



Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

LITIGATION: A Selective Research Guide

I. Michigan Resources
III. Journals
V. Juries Resources

II. Federal Resources
IV. Nutshells/Other Books/Forms
VI. Databases Accessible Through Coolcat VII. Internet Resources

Overview:

This guide is selective and attempts to provide sources on the topic of litigation. It is not comprehensive in scope or intended to be a catchall source, but rather to act as a starting point for the researcher to find additional sources and relevant information. At its core, the guide attempts to lead the researcher to up-to-date items held by the Cooley libraries. Additionally, the guide is tilted towards Michigan sources on the topic while other state specific guides have been omitted. In 1995 the Tort Reform Act changed significantly, therefore, this guide focuses on materials dated after 1995 that take into account the changes in the law. Annotations provide brief descriptions and do not purport to serve as critiques or endorsements of the titles' contents or authority.

I. MICHIGAN RESOURCES

Civil Procedure Before Trial

Location: KFM 4737 .C58

This basic reference for the civil trial preparation process provides a step-by-step guide through each stage, from pre-lawsuit considerations to bringing a case to trial. It includes every rule and procedure along the way. Applicable statutes and rules are explained in a clear and logical style.

Civil Trials and Evidence

Location: KFM 4738 .C58

Civil Trials and Evidence covers all stages of trial practice, from pretrial preparation to post-trial motions, with detailed coverage of the Michigan Court Rules and the Rules of Evidence governing civil trials. This resource provides checklists, guidelines and practice pointers, as well as strategies and tactics for trying cases.

Hackett's Evidence: Michigan and Federal

Location: KFM 4740 .H32

This publication discusses the Michigan state evidence rules, statutes and cases interpreting them, as well as the federal rules, statutes, and cases interpreting Federal rules applicable to Michigan Federal Courts. It is arranged alphabetically by topics commonly identified with evidentiary issues. Interspersed throughout, you will find practical suggestions from the author and tips regarding the scope and meaning of specific rules.

Introducing Evidence at Trial

Location: KFM 4740 .I58 2007



Quickly understand how to introduce over 60 different types of evidence at trial, including electronic evidence. This resource includes the relevant evidence rules, case laws, foundation requirements, and sample examinations for each type of evidence.

Michigan Basic Practice

Location: KFM4277 .M522

This guide discusses the 20 most common areas of Michigan practice, from real estate to divorce, employment, probate, debt collection, ADR, and more. Each chapter summarizes the law, gives practical guidance, and includes sample forms. The following chapters in Volume II may provide useful information on the topic of litigation:

Chapter 11: Preparing, Filing and Serving the Complaint; Chapter 12: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Chapter 13: Pretrial Discovery; Chapter 14: Motion Practice; Chapter 15: Basic Michigan Evidence; Chapter 16: Appeals; Chapter 17: Personal Injury Cases; Chapter 18: Employment Cases; Chapter 19: Worker's Compensation Cases; Chapter 20: Pretrial Criminal Procedure; and Chapter 21: Traffic Offenses.

Michigan Civil Jurisprudence

Location: KFM 4280 .C3 1957

As a West Publication, this resource will refer you to West Digest References and key numbers, as well referring you to cases, statutes, ALR's, Am. Jur. and other West products pertaining to various topics. Look under the subject heading "Trial" in the Index, which will take you to numerous subjects relating to trials and litigation in general.

Michigan Civil Procedure

Location: KFM 4730 .M49

This is a comprehensive resource on Michigan civil procedure before and during trial. Also included are in-depth summaries of the law, practical advice, and sample forms.

Michigan Civil Procedure Litigation Manual

Location: KFM 4729 .A196

This resource guides the reader through the intricacies of the Michigan Rules of Civil Procedure and includes summaries of leading cases interpreting the rules and references to supporting authorities.

Michigan Courtroom Evidence

Location: KFM 4740 .W343

ICLE's comprehensive evidence resource that includes the text of each evidence rule, its history, analysis, practice suggestions, comparison with the federal rule, and annotations of all significant cases.

Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure, with forms

Location: KFM 4761 .G5 1978

Use this resource as a starting point for handling criminal matters in Michigan. This multiple-volume set provides in-depth treatment of both substantive and procedural law, as well as analysis of current statutes, court rules, and judicial decisions. Court approved forms, practice tips and checklists are also included to assist with case preparation.

Michigan Law of Damages and Other Remedies

Location: KFM 4395 .M53



This resource focuses on the relief that may be available to a complaining party in a litigious matter. Chapter 4, Trial Techniques for Proving Damages in Injury and Death Cases, discusses the rules of the court, elements of damages, miscellaneous considerations, damages in statutory cases, as well as the actual trial proceedings. The remaining chapters provide guidance on monetary remedies available in Michigan for personal injury and wrongful death, injury to other personal interests, injury to commercial and contractual interests, and injury to property interests.

Michigan Law & Practice Encyclopedia 2nd Ed.

Location: KFM 4265 .M523 vols. 32 and 33

The subject heading "Trial" covers a case from its inception through the right to a new trial. As a LexisNexis Group publication, it cites to other titles published by LexisNexis, Matthew Bender and Shepards. It also covers case law, statutes and law reviews.

Michigan No-Fault Automobile Cases: Law and Practice, Third Edition, 2007 Supplement

Location: KFM 4391 .A46 L643

This resource provides guidance on litigation in Chapter 6, First Party Litigation and Chapter 7, Third-Party Practice, which focus on handling a case from its inception through trial. Samples of standard forms and exhibits are also provided.

Michigan Rules of Evidence & Trial Objections at a Glance

Location: KFM 4740 .Z9 S7 1995

This ICLE publication is comprised of a six-panel chart that provides quick courtroom access to every rule of evidence and authority for common objections.

Pretrial Motions

Location: KFM 4775 .K64 2001

This monograph is broken down into three parts that discuss the general requirements for pretrial motions in criminal cases, the individual motions that are commonly filed in criminal cases, as well as providing a table that summarizes the individual motions discussed in Part 2.

Torts: Michigan Law and Practice, Second Edition

Location: KFM 4395 .A6 T68

This resource provides practical and thorough coverage of Michigan tort law, including a complete analysis of the law and practical advice from experts in many areas that give rise to tort liability.

Trial Handbook for Michigan Lawyers

Location: KFM 4738 .P45 2006

Presented in a step-by-step format, this handbook provides a practical discussion of situations you will encounter in preparing and trying a Michigan case, from jury selection to final judgment and appeal.

II. FEDERAL RESOURCES

American Jurisprudence Proof of Facts, 3rd

Location: KF 8933 .A46 2003

This multi-volume set provides detailed articles on the elements of proof for specific evidentiary issues. Also included are checklists; model discovery samples; sample proofs; diagrams; drawings and bibliographies for additional, authoritative legal sources.



American Jurisprudence Trials

Location: KF 8915 .A74

This multi-volume set provides step-by-step guidance through all the phases of trial—from initial client interview, discovery, pleadings, motions and trial itself, to post-trial motions and appeals. Also included are checklists; model pleading, discovery, and motion forms; sample opening statements and final arguments; and sample litigation aids—photos, maps, diagrams, charts, tables, graphs, and more.

Annotated Manual for Complex Litigation

Location: KF 8900 .M353

This resource discusses the management of complex litigation, and examines case management techniques, class action, certification, and mass torts. Numerous state cases and related developments are included, as well as a full text version of the Federal Judicial Center Manual, an extended commentary applying to all types of cases, a detailed index, and tables of cases, statutes, and rules.

Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts

Location: KF 889 .B826

This resource provides guidance on all phases of litigation, including investigation, pleadings, motions, discovery, trials, appeals, settlement, and enforcement of judgments. Also included is strategy-oriented coverage of every phase of a commercial case, from the assessment that takes place at the very inception, through pleading and discovery stages, motions, trial, post trial and appeal. There is extensive emphasis on discovery rules and strategy including chapters on case evaluation, depositions, document requests, discovery of electronic information, interrogatories, and requests for admissions.

