Survey (with piping and explanations)

General notes:

- The numbers in parentheses next to answers (e.g., (1)) are not in the survey itself, but exist in this version of the survey for reporting purposes. When you see the survey results, for any given question, the percentages may reference any given answer by using its number in parentheses.
- Before launch, we added question #2 after hearing from some participating libraries that they deliberately do NOT distinguish between their library resources and resources provided from other campus libraries. With that information, we realized that it didn't make sense to expect students to be able to distinguish law library resources from other campus library resources if their libraries deliberately did not provide them with any cues for this determination.

Survey Start

Q.1 (of 13): In an average semester, how often have you:

	Frequently (4 or More Times a Week) (1)	Very Often (2-3 Times a Week) (2)	Often (2-3 Times a Month) (3)	Occasionally (Once a Month) (4)	Rarely (Less Than Once a Month) (5)	Never (6)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (7)
…used your law library for studying? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
…used your law library for research? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
…used other libraries for studying? (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
…used other libraries for research? (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q.2 (of 13): I can tell when access to an online resource is provided through a library and when access is open to the public.

- ❍ True. For example, when using Google Scholar, which is open to the public, I know that the results list may include a mix of resources that are open to the public (e.g., Congressional Budget Office reports) as well as resources that are available to me only through a library subscription (e.g., JSTOR). I am able to identify which resources are supplied by a library. (1)
- ❍ False. For example, I may notice differences in online resources (e.g., some prompt for passwords), but I don't draw any conclusions from those differences. (2)

Comment [m1]: If False is chosen, the survey will skip to question 3. Students will not see questions 2a-2b.

Q.2a (of 13): When using online library resources, I can tell which ones are available through my law library and which ones are available through another library (e.g., main university library, other campus library).

- ❍ True (1)
- ❍ False (1)

Comment [m2]: If selected, student will see the first 2b question below.

Comment [m3]: If selected, student will see the second 2b question below.

Q.2b (of 13): I can tell when access to an online resource is provided by my law library because (please check all that apply):

- ❑ The providing library's name appears on the screen or in a document (e.g., "Welcome Law Library User" or "Welcome Main University Library User") of the resource I am using. (1)
- ❑ My law library has a Web page or guide that lists the titles of online resources to which it subscribes. (2)
- ❑ The online resource displays a logo or branding that identifies the providing library. (3)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (4) _____

Q.2b (of 13): I can not tell which library is providing access because (please check all that apply):

- ❑ My university or law school has a portal. After I log into the portal, I am able to access all library resources and there is no way for me to distinguish which library (law, university, etc.) is providing the resource. (1)
- ❑ So long as I have access to the resources that I need, I don't pay attention as to which library (law, university, etc.) provides my access. (2)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (3) _____

Q.3 (of 13): In an average semester, how often have you:

	Frequently (4 or More Times a Week) (1)	Very Often (2-3 Times a Week) (2)	Often (2-3 Times a Month) (3)	Occasionally (Once a Month) (4)	Rarely (Less Than Once a Month) (5)	Never (6)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (7)
...been required to use print, microform or audio-visual materials in your law library for a project or assignment? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
...used your law library's Web site to search for books, ebooks, journals, etc.? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
...borrowed materials (books, ebooks, etc.) from your law library? (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
...used interlibrary loan to borrow materials from another library? (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
...used online resources offered by the law library (BNA, Lexis, Westlaw, etc.)? (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
....used online resources (BNA, Lexis, Westlaw, JSTOR, etc.)? (6)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
...used online resources offered by other libraries? (7)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Comment [m4]: Only displayed if Q2 and 2a were answered "True."

Comment [m5]: Displayed if Q2 or 2a were answered "False."

Comment [m6]: Only displayed if Q2 and 2a were answered "True."

Q.4 (of 13): How do you know if the information you cite in your research papers, assignments, and/or work products is reliable? (Please check all that apply.)

