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#### allinanchor: I inanchor:

- Google restricts results to pages containing all query terms in the anchor text on links to the page. For instance:
   [allinanchor: best restaurant Sunnyvale] will return only pages in which the anchor text on links to the pages contain the words "best" "restaurant" and "Sunnyvale" that is, all of the words following the allinanchor operator. So, when using allinanchor: in your query, do not include any other search operators. By contrast, using the operator inanchor: only searches for the term that's next. Example: [inanchor:sales offer 2011] will search only for "sales" in the anchor text.
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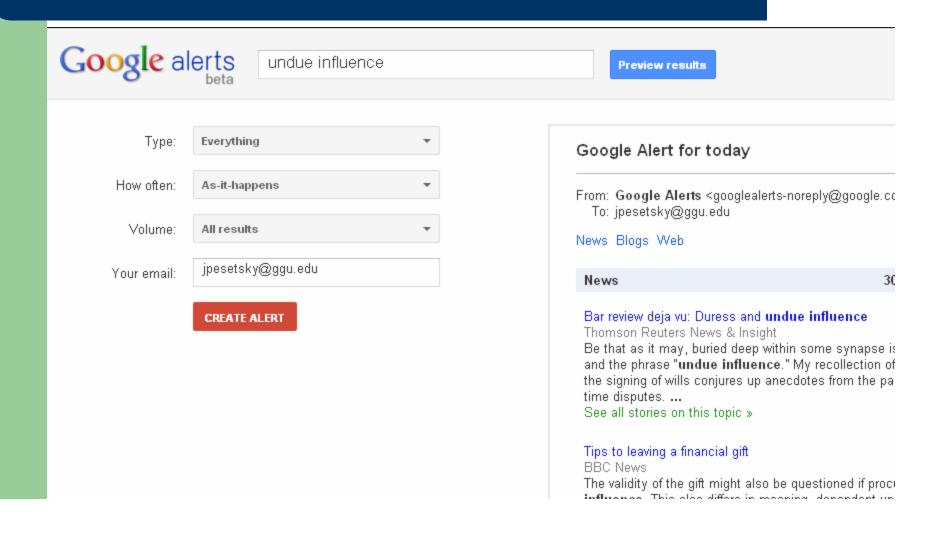
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Restricts results to those containing all the query terms you specify in the text of the page. For example, [ allintext: camping tent stove] will return only pages in which the words "camping" "tent" and "stove" appear in the text of the page. Using the operator intext: will search only for the next term in the text of the page. (Note: using intext: in front of every word in your query is the same as using allintext: at the front of your query, e.g., [ intext: Victorian intext:artists ] is the same as [ allintext: Victorian artists ].)

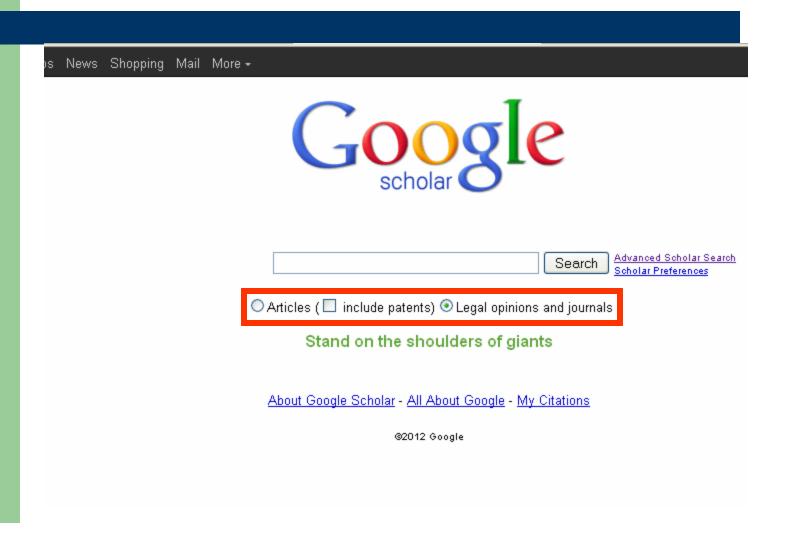
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filetype:	Only finds documents of a particular type.	legal research filetype:ppt
define	Gives definitions.	define voir dire
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An asterisk after a place name indicates that the code also includes the jurisdiction's charter. Some separately published loose-leaf charters and zoning ordinances are also listed. Other separately published charters and zoning ordinances may be found in the Melwl Catalog under the following subject headings:

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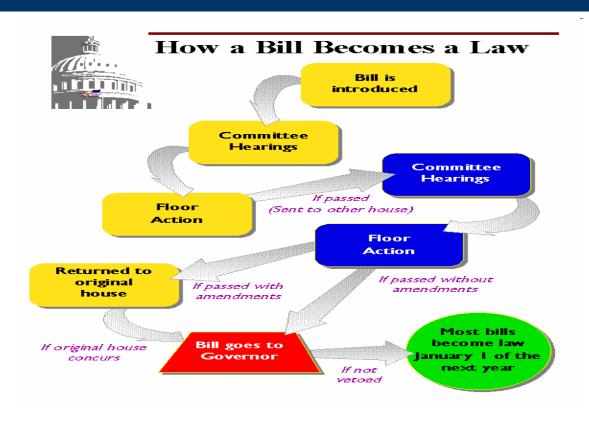
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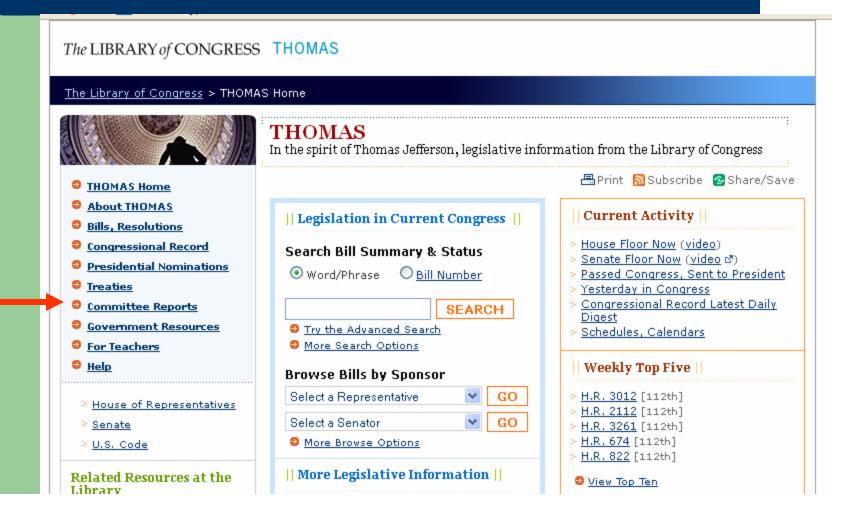