Closing Arguments: The Art and the Law

Location: KF 8915 .S72

This work provides a detailed discussion of the strategies and techniques for preparing a convincing closing statement, examining such issues as timing, references, handling objections, instructions, and rebuttals. It also covers the use of visual aids and corroborating evidence.

Courtroom Evidence Handbook

Location: KF 8935 .Z9 G63

The Courtroom Evidence Handbook incorporates recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence and is divided into three parts: Federal Rules of Evidence; Rule-by Rule Commentary; and a discussion on how to bridge the gap between the law of evidence and the use of evidence at trial.

Discovery Practice

Location: KF 8900 .H423

Provides practice tips and strategies to guide readers through the discovery process, including topics such as insurance discoverability; discovery abuse; confidentiality; use of experts; use of investigation files; use of witness statements; protective orders; and tapes and telephone depositions.

Discovery Proceedings in Federal Court

Location: KF 8900 S5 1995

This two-volume reference covers discovery procedures including interrogatories, depositions, requests for production or inspection, physical and mental exams, and requests for sanction. The book's discussion of discovery proceedings is divided into six major topics: discovery procedure,



depositions, interrogatories, other discovery methods, limiting and enforcing discovery obligations, and scope of discovery.

Effective Closing Argument

Location: KF 8924 .L34 1999

Contemporary case citations are provided from virtually every state to assist readers in creating compelling arguments which juries find irresistible and courts consider accurate statements of the law. This edition provides real-life summaries by famous advocates and covers: use of analogy, contrasting witness testimony, effective introduction of key evidence and proper appeals to emotion.

Examination of Witnesses

Location: KF 8915 .G662

This treatise provides an in-depth view of the legal issues involved in direct and cross-examinations. It discusses how to prepare witnesses so that their testimony is powerful and persuasive, and includes expert analysis of the purpose of cross-examinations, as well as techniques to assist in guarding against potentially damaging evidence.

Expert Witness Checklists

Location: KF 8961 .D362

This resource is a compilation of checklists that address the increased use of expert witnesses in today's courtroom. This set discusses the selection of the expert, pretrial use of experts, admissibility of expert testimony, and effective methods of direct and cross-examination. It also examines how cases may be lost through incomplete or misunderstood testimony, providing practice-oriented materials to get the most out of witnesses. Expert witnesses in specific fields are touched upon, such as medicine, products liability, economic loss, accounting, and construction. Relevant Supreme Court decisions and revisions to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are also discussed, incorporating all recent developments in the field.

Federal Criminal Litigation

Location: KF 9619 .F44

This handbook gives you practical guidance through the legal and procedural complexity of the federal criminal process. It combines a broad overview and detailed explanation clarifying the criminal process, as well as identifying and suggesting ways to avoid the pitfalls.

Federal Evidence

Location: KF8935 .L68

The authors provide case citations, thumbnail descriptions of the most cited cases, and draw upon decisions handed down by state appellate courts construing state counterparts to the federal rules for 42 of the 50 states. This resource focuses on: General Provisions; Judicial Notice; Burdens and Presumptions; Relevancy and its Limits; Privileges; Witnesses; Opinion and Expert Testimony; Hearsay; Authentication and Identification; Contents of Writings; Recordings and Photographs; and Miscellaneous Rules.

Federal Litigation Guide

Location: KF 8840 .F397 2007

The Federal Litigation Guide is a 4-volume federal civil litigation practice guide that covers federal civil procedure from the filing of the complaint through trial and appeal. It also includes approximately 35 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) Official Forms.



Federal Rules of Evidence Manual

Location: KF 8935 .S2 2006

The Federal Rules of Evidence Manual provides the following for each Rule: the complete and current text; a current explanation by experts on federal evidence rules; comprehensive descriptions of salient cases; and the relevant legislative history.

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Location: KF 8816 .A1913

These rules govern the conduct of civil actions brought in Federal District Courts and cover the following topics: Scope of Rules; Commencement of Action, Service of Process, Pleadings, Motions and Orders; Pleadings and Motions; Parties; Depositions and Discovery; Trials; Judgment; Provisional and Final Remedies; Special Proceedings; District Courts and Clerks; General Provisions; Appendix of Forms; and Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.