- ❑ I verify that the source is "official." (e.g., For any state document, I use the version published by the state's official publisher.) (1)
- ❑ I assume that the resource publishers (Hein, CCH, Loislaw, etc.) do the checking prior to publication. (2)
- ❑ I compare against other sources, and if enough sources provide the same information, I accept the source as good. (3)
- ❑ If the information is recommended by my faculty or employer, I assume it to be reliable. (4)
- ❑ If the information is written by a recognized expert or scholar, or if it is provided by a well-known organization, then I trust that the information is reliable. (5)
- ❑ I don't check validity. (6)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (7) _____

Q.5 (of 13): In the last 12 months, how often have you consulted the following ONLINE resources when searching for legal information?

	Frequently (4 or More Times a Week) (1)	Very Often (2-3 Times a Week) (2)	Often (2-3 Times a Month) (3)	Occasionally (Once a Month) (4)	Rarely (Less Than Once a Month) (5)	Never (6)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (7)
Google, Bing, or another general Web search engine (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Government Web sites (e.g., IRS, SEC, State Attorney General's Office) (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Lexis (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Westlaw (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Wikipedia (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Other (please specify): (6)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Other (please specify): (7)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q.6 (of 13): In the last 12 months how often have you consulted the following PRINT resources when searching for legal information?

	Frequently (4 or More Times a Week) (1)	Very Often (2-3 Times a Week) (2)	Often (2-3 Times a Month) (3)	Occasionally (Once a Month) (4)	Rarely (Less Than Once a Month) (5)	Never (6)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (7)
Case reporters and digests (e.g., Atlantic Reporter 3d, West's Pacific Digest) (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Statutory codes (e.g., United States Code Annotated) (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Administrative codes (e.g., Code of Federal Regulations) (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Legal news sources (e.g., newspapers, periodicals, journals, law reviews) (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Treatises and scholarly works (e.g., Gideon's Trumpet, Nimmer on Copyright, Blackstone's Commentaries) (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Legal reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, encyclopedias, directories, Bluebook) (6)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Study aids (e.g., hornbooks, nutshells, outlines, casebooks) (7)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Legal formbooks (e.g., West Legal Forms) (8)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Other print resource; please specify: (9)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q7 Q.7 (of 13): Please rate the following statements about using PRINT library resources. ("Library" means any and all libraries you use.)

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	No Opinion (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (6)
I believe that knowing how to use print library resources is necessary for academic success. (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
I believe that knowing how to use print library resources is necessary for career success. (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Please rate the following statements about using ONLINE library resources. ("Library" means any and all libraries you use.)

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	No Opinion (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (6)
I believe that knowing how to use online library resources is necessary for academic success. (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
I believe that knowing how to use online library resources is necessary for career success. (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q.8 (of 13): Please rate the following statements:

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)	Not Sure or Not Applicable (6)
My faculty encourage me to use library resources, facilities, and/or services. (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
My employer encourages me to use library resources, facilities, and/or services. (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
I believe that librarians are generally helpful in providing research guidance. (7)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
I prefer to start online research with resources that do not require passwords. (8)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q.9 (of 13): Of the resources listed below, which one you would consult FIRST in locating:

	Google (1)	HeinOnline (2)	Lexis (3)	Westlaw (4)	Official source's Web site (5)	Print reporter (6)	Print code (statute or regulation) (7)	Print journal (8)	Other (9)
…a U.S. Supreme Court opinion (e.g., Marbury v. Madison)? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
…a state statute (e.g., Iowa's election laws)? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
…Ronald H. Coase's 1960 law review article, "The Problem of Social Cost"? (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Of the resources listed below, which one you would consult FIRST in searching for:

	Google (1)	HeinOnline (2)	Lexis (3)	Westlaw (4)	Official source's Web site (5)	Print reporter (6)	Print code (statute or regulation) (7)	Print journal (8)	Other (9)
…commentary on intentional infliction of emotional distress? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
…different types of employment discrimination? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q.9a (of 13): We'd like to know why you chose "${q://QID4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/1}" as the first source you would consult in locating a U.S. Supreme Court opinion. (Please check all that apply.)

