

Advanced Environmental Legal Research Summer 2018

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Students: Come to the first class with a written description to hand in, of the environmental legal topic you intend to research. See *Research Guide Expectations* on the course TWEN site. Choose a topic focused on U.S. environmental law, federal and/or state.

Class 1

Tuesday, May 29, 1 – 2:30

In Class: (This first assignment is, by far, the longest assignment for the course)

Pre-class Reading and Assignments and applying what you've learned to your Research Guide:

- Thoroughly read the Research Guide/Research Memo instructions on the TWEN site. Determine a title for your Guide and also write a description (one paragraph minimum to one page maximum) of your Research Guide topic. Choose a U.S. federal and /or state topic. You can add an international perspective, if you wish, but the focus must be on U.S. environmental law. **Print out a paper copy of this description and bring it with you to turn in during the first class.**
- Read: Law Library Basics
<http://nyulaw.libguides.com/content.php?pid=355864&sid=2910430>
Read two sections: Legal Research - Secondary Sources, and Legal Research - Primary Sources, as a research review.
- Read: Julien Guide (all sections) - <http://libguides.vermontlaw.edu/julien>
- Do an Advanced Search in Julien for something related to your Research Guide/Research Memo topic, and then limit your search results to material type: ebook. Browse your search results and actually open up at least one ebook.
- **WorldCat** (a free site)
<http://www.worldcat.org>
Explore. For identifying relevant books, it is almost unbeatable. It lists nearby (mostly academic) libraries that own the books. It also includes material beyond books, and often links to full-text material.

- **VLS Environmental Law Research LibGuide**
<http://libguides.vermontlaw.edu/EnvLawResources>
Become familiar with what is included in this Libguide.

- **VLS Subscription Sites:** Explore two environmental databases listed in the LibGuide.

- **VLS Environmental Law Research Sources (ELRS)** Access through the LibGuide noted above. Explore.
The VLS *Environmental Law Research Sources* is a collection of 500+ free websites organized by topic, with descriptions, selected in consultation with VLS faculty and students...