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Happy Fall everyone!

Aren't the changing leaves just beautiful? This time of year goes by too fast. I hope you enjoyed your Nevada Day. The parade is always lots of fun.

I am going to share some facts from 60 years ago. Some of you reading this weren't even born yet.

The year 1963 was when Beatlemania began, and the year President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin and delivered his famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech. Push-button telephones were introduced, 1st class postage cost 5 cents, and the population of the world was 3.2 billion, less than half of what it is today. The population of the U.S. was 189 million. Unemployment was at 5.5%, inflation was at 1.24%, and median family income was \$6,200. The Vietnam war started, Medgar Evers was assassinated and, of course, the worst thing was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22.

Our speaker this month is Ann Walsh Long from the Nevada Supreme Court Library. She will speak on "The Art of Online Research."

Happy Thanksgiving!

—Maria Nelson, PLS, DCLP President



DCLP LIVE!!

No Reservation Needed

Via ZOOM Thursday

November 1, 2023 at 12 p.m.

No charge for guests.

Meeting ID: 922 280 3023

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Welcomes

Ann Walsh Long, MSLS, JD

On the topic of

The Art of Online Research

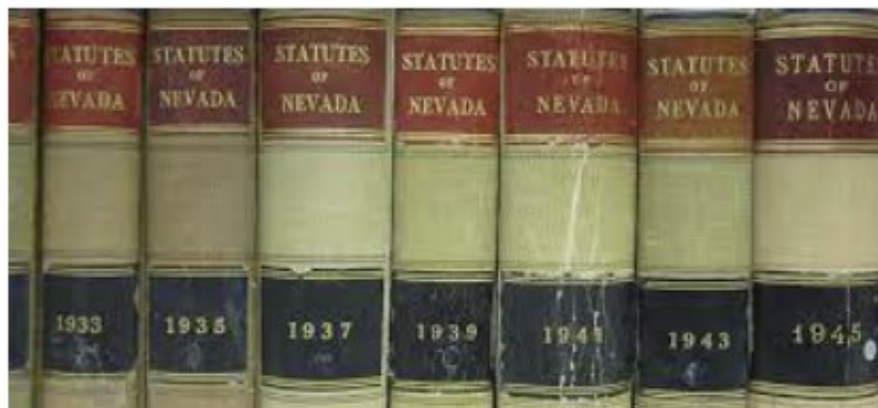


Ann Walsh Long is new to Nevada but has more than 30 years of experience working as a law librarian. Ann literally wrote the book on Advanced Legal Research (for West Academic), primarily to help her students learn the indispensable legal research resources for each stage of civil litigation.

Prior to joining the court in July, Ann was a founding librarian and an Associate Professor of Law at Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law where she taught Legal Research I, II, and III, Advanced Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research for Competitive Intelligence.

Ann has been recognized twice by the American Association of Law Libraries – first for writing the article of the year for the association's *Spectrum* magazine and later for her work as Chair on the Publishing Initiatives Caucus, she received a Presidential Certificate of Merit.

Additionally, Ann worked in the law libraries of four "Big Law" firms and at the Environmental Protectional Agency's Library in Washington, D.C.



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You spoke and we listened!

The Nevada Secretary of State values your input and is sympathetic to the frustrations that you have been facing. We are excited to share that we have recently deployed a software update to our Business Licensing service. We will continue to correct and enhance our systems to ensure your success.

Changes took effect on October 24th, 2023. If you have feedback to share about this release, please let us know using the Survey below! [Microsoft Forms](#)



What's New/Corrected	Where you will see the new Functionality in our System
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Self – Help icons with visual examples and active links for research in product support 	Domestic LLC Formation/Initial List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed UCC fulfillment issues 	UCC – 11 Search and Copies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced redundant data input fields 	Statement of Alternate Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory updates for Assembly Bill 126 regarding voting by stockholders 	Amendment Before Issuance of Stock

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LEGAL RESEARCH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



American Bar Association — Consumers' Guide to Legal Help
Legal Terms Glossary. https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/flh-home/flh-glossary/

Black's Law Dictionary — This free online version of Black's
Law Dictionary, the trusted source of law definitions for over
100 years. <https://thelawdictionary.org/>

Merriam-Webster's Law Dictionary — Search more than
10,000 legal words and phrases for clear definitions written in
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LexisNexis' Legal Reference — Allows you to search
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legal dictionary and legal encyclopedia. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex#:~:text=What%20is%20Wex%3F,found%20in%20the%20Wex%20FAQ>.