Fundamentals of Federal Litigation

Location: KF 8840 .F86

This resource guides the researcher through the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and each phase of the case, from filing the complaint through undertaking an appeal. Also included are templates, flowcharts, checklists, timelines, and real-life anecdotes.

Handbook of Federal Civil Discovery and Disclosure

Location: KF 8900 .G746

This book provides an analysis of the relevant law, rules, and procedures of federal civil discovery and disclosure covering: discovery, disclosure, depositions, interrogatories, production of documents, entry upon land, physical and mental examinations, requests for admission, sanctions, electronic discovery, ethics, professionalism, and obtaining evidence in foreign countries. Includes practice tips, checklists, more than 100 forms (also provided in RTF format on CD-ROM), as well as an appendix with discovery timetables as mandated by the federal rules.

Handbook of Federal Evidence

Location: KF 8935 .G68 2006

This resource provides an in-depth overview of the subject and includes information about rulings on evidence, preliminary questions, limited admissibility, and Judicial Notice. It also covers presumptions in civil and criminal actions and proceedings, relevancy, privileges, witnesses and expert testimony.

Litigation With The Federal Government

Location: KF 9065 .S38 2006

A step-by-step guide that provides information on lawsuits involving the federal government. Topics include: recognizing the immunity of the government from claims for injuries suffered by civilian and military employees; seeing how a personal injury suit against a federal employee may be converted by the government into a suit against itself, even when the result is dismissal of the action by reason of governmental immunity; understanding the special tribunals with nationwide jurisdiction, such as the Court of Federal Claims, the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; learning about special procedures for asserting contract claims under the Contract Disputes Act, for civilian and military employment claims under the Civil Service Reform Act and the Tucker Act, and for statutory, taking of property, Indian breach of trust, and other monetary claims under the Tucker Act.



Litigator's Guide to Expert Witnesses

Location: KF 8961 .K84

This book examines the role of the expert witness, focusing on taking depositions, expert qualifications, admissibility of testimony, attorney-client privilege, Daubert, rules of discovery and evidence, selecting and presenting experts, and direct examination of experts. It covers: an overview of expert testimony, the legal framework, Supreme Court Decisions, rules of discovery, rules of evidence, selecting experts, presenting experts, objecting to experts, deposition of experts and direct examination of experts.

Litigation Manual: Depositions

Location: KF8900.A4 .L57 2006

This manual takes you through the steps of a deposition, including the preparation before the deposition, what happens during the deposition, strategies and techniques for deposing and defending witnesses, as well as special cases you may encounter. In addition, pertinent articles from the *Litigation* journal are included.

Location Manual: Jury Trials

Location: KF8972 .L58 2008

This manual discusses the steps and processes of a jury trial and includes topics such as: the future of jury trials; whether or not you should have a jury trial; understanding and choosing jurors; instructing and winning over the jury; telling the jury a story; trying a jury case; opening statements; witnesses; complex cases; closing arguments and what happens after the jury trial.

Manual for Complex Litigation:

Location: KF 8820 .A313 M6327 2004

This resource discusses the treatment of electronic discovery, aspects of pretrial management, and describes major changes affecting case management in substantive and procedural law in mass torts, class actions, intellectual property, employment discrimination, and other types of litigation.

McCormick on Evidence

Location: KF 8935 .M29

This treatise analyzes the rules and theory behind the law of evidence, covering not only the Federal Rules of Evidence, but also state law in jurisdictions not following the Federal Rules. It also describes accepted practice and theory, identifies current issues, and reviews leading case law. Also, when there are specific questions of evidence for which a jurisdiction has no precedent, the book provides both general theories that may be argued to suggest the answer and varying views from other jurisdictions.

Moore's Federal Practice

Location: KF 8820 .A313 M632

Moore's Federal Practice contains historical appendices describing the development of the law, legislative history, advisory committee notes, etc. It also includes a discussion of the procedures used in admiralty and bankruptcy cases.