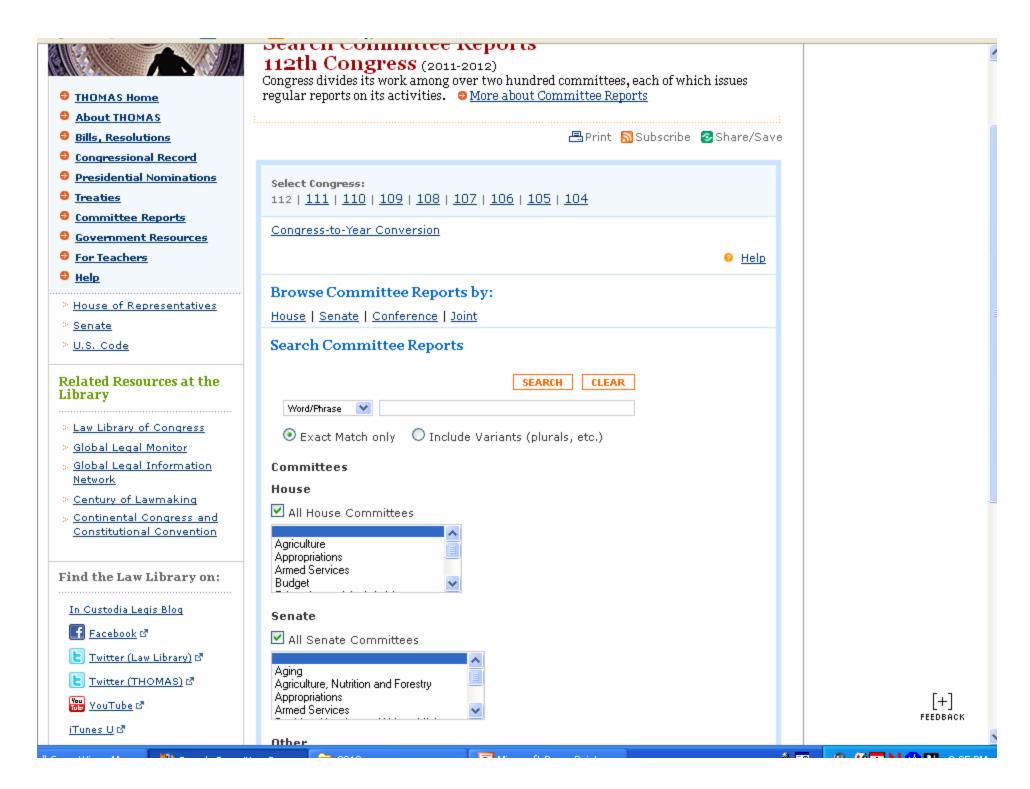
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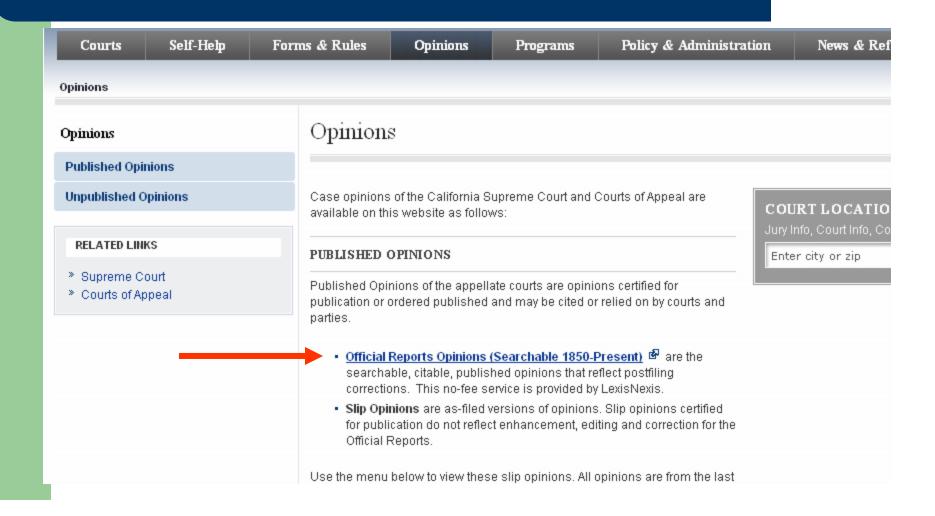
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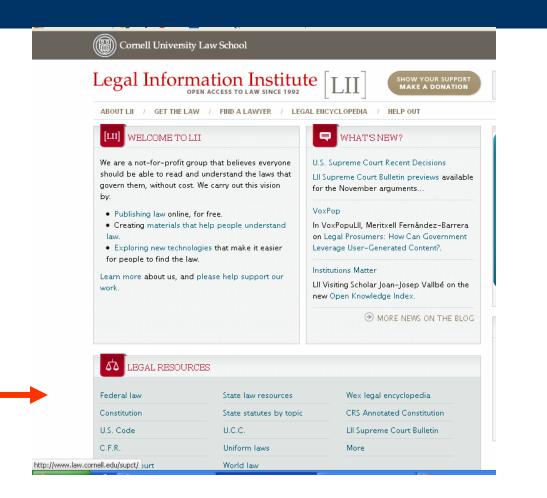