Nolo's Free Dictionary of Law Terms and Legal Definitions —
Legal definitions from A to Z. Find plain-English definitions for
legal terms by browsing. <https://www.nolo.com/dictionary>

**Federal Trade Commission's Glossary of Scams and Legal
Terms** — <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/topics/glossary-scams-legal-terms>

In addition, most of the states and some foreign countries
have legal dictionaries and self-help resources available on
their websites.

Circle the words below in the puzzle above. Words
may be forwards, backwards, diagonal, horizontal or
vertical. The answer to this puzzle will appear in the

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|----------|--------------|--------------|
| BLUEBOOK | REPORTER | PERIODICAL |
| BRIEF | BOOLEAN | LOOSELEAF |
| CASE | SHEPARDIZE | STATUTES |
| CIRCUIT | TITLE | DISTRICT |
| CITATION | ANNOTATED | CODE |
| CITATOR | VERSUS | AUTHORITY |
| HEADNOTE | RESTATEMENTS | LEXIS |
| KEYCITE | REGULATION | JURISDICTION |
| OPINION | POCKETPART | JUDGMENT |

Are you enjoying these puzzles?
What kind is your favorite? Please
let The Tickler know by emailing:
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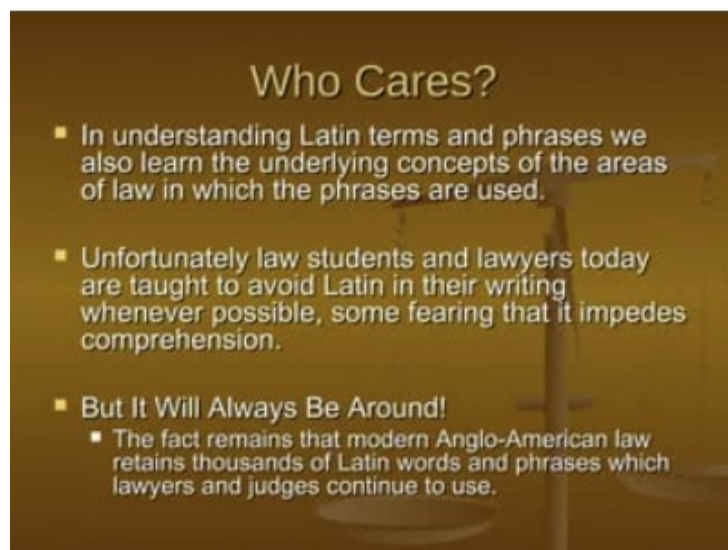
Quiz on Latin Terms

Submitted by Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS

Fill in the blank with the correct letter answer.

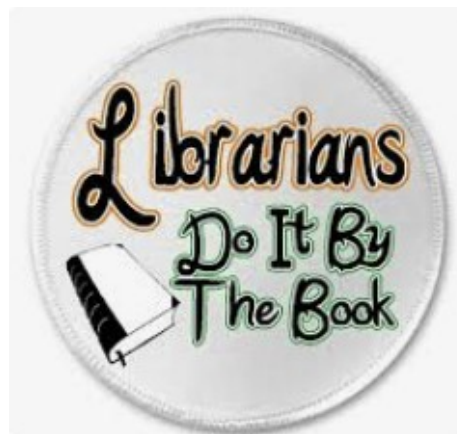
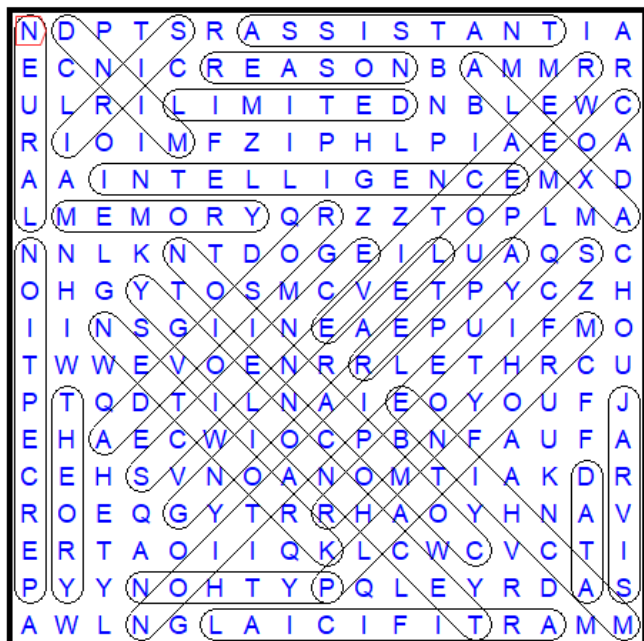
- _____ 1. amicus curiae
- _____ 2. prima facie
- _____ 3. sine die
- _____ 4. voir dire
- _____ 5. ad litem

