REF KF156 .O69 2008)
- J. OXFORD COMPANION TO AMERICAN LAW. 2002. (REF KF154 .O96 2002)
- K. Statsky, William P. et al. WEST'S LEGAL DESK REFERENCE. 1991. (REF KF387 .W49 1991)
- L. WEST'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW. 2nd ed. 13 vols. 2004. (REF KF156 .G77 2004)

**II. Statutes and Cases**

(Note: User guides for most of these are in boxes next to each set in Ref. section.)

- A. UNITED STATES CODE. Available online. <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode> To link from Library Home Page to this and other key sources listed below, see section VIII. of this bibliography.
- B. UNITED STATES STATUTES AT LARGE. (REF KF50 .A3)



- C. U.S. SUPREME COURT DIGEST. Lawyers' edition. (REF KF101.1 .A2)  
– *finding aid used to search for U.S. Supreme Court decisions*
- D. UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT REPORTS. Lawyers' edition. (REF KF101 .A2)  
– also on WWW: <http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/>
- E. AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE. 2nd ed. (REF KF154 .A42)
- F. AMERICAN LAW REPORTS. Series 1-5 and Federal. (REF KF132 .A52)
- G. NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED. (REF KFN1230 .N4 1955r) -- also on  
WWW: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html> *Note: Online statutes do not include the annotations citing cases.*
- H. WEST'S NEW HAMPSHIRE DIGEST. (REF KFN1257 .W48)  
– *finding aid used to search for N.H. Supreme Court decisions*
- I. NEW HAMPSHIRE REPORTS. (KFN1245.1 .A5)  
– also on WWW: <http://www.courts.state.nh.us/supreme/opinions/index.htm>
- J. SUPREME COURT REPORTER. (REF KFN1245.1 .A52) – about 20 issues a year.  
*Useful for finding full text of recent N.H. Supreme Court decisions not yet published in NEW HAMPSHIRE REPORTS*

### III. General School Law Resources

- A. Alexander, Kern and M. David Alexander. AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL LAW. 7th ed. 2009.  
(REF KF4118 .A39 2009)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ . THE LAW OF SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS IN A  
NUTSHELL. 3rd ed. 2003. (REF KF4119.3 .A43 2003)
- C. Boshier, William C. et al. THE SCHOOL LAW HANDBOOK: WHAT EVERY LEADER NEEDS  
TO KNOW. 2004. (KF4119 .B67 2004)
- D. Cambron-McCabe, Nelda H., et al. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAW: TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS'  
RIGHTS. 5th ed. 2004. (REF KF4119 .M38 2004)
- E. Conn, Kathleen. THE INTERNET AND THE LAW: WHAT EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW.  
2002. (KF390.5 .C6 C6573 2002) – *note: in circulating collection*
- F. DESKBOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN SCHOOL LAW. annual.  
(REF KF4110.3 .D47) – *most recent edition in Ref; next most recent in circulating collection*
- G. Dougherty, John W. TORTS AND LIABILITY: AN EDUCATOR'S SHORT GUIDE. 2004.  
(KF4119 .D68 2004) – *by Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation; in circulating collection*
- H. Fischer, Louis et al. TEACHERS AND THE LAW. 6th ed. 2003.  
(REF KF4175 .Z9 F55 2003)
- I. Hinchey, Patricia H. STUDENT RIGHTS: A REFERENCE HANDBOOK. 2001.  
(REF KF4150 .H56 2001)



- J. Imber, Michael and Tyll van Geel. EDUCATION LAW. 3rd ed. 2004. (REF KF4118 .I43 2004)
- K. Lane, Kenneth E. et al. (eds.) THE PRINCIPAL'S LEGAL HANDBOOK. 4th ed. 2008. (REF KF4150 .P755 2008)
- L. Permut, Steve and Ralph D. Mawdsley. RESEARCH METHODS FOR STUDYING LEGAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION. 2006. (KF4119.6 .R375 2006) – *note: in circulating collection*
- M. Rapp, James A. (ed.) EDUCATION LAW. 7 vols. 1984 - present. (updated continually) (REF KF4115 .R37) – **very detailed and up-to-date law service**
- N. Raskin, Jamin B. WE THE STUDENTS: SUPREME COURT DECISIONS FOR AND ABOUT STUDENTS. 2nd ed. 2003. (KF4150 .A7 R37 2003) – *note: in circulating collection*
- O. Russo, Charles J. (ed.) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATION LAW. 2 vols. 2008. (REF KF4117 .E53 2008)
- P. Russo, Charles. REUTTER'S THE LAW OF PUBLIC EDUCATION. 5th ed. 2004. (REF KF4118 .R877 2004)
- Q. UNITED STATES SCHOOL LAWS AND RULES. annual. (REF KF4105.99 .U55)
- R. Valente, William D. and Christina M. Valente. LAW IN THE SCHOOLS. 5th ed. 2001. (REF KF4119 .V28 2001)
- S. Walker, Elaine M. EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY AND THE COURTS: A REFERENCE HANDBOOK. 2005. (REF KF4155 .W35 2005)
- T. WEST'S EDUCATION LAW DIGEST. (REF KF4119 .W452) – *see separate sheet*
- U. WEST'S EDUCATION LAW REPORTER. (REF KF4119 .W45) – *see separate sheet*
- V. YEARBOOK OF EDUCATION LAW. annual. 1988 - present. (REF KF4195 .G3) – *title prior to 1988: Yearbook of School Law (earlier vols. in circulating collection)*
- W. Zirkel, Perry A. (et al.) A DIGEST OF SUPREME COURT DECISIONS AFFECTING EDUCATION. 4th ed. 2001. (REF KF 4114 .Z57 2001)