Moore's Federal Practice Update

Location: KF 8820 .A313 M6323

This monthly reporter covers the latest federal civil procedure cases, as well as statutory and rule developments affecting federal practice, including case analysis and comments, articles by practitioners on subjects of current interest, topical organization for easy access to needed



information, as well as cross-references to Moore's Federal Practice and Weinstein's Federal Evidence. This resource also contains a subject index and a cumulative table of cases.

Opening Statements: Winning in the Beginning by Winning the Beginning

Location: KF 8915 .J842

This resource includes practical tips to get the jury on your side, such as storytelling techniques, strategies, recognizing the makeup of the jury and its deliberative process, as well as recreating reality in your opening. It discusses whether or not to use objections during the opening, provides critical do's and don'ts, and includes model opening statements from actual cases in the appendix.

Pattern Deposition Checklists

Location: KF 8900 D312

This product provides systematic coverage of questions that could be asked in a deposition and cuts preparations time to a minimum. The checklists and other deposition aids cover subject areas including tort actions, motor vehicles, premises liability, product liability, medical malpractice, family law, employment law.

Pattern Discovery

Location: KF 8900 D

This author has written a series of form discovery books in various subject areas. Use Coolcat to locate the exact location of the book covering the specific topic for which you are preparing discovery requests.

Pretrial Discovery: The Development of Professional Judgment

Location: KF 8900 .B55

This book presents a major case file for readers to examine, reflecting real litigation practice. Each chapter begins with the applicable Federal Rule of Civil Procedure and a brief review of the mechanics of employing that rule. The reader is then led through the chronology of using the discovery device in issue, addressing the considerations that should influence the litigator's decision. Each chapter ends with problems based on the hypothetical case file from the beginning of the book. Additional problems are provided in the appendix.

Questioning Techniques and Tactics

Location: KF 8915 .K472

This reference examines techniques and tactics of questioning and their direct application to witnesses in court or at deposition. Detailed sections discuss: Fundamentals of Questioning Strategy, Principles of Cross-Examination and Witness Control, Psychological Aspects of Questioning Strategy, Winning Through Interrogation: Questioning Techniques and Tactics, Handling Particular Types of Witnesses, Handling Witnesses Who Assert the Fifth Amendment Privilege, The Deposition: Additional Principles and Considerations, Handling Opposing Counsel: Winning the Battle for Control, and Total Witness Preparation.

Trial Communication Skills

Location: KF 8915 .A852

This resource discusses verbal and nonverbal communication techniques and their impact on the outcome of a case. It also discusses the keys to effective communication skills for every stage of a trial from pretrial to closing, including body language, posture, face language, eye contact, voice and psychological projections, touch, gestures, space, persuasion, oratory, pace of delivery, choice of



words, methods of enhancing your message, use of metaphors, communication on videotape, and practical tools and techniques.

The Discovery Revolution: E-Discovery Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Location: KF 8902 .E42 P38

This book focuses on the e-discovery amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which were approved by the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and were approved by the Judicial Conference in September 2005.

Trial Evidence, 3rd

Location: KF 8935 .M38 2005

Organized in a manner that follows the sequence of a trial, this book reviews the methods, strategies, and tactics of trial evidence. Also included are Law and Practice sections that are based on actual federal and state cases, bringing to life the law of evidence.

Trial Techniques

Location: KF 8915 .M38 2007

This book delivers practical advice as well as numerous examples covering all aspects of trial practice. Structured to follow the stages of a trial, this resource provides examples of the courtroom skills needed to present evidence and arguments persuasively.

Trials: Strategy, Skills, and the New Powers of Persuasion

Location: KF8915 .M384

This work leads readers through the elements necessary for persuasive litigation, covering effective trial strategy, skills to use in trials during jury selection and continuing through closing arguments, as well as the importance of visual and electronic media.

Weinstein's Federal Evidence: Commentary on Rules of Evidence

Location: KF 8935 .W392

This resource provides an analysis of federal evidence law. Chapters are organized by rule number, and the discussions in each chapter are broken down into descriptive topical section headings. The focus is on the current state of the law, including footnotes organized by circuits (containing brief descriptions of each case). In addition to setting forth the law, Weinstein's Federal Practice, 2d provides expert analysis and coverage of unsettled evidence issues. Also included is a chart listing each state that has adopted evidence rules based on the Federal Rules of Evidence, which compares the state version of each rule to the corresponding federal rule.

