

Legal Encyclopedias

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What are legal encyclopedias?

- Legal encyclopedias offer basic information on a wide range of legal topics.
- An encyclopedia article explains the topic, then offers primary and other secondary sources for that topic.
- A Florida specific legal encyclopedia is *Florida Jurisprudence (Flajur)*
- Two major national legal encyclopedias are:
 - American Jurisprudence (AmJur)*
 - Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS)*

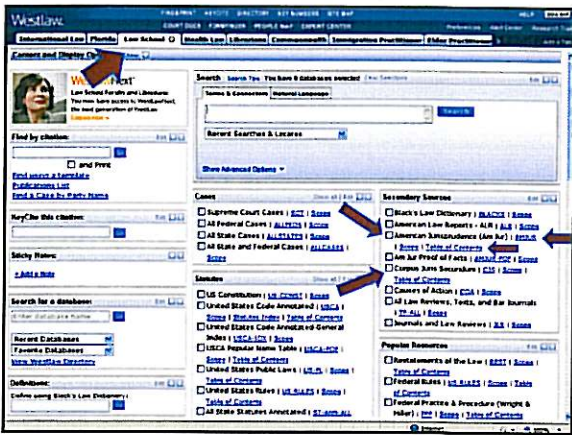


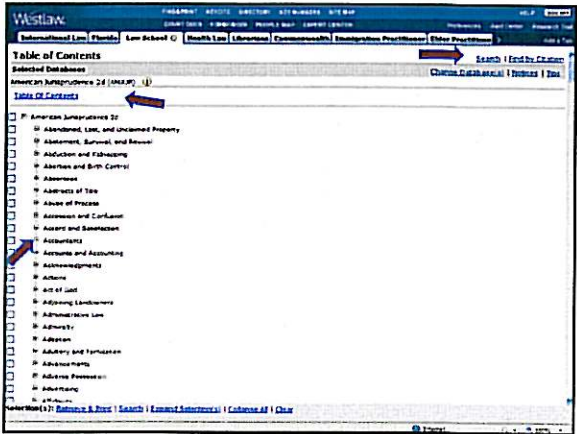
Why would you use legal encyclopedias?