- A. without naming a day for future action.
- B. for the lawsuit.
- C. friend of the court.
- D. at first sight; on the first appearance.
- E. to speak the truth.



Source: A CLE presentation from Britt Johnson thru Slideshare.

Solution to October 2023 Word Search Puzzle



Answers to Latin Terminology Quiz

1-C; 2-D; 3-A; 4-E; 5-B

Why Research is an Important Skill to Have

Regardless of the career path a person is following or their position at their place of employment, there is always room for learning. Research can be mentally draining at times and you may want to avoid it. Yet it is an imperative part of learning and developing as a legal support professional. Without research any intellectual growth is quite impossible.

Why exactly is it so essential? We are going to explore some reasons behind the importance of having top notch research skills.

Builds Knowledge Base

The most prominent reason to engage in research is to enhance your knowledge. Even if you are an expert in your field, there is always more to uncover. If researching about a topic entirely new to you, your skills will help build your unique perspective about it. The whole process of research opens new doors of learning and fosters subject matter growth.

Enables Efficient Learning

Studies reveal that research helps restore and protect memory and enhances mathematic and problem-solving skills. Therefore, it prepares the mind for a better understanding of concepts and theories. As a person's learning capacity improves they are able to perform better than someone who is reluctant to research.

Aids Employment Prospects

Research has an undeniable role in the legal industry. Successful firms have invested heavily in electronic research tools. Your skills in knowing how to use them will prepare you for any tasks you will need to accomplish in the future.

Helps in Understanding Issues

The ability to "go deep" into a topic may shed light on problems that have not yet come out in the open and will give you the opportunity to assist your attorney by pointing out issues and questions that may not have been considered.

Provides Truthful Evidence

The process of research can prove to dispel various myths that have been built up in our minds. They can either develop because of a common belief or a wrong resource. Logical and fact-based knowledge is easily accessible if you only reach out to find the truth.

Develops a Love of Reading and Analyzing

Reading and writing are the core elements of research. Reading helps open your mind to a never-ending horizon of knowledge. Developing writing skills gives you the ability to express yourself in a constructive way.

Exercises your Mind

Letting your mind frequently absorb logic and creativity allows it to become more active. It creates a healthy curiosity that fuels the brain and makes it seek new answers.

Keeps You Updated on Recent Information

In various fields there are always new discoveries to explore. Research prevents you from remaining behind or have inaccurate information about a topic. You can use the latest knowledge to build upon ideas or talk confidently about a subject if required. Which takes us to the next factor about building credibility.

Builds Credibility

People tend to take a person's ideas seriously when it evident he or she is well informed about them. Being involved in research helps in forming a solid foundation upon which to build an opinion. It also makes it much harder for people to find fault in something you have proposed.

Focuses your Scope

If you are delving into a topic for the first time, it might be confusing to know where to begin. Most of the time you have an overwhelming amount of information to sort through. Research helps in narrowing down the topic to the most important and unique points so you are able to write meaningfully.

Research Skills (Cont'd)

Teaches Discernment

When you become adept at research you can easily identify between low- and high-quality data. You will get better at discerning accurate from false information. Any gray areas will also become clear where the facts are correct but conclusions might be questionable.

Introduces New Ideas

It is possible that you already have preconceived ideas and opinions about a topic are asked to research which may or may not be correct. Skillful research can unearth different or additional facts that will encourage you to review your own perspective, entertain fresh ideas, and perhaps change your mind about a concept or two.

Encourages Curiosity

A love for learning new things can last a lifetime if you have sources to fuel it. Even the most basic research opens up new possibilities and develops analytical skills. When you have committed yourself to gaining knowledge, it constantly helps you to grow.

