

ELECTRONIC JOURNAL LOCATOR: THE LAW LIBRARY'S ONLINE PERIODICAL GUIDE

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I'M PRETTY BUSY, WHY SHOULD I BOTHER USING THE ELECTRONIC JOURNAL LOCATOR?

Because it instantly links you to the law review and journal articles that you need for your research. The Electronic Journal Locator provides you with access to *every* journal, magazine, and law review the law library subscribes to. It will lead you directly to the **online full text articles** whenever they are available, and if they are not available in full text, it tells you where you can find the **library's print and microform versions**. Last but not least, if the library doesn't have what you are looking for online, in print, or in microform, the Journal Locator will give you the **link to our online interlibrary loan form**, so that you can order your article from another library.

OK, SOUNDS GREAT! BUT WHERE IS IT?

It's on the library's web site. From the law school's home page, just **click on "Law Library."** Once the library's home page opens, you'll see "**Library Resources**" in the middle of the page. The Electronic Journal Locator is the second option in that section. Just click on the link and you're on your way!

COOL! SO HOW DO I USE IT?

It's easy to use! You can search by journal title, subject matter, title and subject matter, or by the citation.

The default **search** is by **journal title**. If you know the name of the title of the journal you are looking for (or at least part of the title), you can either **browse for it by clicking on the letter** of the first word in its title, **OR** you can **just type the first word of the title** into the box and **select "Starts With."**

If you are not sure what word the journal starts with, but you know **at least one word** in its title, type it in the box, and **select "Contains."** If you know **the full journal title**, type it in the box and **select "Exact."** If you have any doubts at all, just type what you think the title is, and select "Contains."

Find e-Journal

The screenshot shows the 'Find e-Journal' interface with the 'Title' tab selected. Below the tabs is a search box containing 'harvard' and radio buttons for 'Starts with' (selected), 'Contains', and 'Exact'. A 'Go' button is on the right. Above the search box is a navigation bar with '0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Others'.

If you don't know what journal your article is in, or likely to be in, you can **search by subject matter** by clicking on the "**Category**" tab.

First, scroll through the "**Category**" list (on the left-hand side), until you find the

subject you are interested in. After selecting it, a new list will appear under "**Subcategory**" (on the right-hand side) with additional subjects to choose from to narrow your search. You can select more than one subcategory by holding down the control key as you select items.

Find e-Journal

The screenshot shows the 'Find e-Journal' interface with the 'Category' tab selected. The 'Category' dropdown is open, showing 'Law' selected. The 'SubCategory' dropdown is also open, showing 'Intellectual Property (67)' selected. A 'Go' button is on the right.

If are interested in a particular subject *and* you know at least one word in the title of a journal on that subject (or one word likely to be in it), you can use the "**Locate**" tab. Just **type at least one word** into the "**Title**" box, and select either "Starts with," "Contains," or "Exact." Then **scroll through the "Category"** box to find your subject area(s). You can select more than one subject by holding down the control key as you click on subject names. The "**Locate**" tab also allows you to **search by ISSN and Vendor**, and any combination of Title, ISSN, Vendor, and Subject.

Find e-Journal

The screenshot shows the 'Find e-Journal' interface with the 'Locate' tab selected. The search box contains 'harvard' and radio buttons for 'Starts with' (selected), 'Contains', and 'Exact'. The 'Vendor' dropdown is open, showing 'American Museum of Natural History Library' selected. The 'Category' dropdown is open, showing 'Law' selected. A 'Go' button is on the right. Below the search box, it says 'Search results for: Starts with: harvard'.

Finally, if you **already have a citation** (or part of a citation) to a specific article, you can search for that article by clicking on the "**Citation Linker**" tab. You don't have to fill in every blank to use the Citation Linker.

Find e-Journal

The screenshot shows the 'Find e-Journal' interface with the 'CitationLinker' tab selected. The search box contains 'Signs' and radio buttons for 'Starts with' (selected), 'Contains', and 'Exact'. Below the search box are fields for 'ISSN', 'date', 'volume' (34), 'issue' (1), 'start page' (42), 'end page', 'article', 'author' (last name, first name, initials), 'PMID', and 'DOI'. A 'Go' button is on the right. An 'ExLibris header image' is visible at the top right.

GREAT! I FOUND THE JOURNAL I AM INTERESTED IN, NOW WHAT?

Each journal record in your search results list will tell you all of the ways you can access it here at St. Thomas. If the full text is available online, this option will be indicated first.

Harvard human rights journal [1057-5057]
 Full text available via [DOAJ Directory of Open Access Journals](#)
 Available from 1999
 Full text available via [Free E- Journals](#)
 Available from 1999 volume: 12
 Full text available via [Hein Online Law Journal Library](#)
 Available from 1988 volume: 1
 Full text available via [LexisNexis Academic](#)
 Available from 1993
 Holdings in [TOMCAT - Fiche](#)
 Available from 2001 volume: 14 until 2004 volume: 17
 Holdings in [TOMCAT - Print](#)
 Available from 1989 volume: 3
[Arts and Humanities: Human Rights, Women's Studies & Child Welfare](#)
[Law: Constitution and Judicial System](#)
[Law: Crime, Criminology and Law Enforcement](#)
[Law: General and Others](#)
[Law: Regional and International Law](#)
 Continues: [Harvard human rights yearbook](#) [1047-0174]



Just click on the name of the journal and you will go to the links for full text online version (if its available), and the library's **Tomcat record** for our print and microform versions. The Tomcat record will tell you were to find these physical versions in the library. **That's all there is too it!**

Source: Harvard human rights journal [1057-5057]

Full Text

Full text available via [DOAJ Directory of Open Access Journals](#) **GO**
 Available from 1999

Full text available via [Free E- Journals](#) **GO**
 Available from 1999 volume: 12

Full text available via [Hein Online Law Journal Library](#)
 Year: Volume: Issue: Start Page: **GO**
 Available from 1988 volume: 1

Full text available via [LexisNexis Academic](#)
 Article Title: Year: Month: Day: **GO**
 Available from 1993

Holding information

Holdings in [TOMCAT - Fiche](#) **GO**
 Available from 2001 volume: 14 until 2004 volume: 17

Holdings in [TOMCAT - Print](#) **GO**
 Available from 1989 volume: 3

WAIT, ONE LAST THING, WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE WEIRD SYMBOLS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RECORD?



The symbols at the end of each record are just links to more

information.



By clicking on the symbol, you can learn more about the journal and what volumes the library has.

e-Journal Details

Title: [Harvard human rights yearbook](#)
SSN: 1047-0174
.CCN: 93649071

Availability: Holdings in TOMCAT - Print
 Available from 1988 volume: 1 until 1989 volume: 2



The symbol takes you to the same records as clicking on the journal's title does—it is just another way to get to the same place.

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And hey, before you go, remember—you don't need to know the citation, or an article's title, or even the name of a journal or an author. To get started, all you need to know is the subject you are interested in!