#### IV. Special Education Law Resources

- A. Bartlett, Larry D. (et al.). SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND PRACTICE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. 2nd ed. 2007. (KF4209.3 .B365 2007) – *note: in circulating collection*
- B. Boyle, Joseph R. and Mary Weishaar. SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW WITH CASES. 2001. (KF4209.3 .B69 2001) – *note: in circulating collection*
- C. CHRONICLE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW: CASES AND COMMENTARY. 2002. (REF KF4209.3 .C57 2002 – *reprints of special education articles, digests of cases, and law review commentary from volumes 30 (2001) and 31 (2002) of The Journal of Law and Education*
- D. Cohen, Matthew D. A GUIDE TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCACY: WHAT PARENT, CLINICIANS, AND ADVOCATES NEED TO KNOW. 2009. (KF4209.3 .C64 2009) – *note: in circulating collection*



- E. Guernsey, Thomas F. and Kathe Klare. SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW. 2nd ed. 2001. (REF KF4210 .G84 2001)
- F. Jasper, Margaret C. THE LAW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION. 2nd ed. 2004. (KF4209.3 .Z9 J37 2000) – *note: in circulating collection*
- G. Lombardi, Thomas P. and Barbara L. Ludlow. A SHORT GUIDE TO SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS. 2004. (KF4209.3 .L65 2004) – *by Phi Delta Kappa Educ. Foundation; circulating*
- H. Manasevit, Leigh et al. IDEA: NEW EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS. 2nd ed. 2006. (REF LC4031 .M297 2006)
- I. Murdick, Nikki L., et al. SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW. 2nd ed. 2007. (REF KF4210 .M87 2007)
- J. New Hampshire. Bureau of Special Education. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS HANDBOOK FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION: PARENTS' RIGHTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION. 2005. (NH Documents -371.9 N532 2005) – *NH documents are circulating; located near Reference*
- K. Osborne, Allan G., Jr. and Charles J. Russo. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND THE LAW: A GUIDE FOR PRACTITIONERS. 2nd ed. 2006. (REF KF4209.3 .O82 2006)
- L. Rawson, M. Jean. SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW. 2nd ed. 2003. (REF KF4209.3 .Z9 R393 2003)
- M. Turnbull, Rud (et al.). THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AS AMENDED IN 2004. 2006. (KF4210 .T876 2006) – *note: in circulating collection*
- N. Weber, Mark C. (et al.). SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS. 2004. (REF KF4209.3 .A7 W43 2004)
- O. Weber, Mark C. (et al.). SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW: STATUTES AND REGULATIONS. 2005. (REF KF4209.3 .W43 2005)
- P. Weishaar, Mary Konya. CASE STUDIES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT. 2007. (KF4209.3 .W45 2007) – *contains 18 cases studies dealing with important issues within the IDEA and NCLB legislation; in circulating collection*
- Q. Yell, Mitchell L. THE LAW AND SPECIAL EDUCATION. 2006. (KF4210 .Y45 2006) – *note: in circulating collection*
- R. Zirkel, Perry A. SECTION 504: STUDENT ISSUES, LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, AND PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS. 2005. (KF4210 .Z848 2005) – *in circulating collection*
- S. Zirkel, Perry A. SECTION 504, THE ADA, AND THE SCHOOLS. 2 vols. 2nd ed. 2000. (REF KF4210 .Z85 2000)

## V. Copyright

- A. Butler, Rebecca P. COPYRIGHT FOR TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS. 2004. (REF KF2995 .B88 2004)



