

Performing Health & Medicine Related Legal Research

To find books and multimedia resources on this topic, perform **subject** searches in the **COD Library catalog** using:

[medical care law and legislation United States](#), [medical ethics](#), [medical laws and legislation](#), [medical jurisprudence](#), [medical policy](#),

The following article **databases** are recommended for information regarding current health/legal issues:

Westlaw Campus Research - Available on campus and also off-campus with a C.O.D. library card. Campus Research is an easy-to-use online research service that provides college and university students with access to a comprehensive collection of news and business information and law-related resources. Access federal and state case law, full text of the *United States Code Annotated (USCA)* and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and more than 800 law reviews and journals, including *Harvard Law Review* and *Yale Law Journal*.

Other databases that may contain useful articles on current health/legal issues include:

Academic OneFile, CINAHL, and Health Source (Academic and Consumer)

How to find Illinois Cases using a PRINT index:

Use West's Illinois Digest 2d REF KFI 1257 .W47

Look up your topic (keep it broad)

Find the correct indexing number at the beginning of each section

(Ex. Under Physicians and Surgeons, "Acts or omissions constituting negligence or malpractice" is under #15, #15.5 is this topic in General.)

Make sure that the library owns the case you are looking for:

Illinois Decisions after # 74

ex. 215 *Ill.Dec.* 388

(where 215=volume number, *Ill.Dec.*=Illinois Decisions, 388=page number)

North East 2d's after #455

ex. 663 *N.E.2d* 138

(where 663 #, *N.E.2d*=Northeast Second Series, 138=case #)

Use the West Illinois Decisions to find your case REF KFI 1247 .A33x

Both types of case numbers are found in the same set of books!

How to Find Supreme Court Cases:

Go to FindLaw: Cases and Codes (www.findlaw.com/casecode) and search for US Supreme Court (or 7th Circuit Court Opinions) combined with a topic selected from the pull-down menu

If doing an advanced search, keep your search simple, using the most precise terms that you can.

(ex. Medical diagnosis AND insurance, Advance directives, medical malpractice reform)

These cases are also available in the library.

Refer to United States Supreme Court Digest REF KF 101.1 .D5 for subjects and case #'s

Look in United States Supreme Court Reports REF KF 101 .U584 for your case

ex. 35 L ED 2d 147

(where 35=volume, L ED 2d=Lawyer's Edition Second Series, 147=page #)

General Legal Information on the Web:

Use Findlaw (www.findlaw.com) and do a general search. (free registration required)

Use Google (www.google.com) and search for your topic and the concepts of laws and/or regulations

Medical/Health Law Web Sites:

Findlaw: Health Care Law

<http://healthcare.findlaw.com/>

Health Law Materials

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

Illinois Courts

<http://www.state.il.us/court>

Illinois Department of Public Health

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/>

Litigation / Medical Malpractice News

http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/categories/medical_malpractice

- The latest Litigation / Medical Malpractice News articles published daily. Includes news on lawsuits, legislation, compensation claims, pharmaceutical company disputes, and much more

Medical and Public Health Law Site

<http://biotech.law.lsu.edu/>

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL): Medical Liability/Medical Malpractice Resources

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/financial-services-and-commerce/medical-liability-and-malpractice.aspx>

Citing Legal Cases In-Text and in References:

See Appendix 7.1 References to Legal Materials, *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed. (beginning page 216)

1. When citing a case in the text of a paper, the names of court cases are italicized, but dates and page citations are not italicized

The concept of First via the Fourteenth refers to the fact that a state cannot abridge freedoms that are guaranteed by the federal constitution (*Gitlow v. New York*, 1925).

The principle of First via the Fourteenth was established in *Gitlow v. New York* (1925).

2. Using a quotation from an opinion in the text of a paper

In discussing pure speech and speech plus, Justice Brennan wrote, "The government generally has a freer hand in restricting expressive conduct than it has in restricting the written or spoken word" (*Texas v. Johnson*, 1989, p. 406).

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3. Within the references page, neither the names of court cases nor any part of the citation is italicized.

Sample of a court cases listed in references:

Texas v. Johnson, 491 U.S. 397 (1989).

Happel v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 766 N.E.2d 1118 (Ill. 2002).