III. JOURNALS

American Journal of Trial Advocacy

Location: K1 M4477

This journal provides scholarly analysis of the day-to-day problems and issues experienced by practicing attorneys. The electronic version of this journal may also be accessed through Hein Online, which can be found in the Electronic Resources link on Coolcat.

Litigation News

Location: KF 200 .L57

Published by the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association, the Litigation News presents articles about Section activities, litigation trends and topics of interest to litigators.



MTLA Journal

Location: KFM 4738 .A1 M75

The journal of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy

Location: K23 .U336

This publication is dedicated to the scholarly review of current legal issues.

Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law

Location: K6 .O75

This publication features in-depth law review articles on insurance litigation, ERISA and employment issues, reinsurance and other critical issues. Once a year, the Journal also includes the "Survey of Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law," which covers the spectrum of practice from aviation litigation to toxic torts.

IV. NUTSHELLS / OTHER BOOKS/ FORMS

Civil Procedure in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8841 .K36 2007

This Nutshell provides a road map to navigating civil procedure rules and helps build a foundation for understanding the overall picture. Topics discussed include how to choose the proper court, pretrial and trial preparation, adjudication, judgments, appeals, and specialized multi-party/multi-claim proceedings.

Class Actions and Other Multi-Party Litigation in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8896 .Z9 K586 2007

This resource covers the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, the 2003 amendments to Rule 23, and important court decisions rendered since the last edition. It also covers all of the major topics of class action law and practice, such as commencement of a class action, requirements for class certification, class action discovery, notice to class members, opt-out rights, Seventh Amendment and due process issues, class settlements, remedies, appellate review, issue and claim preclusion, and ethical and policy issues. There is also a section that focuses on securities, mass tort, and employment discrimination class actions, defendant class actions and shareholder derivative suits.

Evidence in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8935 .Z9 R6 2007

Evidence in a Nutshell provides commentary explaining and exploring the concepts of particular federal rules related to the theory, application, and interrelationships found in the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Federal Rules of Evidence in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8935 .Z9 G7 2007

This book presents each federal rule of evidence in the order in which it appears. Each rule is followed by expert commentary explaining the concepts underlying the rule. The relationship between each rule is discussed, as well as recent amendments and judicial interpretations from the more than 5,000 citations that have appeared since the last edition.



Handbook of Personal Injury Forms and Litigation Materials

Location: KF 1257 .A3 S954

This resource provides forms for use in cases involving auto accident injuries, products liability, premises liability, and medical malpractice, discussing how to work with experts, handle voir dire, draft settlement letters, and more. The authors take you through each step of a personal injury case, detailing how to prepare a case, address complaints, present cases at trial, handle negotiation and settlement, and conduct post-trial matters. Also included are requests for hospital records and medical bills, excerpts from depositions, settlement letters, agreements for judgment, release forms, and much more.

Michigan Litigation Forms and Analysis

Location: KFM 4730.A65 H84 2006

Organized in a time sequence from notice through appeal, this resource presents a concise analysis of relevant court rules and ethics notations. It also contains briefs, annotations, research references, practice tips, tables, and indexes.

Pretrial Litigation in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8900 .D49 2001

This resource focuses on the laws governing the civil pretrial process and the skills needed by counsel during pretrial proceedings. Discussed is the law applicable to federal civil proceedings, primarily the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Small-Case Litigation Forms

Location: KF 8836 .K54

This resource provides forms for initial case handling, discovery, trial preparation, settlement, as well as collections of specialized forms.

The First Trial: Where Do I Sit? What Do I Say? in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8915 .Z9 G59

This nutshell offers guidance on where to sit, what to say, trial preparation, *voir dire*, opening statements, witness examination, and closing arguments.