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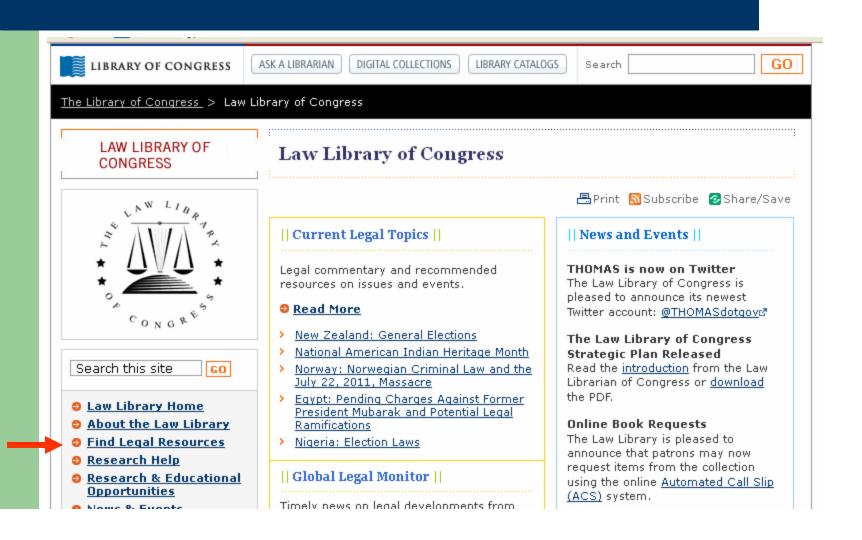
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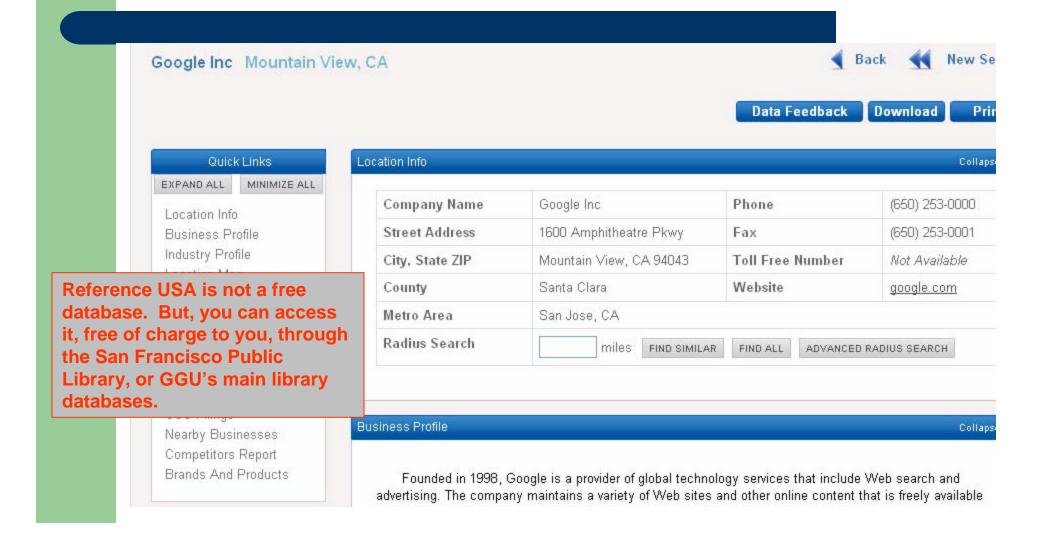
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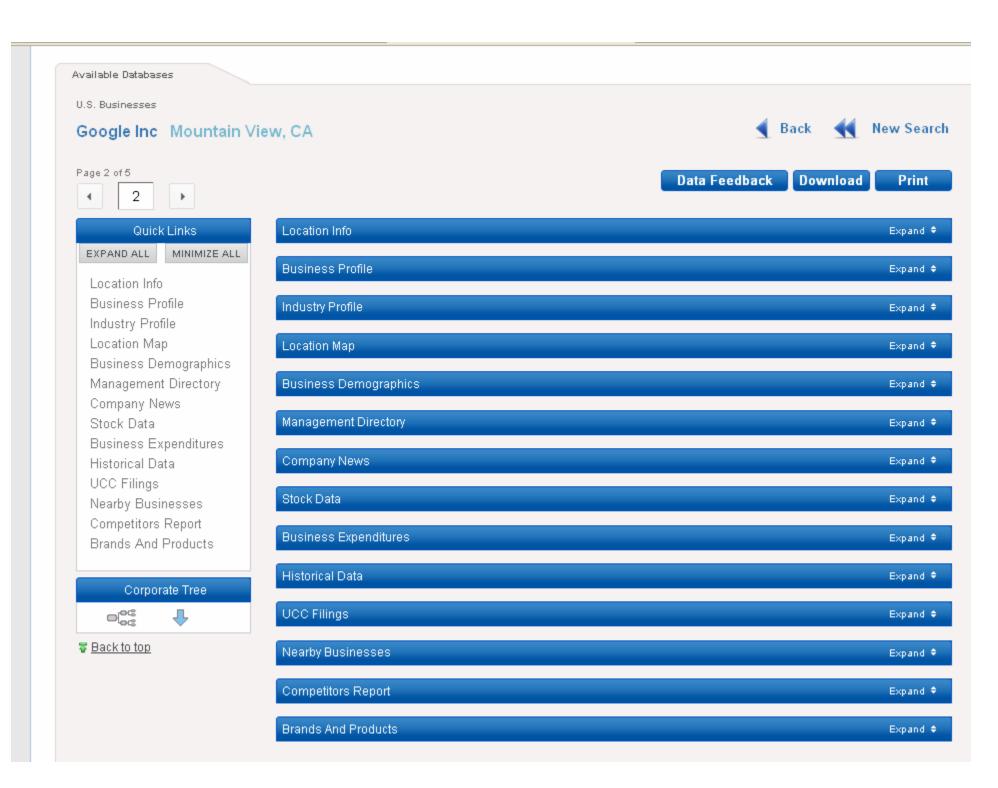