Comment [m7]: For questions 9a-e, whatever answer the student selected in question 9 (e.g., "Westlaw") will show up here, unless the answer was "Other"

- ❑ Breadth of resource (1)
- ❑ Depth of resource (2)
- ❑ Ease of use (3)
- ❑ Familiarity with the resource (4)
- ❑ Live help available (5)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my faculty (6)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my employer (7)
- ❑ No fee or charge to use this resource (8)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (9) _____

Q.9a (of 13): Please let us know the "${q://QID4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/1}" resource you would first consult in locating a U.S. Supreme Court opinion and why you chose it.

Comment [m8]: For questions 9a-3, if the student selected "Other" as an answer in 9, they will see this option instead.

Q.9b (of 13): We'd like to know why you chose "${q://QID4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/2}" as the first source you would consult in locating a state statute. (Please check all that apply.)

- ❑ Breadth of resource (1)
- ❑ Depth of resource (2)
- ❑ Ease of use (3)
- ❑ Familiarity with the resource (4)
- ❑ Live help available (5)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my faculty (6)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my employer (7)
- ❑ No fee or charge to use this resource (8)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (9) _____

Q.9b (of 13): Please let us know the "${q://QID4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/2}" resource you would consult first in locating a state statute and why you chose it.

Q.9c (of 13): We'd like to know why you chose "${q://QID4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/3}" as the first source you would consult in locating Ronald H. Coase's law review article, "The Problem of Social Cost." (Please check all that apply.)

- ❑ Breadth of resource (1)
- ❑ Depth of resource (2)
- ❑ Ease of use (3)
- ❑ Familiarity with the resource (4)
- ❑ Live help available (5)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my faculty (6)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my employer (7)
- ❑ No fee or charge to use this resource (8)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (9) _____

Q.9c (of 13): Please let us know the "${q://QID4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/3}" resource you would consult first in locating Ronald Coase's law review article, "The Problem of Social Cost," and why you chose it.

Q.9d (of 13): We'd like to know why you chose "${q://QID79/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/1}" as the first source you would consult in searching for commentary on intentional infliction of emotional distress. (Please check all that apply.)

- ❑ Breadth of resource (1)
- ❑ Depth of resource (2)
- ❑ Ease of use (3)
- ❑ Familiarity with the resource (4)
- ❑ Live help available (5)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my faculty (6)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my employer (7)
- ❑ No fee or charge to use this resource (8)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (9) _____

Q.9d (of 13): Please let us know the "${q://QID79/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/1}" resource you would consult first in searching for commentary on intentional infliction of emotional distress and why you chose it.

Q.9e (of 13): We'd like to know why you chose "${q://QID79/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/2}" as the first source you would consult in searching for different types of employment discrimination. (Please check all that apply.)

- ❑ Breadth of resource (1)
- ❑ Depth of resource (2)
- ❑ Ease of use (3)
- ❑ Familiarity with resource (4)
- ❑ Live help available (5)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my faculty (6)
- ❑ Used or recommended by my employer (7)
- ❑ No fee or charge to use this resource (8)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (9) _____

Q.9e (of 13): Please let us know the "${q://QID79/ChoiceGroup/SelectedAnswers/2}" resource you would consult first in searching for different types of employment discrimination and why you chose it.

Q.10 (of 13): If a resource is available to you both in print and online, generally speaking, which format do you prefer?

- ❍ I prefer print (1)
- ❍ I prefer online (2)
- ❍ It depends (3)

Q.10a (of 13): We'd like to know why you selected "${q://QID47/ChoiceDescription/1}" in the prior question. (Please check all that apply.)

Comment [m9]: Will appear only if they selected "I prefer print" in question 10.

