



# Legal Research Tools and Techniques

**Program dates start May 30. Register today!**

**6 CLE**

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## Your research, revitalized

No one wants to spend hours doing legal research just to come up empty handed. Luckily, you don't have to. At **Legal Research Tools and Techniques**, learn how to maximize the research methods you're already using and harness the power of additional tools to get powerful results in less time. Our team of legal research pros will share advanced strategies for finding the information you need to thoroughly prepare for your cases and transactions. Uncover a range of research options powered by artificial intelligence (AI) and get sound guidance on how to use them effectively. Make the most of the tools you're already familiar with and discover new ways to broaden your research reach.

## How you'll benefit:

- Get more out of Google (and other search engines)
- Improve your search results and boost efficiency
- Learn where and how to find information on people and businesses
- Research and prepare for your cases using free resources
- Receive tips for locating legislative history, including acts and annotations
- Discover state and municipal resources that can help you further your research
- Find best practices for artificial intelligence (AI) research tools

## Who should attend:

- All lawyers
- Paralegals

**Register today!**

## Schedule

**8:00 AM Registration**

**8:30 AM Advancing Your Google (and Other General Search Engine) Prowess**

- Tips and tricks for improving online search effectiveness.
- Using advanced search templates
- Engines beyond Google

*Beverly G. Butula*

**9:20 AM Become a Super Sleuth: Finding People and Business Information**

- Learn public records sources for businesses and individuals.
- Complete a due diligence business profile with free sources
- Understand online people finders – potential and limitations

*Carol Hassler*

**10:10 AM Break**

**10:25 AM Preparing Your Case with Free Sources**

- Comparative law research
- Wisconsin agency decisions
- Locating Wisconsin briefs
- Wisconsin Jury Instructions online

*Carol Hassler*

**11:15 AM The Long and Winding Road of Legislative History**

- Locating statute text
- Statute history including acts and annotations.
- Online drafting records
- Secondary sources

*Carol J. Schmitt*

**12:05 PM Lunch (on your own)**

**1:05 PM Mining Badger State Resources – State and Municipal**

- State resources to further your research
- Municipal resources
  - ▶ Ordinances
  - ▶ Boundary/annexation agreements
  - ▶ Local government
  - ▶ Outside Wisconsin

*Beverly G. Butula*

**1:55 PM AI and Legal Research**

- How AI is being implemented into legal research
- Available options to choose from and features of different platforms
- Best practices when using AI research tools

*Brent J. Hoelt*

**2:45 PM Program Concludes**

*Following program start time, schedule will vary slightly from above listed times.*

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## Dates Location

### In-Person Seminar – Madison

Thursday, May 30, 2024  
**State Bar Center**  
5302 Eastpark Blvd., Madison, WI  
(608) 257-3838

### Live Webcast

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