# US Code from the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the United States House of Representatives - http://143.231.180.80/browse.xhtml



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questions. If he just goes ahead and answers questions the officer asks him, he's given up that right implicitly, so there's a valid implied waiver. Another telecourse instructor adds: "The fact that he's talking to the officer is an implied waiver of his right to remain silent."

After POST began emphasizing implied waivers in 1995, it appeared that not all law enforcement officials agreed with this practice. [FN375] Regardless, the approach spread, [FN376] fueled in part by a California Supreme Court case approving the practice. [FN377] There is no empirical evidence indicating the frequency with which officers in California obtain implied waivers. However, a 2004 training document from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office states that while express waivers are preferred, a "problem" is that "most police do not use" them. [FN378]

Perhaps the best way to understand the development of implied waivers is to compare the current Miranda card with prior versions. Here is a version of the warnings and waivers from a 1980 training manual published by a private organization: [FN379]

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\*1587 Here is the front and back of POST's current Miranda card: [FN380]

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\*1588 One might note the simpler language of the warnings, the interspersing of "Do you understand?" with each warning and, of course, that obtaining express waivers is optional. The suggested waiver questions also seek a "mixed" waiver; that is, an express waiver of the right to remain silent and an implied waiver of the right to counsel.

3. The Miranda Court's assumption about waivers and invocations today

The evidence now seems contrary to the Miranda Court's belief that warnings and waivers would create an unpressured "time out" prior to questioning, and that suspects would have to articulate waivers clearly before questioning could begin. We also can no longer indulge in the assumption that questioning will take place only with suspects who have decided that they are willing to speak, or that suspects are easily able to stop questioning once it has

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Tools





- You have a right to remain silent.
- Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
- You have the right to consult a lawyer before we talk to you and to have him with you while we talk to you.
- If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning, free of charge.
- 5. Do you understand each of the rights explained to you?
- 6. Do you want to talk about this case or not?
- 7. Do you want a lawyer or not?