- ❑ I think that print is easier to read than online; print is more legible, there's no screen glare, etc. (1)
- ❑ I like to spread out print resources, particularly when I'm using multiple resources simultaneously. (2)
- ❑ I like to mark up text and put notes in the margins. (4)
- ❑ Other reason; please specify: (5) _____

Q.10a (of 13): We'd like to know why you selected "${q://QID47/ChoiceDescription/2}" in the prior question. (Please check all that apply.)

Comment [m10]: Will appear only if they selected "I prefer online" in question 10.

- ❑ I think that online resources are generally easier to access (remote access, quick access, etc.) than print resources. (1)
- ❑ I like the built-in efficiencies available in many online resources, such as the ability to search across multiple sources or collections of information simultaneously. (2)
- ❑ I don't always know the exact title of the resource that contains the information I need. With a database, I can type in a search and the database will identify the best source for me. (3)
- ❑ I like using online resource tools, such as the ability to sort, filter, or save my searches and/or results. (4)
- ❑ I can always print out a copy later if I need it. (5)
- ❑ Other reason; please specify: (6) _____

Q.10a (of 13): We'd like to know why you selected "${q://QID47/ChoiceDescription/3}" in the prior question. (Please check all that apply.)

Comment [m11]: Will appear only if they selected "It depends" in question 110

- ❑ Some materials are easier to use in print than online and vice versa; regardless of format, I pick whichever resource is easiest to use to complete the research task at hand. (1)
- ❑ If I'm studying in the library, it's more likely that I'll reach for a book, whereas if I'm home, I'll go online instead. (2)
- ❑ For purposes of cite-checking, I prefer to go online and get a PDF of the official source, but if PDF is not available, then I will seek a copy from a print source. (3)
- ❑ I use the resource in the format recommended by my faculty/employer. (4)
- ❑ Other reason; please specify: (5) _____

Q.11 (of 13): How do you know that the quality of your research skills is sufficient for completing your research papers, assignments, and/or work product? (Please check all that apply.)

- ❑ I have received mostly positive feedback from my instructors on my research assignments. (1)
- ❑ I have received mostly positive feedback from my employer(s) on my work assignments. (2)
- ❑ I have received mostly positive feedback from peers who have reviewed my work. (3)
- ❑ I typically get good grades on my research assignments. (4)
- ❑ As no one is criticizing my research, I assume my skills are good. (5)
- ❑ I do not think that my skills are yet sufficient. (6)
- ❑ Other; please specify: (7) _____

Q.12 (of 13): If you had to choose the MOST important positive factor in shaping your legal research skills, what would it be? (Please select only one factor.)

- ❍ Legal research and writing course (1)
- ❍ Advanced legal research course (2)
- ❍ Clinic or experiential learning course (3)
- ❍ Course other than those listed above (4)
- ❍ Employment opportunity in a legal setting (internship, summer associate job, etc.) (5)
- ❍ Library services (research session, librarian interaction, etc.) (6)
- ❍ Upper division writing requirement (7)
- ❍ Vendor training session (Lexis, Westlaw, BNA, Intelliconnect, etc.) (8)
- ❍ Participation on a journal or in a competition (law review, moot court, etc.) (9)
- ❍ Other; please specify: (10) _____

Q22 Q.13 (of 13): Do you have any additional comments regarding how you approach legal research that are not otherwise covered by this survey? Please let us know.

Q23 Congratulations! You've made it to the final page. Please tell us a little about yourself and then click the “Submit Survey Now” button when finished. What is your year or program?

- ❍ 2L (1)
- ❍ 3L (2)
- ❍ 4L (3)
- ❍ LLM (4)
- ❍ SJD (5)

Q24 What is your current status?

- ❍ Full-time (1)
- ❍ Part-time (2)

Q25 Are you a transfer student?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)

Q26 Are you an international student?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)

Q27 What is your gender?

- ❍ Male (1)
- ❍ Female (2)

Q28 In which age range do you fall?

- ❍ Under 22 (1)
- ❍ 22-27 (2)
- ❍ 28-35 (3)
- ❍ 36-45 (4)
- ❍ 46-55 (5)
- ❍ Over 55 (6)