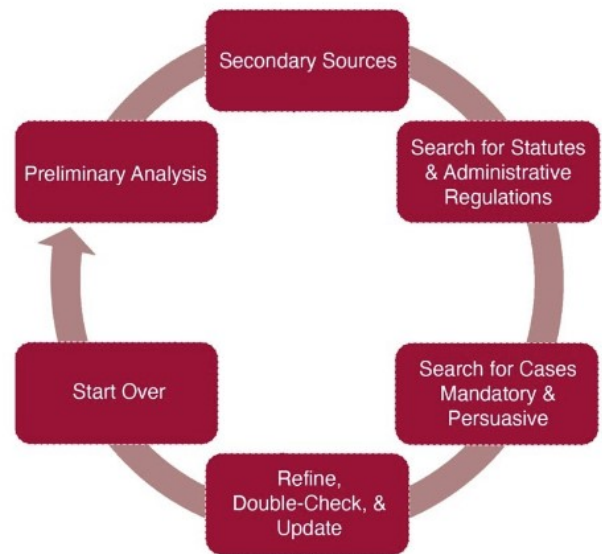
Prepares you For the Future

If you are fascinated by a particular topic and become knowledgeable about the field, it is not inconceivable that you may move to a firm that specializes in that area of law. Or you may become an expert who lectures at legal conferences or writes papers for legal publications. Knowledge is power and your subject area expertise may lead you somewhere you never dreamed of going.

These are some of the reasons why solid research skills are so important to your career.

“Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought.” — Albert Szent-Gorgyi

Material adapted from a variety of academic resources including: wisestep.com



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The next Lunch Bunch meet up will be on Wednesday, November 15 at noon at The Fox Brew Pub, 310 S Carson Street in Carson City. If you can get away, please join us! No official business or program... Just an opportunity to socialize and catch up with our members.



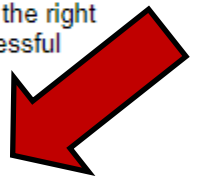
Be sure to check for the special CLE code you will receive when renewing your membership in 2023.



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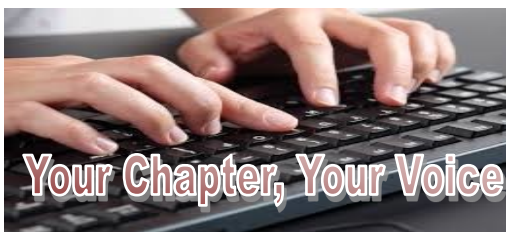
The NALS Board of Directors sends their best wishes and sincerest thanks for having chosen NALS as the organization to represent your interests.

- National Association for Legal Support Professionals

And



to use it!!



- November 2 — Holly Mitchell, PLS
- November 3 — Dionna Negrete, PP, CLP
- November 7 — Susan Davis, PP, PLS, CLA



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Windows or Mac

1. Open the **Zoom** desktop client.
2. **Join** a meeting using one of these methods: (a) Click **Join a Meeting** if you want to **join without** signing in, or (b) sign in to Zoom and then click **Join**.
3. Enter the **meeting** ID number and your display name. If you're signed in, you can change your display name. If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
4. Select if you would like to connect to audio and/or video and click **join**.

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<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>



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*Dance like no one is watching.
Email like it may one day be
read aloud in a deposition.*

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Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession. Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and administration of justice
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

Canon 1. Members of this association shall maintain a high degree of competency and integrity through continuing education to better assist the legal profession in fulfilling its duty to provide quality legal services to the public.

Canon 2. Members of this association shall maintain a high standard of ethical conduct and shall contribute to the integrity of the association and the legal profession.

Canon 3. Members of this association shall avoid a conflict of interest pertaining to a client matter.

Canon 4. Members of this association shall preserve and protect the confidences and privileged communications of a client.

Canon 5. Members of this association shall exercise care in using independent professional judgment and in determining the extent to which a client may be assisted without the presence of a lawyer and shall not act in matters involving professional legal judgment.

Canon 6. Members of this association shall not solicit legal business on behalf of a lawyer.

Canon 7. Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform legal functions except under the direct supervision of a lawyer and shall not advertise or contract with members of the general public for the performance of paralegal functions.

Canon 8. Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform any of the duties restricted to lawyers or do things which lawyers themselves may not do and shall assist in preventing the unauthorized practice of law.

Canon 9. Members of this association not licensed to practice law shall not engage in the practice of law as defined by statutes or court decisions.

Canon 10. Members of this association shall do all other things incidental, necessary, or expedient to enhance professional responsibility and participation in the administration of justice and public service in cooperation with the legal profession.