Here is the front and back of POST's current Miranda card: 380

### MIRANDA RIGHTS



- You have the right to remain silent. Do you understand?
- Anything you say may be used against you in court. Do you understand?
- You have the right to the presence of an attorney before and during any questioning. Do you understand?
- 4. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you free of charge, before any questioning, if you want. Do you understand?

#### MIRANDA EXPRESS WAIVER



If you desire an express waiver, ask a "yes" or "no" question, such as:

- 1. Do you want to talk about what happened?
- 2. Do you want to tell your side of the story?
- 3. Do you want to go ahead and talk to me?

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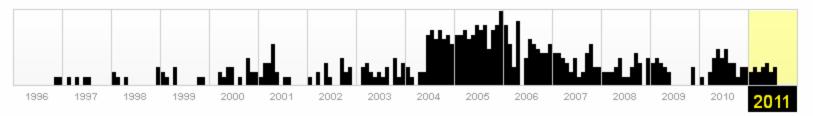


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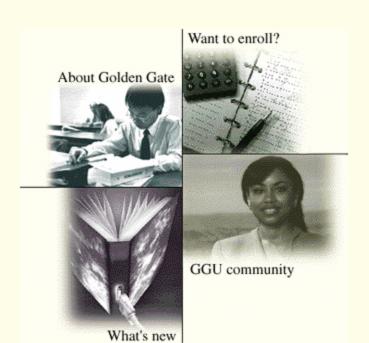
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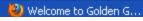
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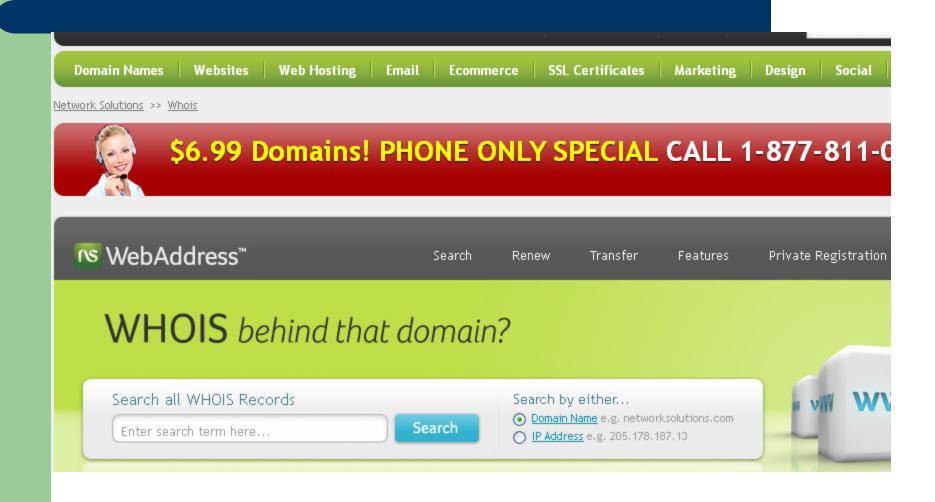