- B. CRASH COURSE IN COPYRIGHT [electronic resource]. University of Texas System.  
<http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/cprtindx.htm>  
*This is a series of online presentations on a variety of copyright-related topics, compiled by Georgia Harper at the University of Texas System Office of General Counsel. Has good section on what constitutes "Fair Use" – including "Fair Use Rules of Thumb".*
- C. Crews, Kenneth D. COPYRIGHT LAW FOR LIBRARIANS AND EDUCATORS: CREATIVE STRATEGIES AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS. 2nd ed. 2006. (KF2995 .C74 2005)  
– note: in circulating collection
- D. Fishman, Stephen. THE COPYRIGHT HANDBOOK: HOW TO PROTECT & USE WRITTEN WORKS. 7th ed. 2003. (REF KF2995 .F53 2003) – incl. CD with forms
- E. Hoffmann, Gretchen McCord. COPYRIGHT IN CYBERSPACE 2: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR LIBRARIANS. 2005. (REF KF3030.1 .Z9 H644 2005)
- F. Lipinski, Tomas A. THE COMPLETE COPYRIGHT LIABILITY HANDBOOK FOR LIBRARIANS AND EDUCATORS. 2006. (REF KF3080 .L57 2006)
- G. Lipinski, Tomas A. COPYRIGHT LAW AND THE DISTANCE EDUCATION CLASSROOM. 2005. (KF4209 .E38 L57 2005)
- H. Stim, Richard. GETTING PERMISSION: HOW TO LICENSE & CLEAR COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS ONLINE & OFF. 2nd ed. 2004. (REF KF3024 .C6 S75 2004)
- I. Strong, William S. THE COPYRIGHT BOOK: A PRACTICAL GUIDE. 5th ed. 1999. (REF KF2994 .S75 1999)
- J. Talab, R.S. COMMONSENSE COPYRIGHT: A GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS AND LIBRARIANS. 2nd ed. 1999 (REF KF2994 .T36 1999)

## VI. Online Catalog (LOLA)

- A. Subject search: use “Educational law and legislation” or “Legal research” (see Library of Congress Subject Headings volumes for other headings)
- B. Corporate author search: you may also use association or organizational names, e.g. Education Law Association

## VII. Electronic Periodical Resources and Databases

**Note:** Connect to these from the Library Home Page at: <http://library.plymouth.edu/> ; click on “Databases” (at left), then on name of database.

- A. LexisNexis Academic. A huge database of millions of documents from over 5,900 news, business, legal, medical, and reference publications, LexisNexis Academic provides online access to continuously-updated archives of state and federal statutes, regulations, and case law. Most documents are available in full text online. To do legal research, click on the “Legal” button at the top of the initial screen. If you already have a citation number or case name for a case and want the full text of the opinion, click on “Federal & State Cases” at the left. Then, enter either the party names or the citation. To search for relevant cases by topic, enter your terms in the search box at the top. [This database is also available off campus to PSU students, faculty, and staff. Connect via the Plymouth portal: <http://my.plymouth.edu> -- then go to the Library Home Page and follow steps noted above.]



- B. Academic Search Premier. Provides indexing and full text articles from over 8,000 scholarly and popular publications covering all academic subjects. **Note: This database is the recommended starting point for most searches for periodical articles.** Connect as indicated above. Use the “Subjects” button at top of screen to verify subject terms. For a Tutorial Slidcast on how to search Academic Search Premier, click the INFO button next to the database name. [Also available off campus; connect via the Plymouth portal, as described above.]
- C. ERIC. The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) database is the most comprehensive database for locating articles and documents in Education and related subjects. The database indexes articles from over 980 education journals and from over 400,000 ERIC Documents (these may be papers presented at professional conferences, curriculum guides, lesson plans, and other education-related documents). While there are free Web links available to ERIC, the most efficient way to search ERIC is via EBSCOhost -- links to any full text articles or documents will appear under citations. *The ERIC database does not contain any full text articles, but the EBSCO version of ERIC will provide a link to the full text of any article which is available in one of its other databases.* Use the “Thesaurus” button at top to verify subject terms. Coverage from 1966 to present. Lamson Library has all ERIC documents (ED numbers) on microfiche; those documents published from 1993 to present may also be available in full text online; ask for assistance at the Reference Desk. For a Tutorial Slidcast on how to search ERIC, click the INFO button next to the database name. [Also available off campus; connect via the Plymouth portal, as described above.]

### VIII. World Wide Web

There are many legal resources available via the Internet on the World Wide Web. Some of these have already been cited above. A large number of valuable Education-related law links may be found by going to the Lamson Library Home Page, clicking on “Resources by Subject” (at left), then “Education”. Then, from the index at the top right, click on “Web Sites”, then “Education Web Sites”, then “Legal”. (Also, for other law Web sites, under “Resources by Subject”, click on “Law/Government” under “Interdisciplinary”.)

### IX. Key School Law Periodicals

- A. ELA NOTES. monthly. (on Periodical Shelves)  
 -- put out by the Education Law Association (ELA); visit their Web site at:  
<http://www.educationlaw.org/>
- B. SCHOOL LAW REPORTER. monthly. (on Periodical Shelves)  
 -- also produced by ELA

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