The “How-to-Win” Trial Manual: Winning Trial-Advocacy in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8915 .F54 2005

This resource discusses winning with a theme, how to turn the stumbling blocks in your case into stepping stones that help you win, why not objecting to evidence in front of the jury will help you win, how to make winning instinctive by using the manual's “test yourself” section, as well as guiding the reader on how to prepare witnesses.

Trial Advocacy in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8915 .Z9 B47 2006

This book analyzes and illustrates discrete courtroom skills and techniques in the context of principles of persuasion.

Trial and Clinical Skills in a Nutshell

Location: KF 8915 .Z9 H43 2005

The author provides advice on problem solving, legal writing and argument, case planning, and closing arguments. Guidance is also offered for improving your office skills, interviewing techniques, discovery, negotiation, and counseling skills.



V. JURIES

Blue's Guide to Jury Selection

Location: KF8979 B46

This guide is designed to help you select the best possible jury for your trial. It provides advice on the best practices and methods for voir dire, as well as valuable voir dire tools such as questionnaires and sample voir dire.

Federal Jury Practice and Instructions

Location: KF 8984 .D4 2006

This detailed reference on federal jury practice and instructions provides step-by-step guidance through every phase of a civil or criminal federal jury trial. It also provides detailed forms and citations to published works, allowing you to examine specific issues that may be important to your case.

Jury Selection

Location: KF 8979 . S73 2001

Beginning with an in-depth exploration of the legal issues in jury law today, Jury Selection provides guidance on such topics and procedures as: background investigation, community attitude surveying, voir dire techniques and strategies, and nonverbal communication.

Jury Selection: Strategy & Science

Location: KF 8979 B572

This book is meant to be a readily available resource for attorneys during *voir dire*. It includes a host of legal authorities to support the propriety of questions to ask in such areas as occupation, education, organizational affiliation, life experience, and attitudes about the court system, as well as features roundtables with leading jury consultants and trial attorneys.

VI. DATABASES ACCESSIBLE THROUGH COOLCAT

LexisNexis Litigation Practice & Procedure Database

LexisNexis' Litigation Practice & Procedure database provides access to the following information: federal and state cases; statutes, regulations and administrative materials; court rules; briefs, motions, pleadings and jury verdicts; search analysis, law reviews and journals; Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory; court records from CourtLink; emerging issues; investigations into persons, property and businesses; and news.

Loislaw

Loislaw offers access to primary law, secondary law, public records, and legal news and business information.

Westlaw Litigation Database

Westlaw's Litigation Database provides access to the following information: court dockets; pleadings; medical information; motions; trial filings; court documents by litigation specialty; jury verdicts, settlements and judgments; briefs; information on expert witnesses; alternative dispute resolution; attorneys and judges; BNA-litigation materials; lawsuits filed; litigation preparation by State; court rules; jury instructions; forms; practice materials; newsletters; cases; arrest records, criminal records and trial court orders.



VII. INTERNET RESOURCES

American Bar Association Section of Litigation

Location: <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/>

This resource provides access to information about the following: membership; calendar; committees; publications; program materials; issues & analysis; practice tools; standards & policy; public service initiatives; and information about the section.

Findlaw

Location: www.findlaw.com

Provides access to information on various legal topics, a quick reference guide to state and federal laws, as well as legal forms. To access Findlaw's litigation specific subject area, go to <http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/29litigation/index.html>.

LLRX – Law and Technology Resources for Legal Professionals

Location: <http://www.llrx.com/courtrules/>

Now in its 11th year, LLRX is a free and independent Web journal dedicated to providing legal, library, IT/IS, marketing and administrative professionals with the most up-to-date information on a wide range of Internet research and technology-related issues, applications, resources and tools. LLRX.com offers a monthly installment of new articles, guides and topical resources, as well as links to various Internet websites.

The Virtual Chase

Location: <http://www.virtualchase.com/topics/litigation.shtml>

The Virtual Chase offers links to forms, briefs, Center for Jury Studies, court rules/forms/dockets, daubert information, U.S. Supreme Court Docket, electronic discovery case database, Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center, jury information, PACER look-up, Thomson Legal Record, as well as many additional resources.