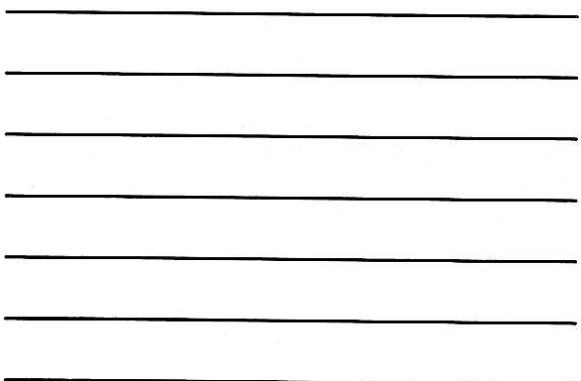
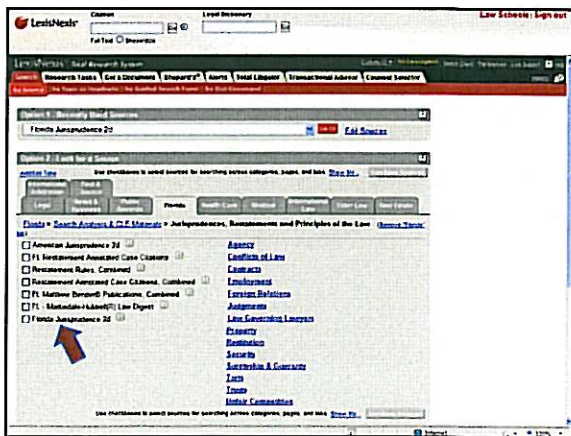
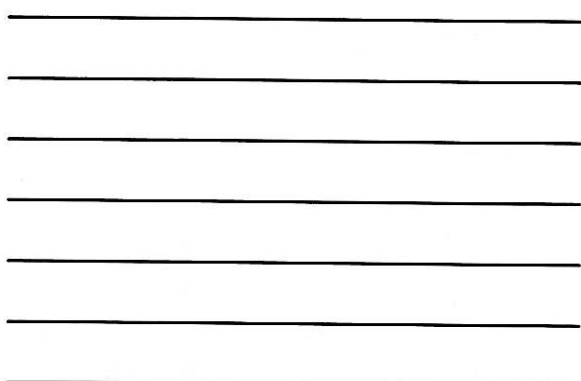
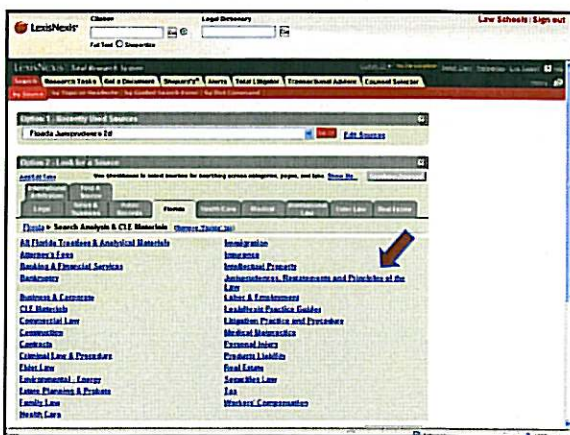
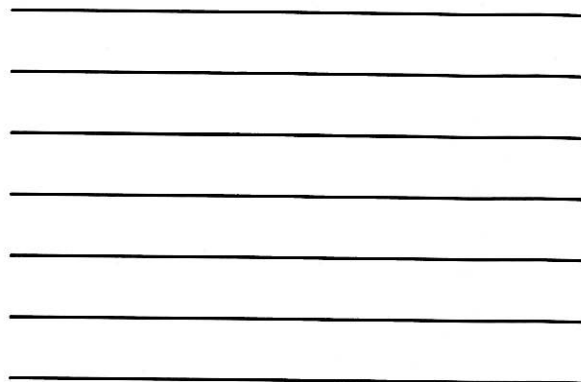
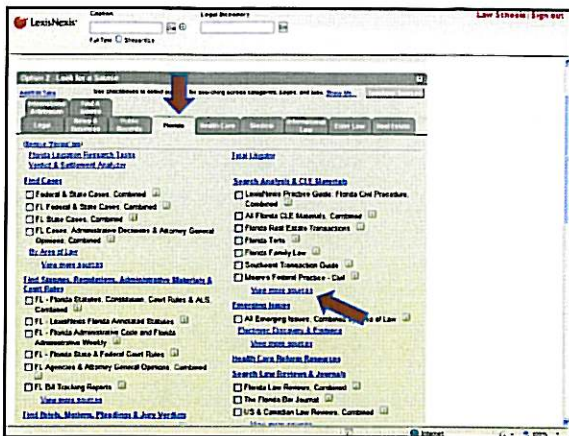
- Legal encyclopedias, like all secondary sources, are a good place to start when researching an area of law that is new to you.
- The encyclopedias will give you a good basic overview of the topic and then provide you with the primary law in that area, as well as research references to other pertinent secondary sources.
- Don't reinvent the wheel. If someone has collected the information that you need all in one place, take advantage of that resource!

**Where would you find legal encyclopedias?
And how do you use them?**

- Legal encyclopedias are available to you through the law library, both in print and online.
- AmJur, CJS, and FlaJur can be found in both the Tampa campus library (first floor) and the Gulfport campus library (first floor Ives Room).
- Each encyclopedia has a general index at the end of the set that you can use to look up your topic. There is also an index at the back of each individual volume (book).
- Some other indexes that you will find at the end of the sets or the end of each volume include: Table of Cases, Words and Phrases.







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