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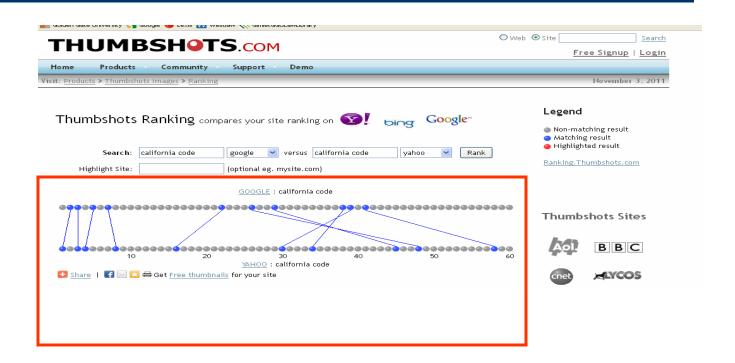
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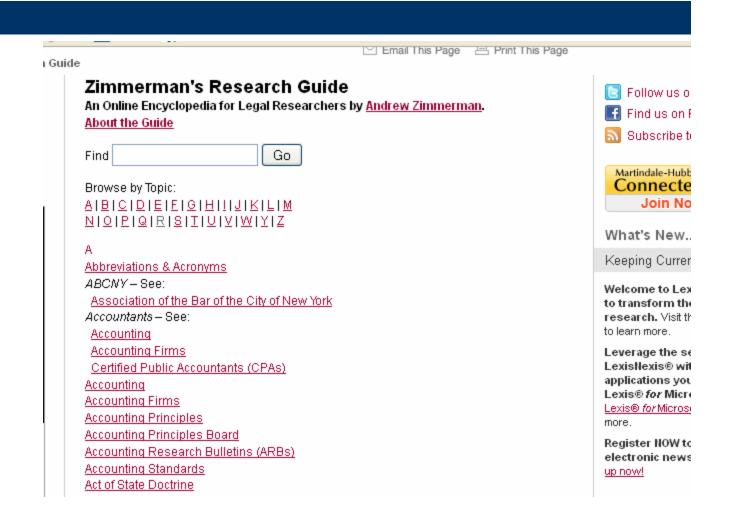
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## Undue influence

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Undue influence (as a term in jurisprudence) is an equitable doctrine that involves one person taking advantage of a position of power over another person. It is where free will to bargain is not possible.

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- 1 Undue influence in contract law
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#### Undue influence in contract law

[edit]

If undue influence is proved in a contract, in the U.S. constitution, the contract is voidable by the innocent party, and the remedy is rescission. There are two categories to consider:



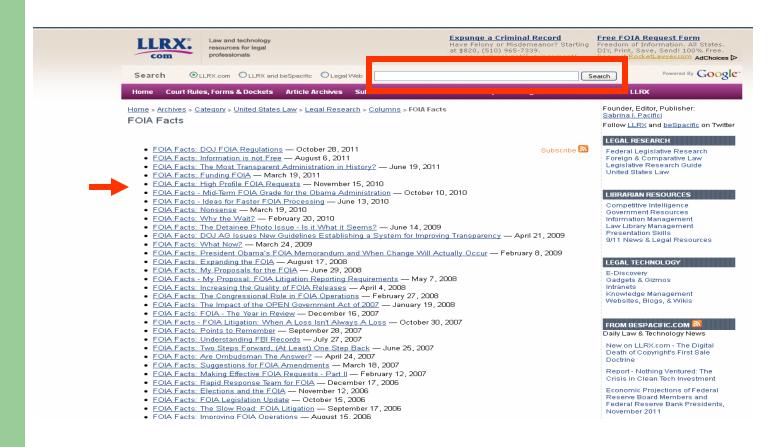
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 If you are working in an area of law you aren't accustomed to, start with a secondary source.

Primary Authority	Secondary Source
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#### **Switch Gears**

- If your research isn't moving in the right direction after 10 minutes of concentrated effort, re-think your search strategy.
  - Re-state the issue.
  - Look to other research sources.
  - Reconsider the legal theory.
  - Is this a matter of first impression?

#### **Precedent**

- Is the case you are relying on still good law?
- Has the case you are relying on been influential? Have other cases relied upon it?

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## Why is good research important?

- Competent Representation
- Credibility! If a portion of your research is faulty, Judges and other Attorneys may not believe the rest of your work.

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- If you use Westlaw or Lexis, customize them to save you time.
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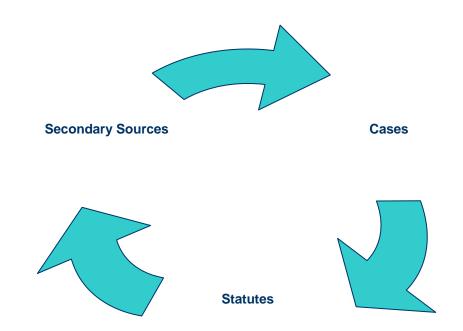
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- Admire someone? Follow who they follow.
- Start actively tweeting about subjects of interest to you. Then, selectively follow some of your followers.

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# Thank you!

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