



West Virginia University College of Law George R. Farmer, Jr. Law Library

MountainLynx Guide Finding Legal Materials in the George R. Farmer, Jr. Law Library

MountainLynx is a web-based catalog of books, periodicals, and other materials owned by the WVU Libraries. This guide will assist patrons searching for materials located in the WVU College of Law Library.

Limiting Search Results to the Law Library

MountainLynx provides access to materials contained within all of the Library collections at WVU. There are several ways to limit your search results to those items held in the Law Library. You may select the **SET LIMITS** buttons before entering search terms, select the **QUICK LIMIT** button, or select the **LIMIT RESULTS** button after your search results are displayed.

The **SET LIMITS** and **QUICK LIMIT** functions apply when using the **Basic Search** option for **Keyword, Title, and Advanced Searches**. The **SET LIMITS** function also applies to any search conducted in the **Assisted Search** option. The **Set Limits** option allows results to be limited to a specific library location, date or date range, format (such as CD-ROM), etc.

To limit your search results to the Law Library, select the **SET LIMITS** button, choose **LOCATION**, select **LAW LIBRARY**, and single-click on the **SET LIMITS** button. Now, your search results will display only those items that are held by the WVU College of Law Library. Once you have set specific limits, these limits will apply to all searches conducted during the session, unless you choose to **CLEAR LIMITS**.

As an alternative, you can also limit the results of your search by selecting the **LIMIT RESULTS** button, located at the top right of the search results screen.

Search Examples:

[Author Name](#) | [Corporate Author](#) | [Title](#) | [Journal Title](#) | [Subject](#) | [Call Number](#) | [Assisted Search](#)

Author Name

When searching for an author, use the **Basic Search** option.

Enter the name of the author, last name first, followed by the first name or initial.

Example: **fisher j**

Using the **Basic Search**, select the **Search by** options, and select **Author (Last Name First)**. The Basic Search offers a **Quick Limit** option to limit your search results to a specific library (select the **Law Library**). Additional

limits can be applied by selecting the **Set Limits** button on the right.

Results will be displayed in alphabetical order of the titles.

#	Titles	Headings
See Also 1	0	Fisher, J. R. (John Robert)
2	<u>1</u>	Fisher, J. Thomas.
See Also 3	0	Fisher, J. W. (John W.), 1931-
4	<u>1</u>	Fisher, Jack C.
5	<u>3</u>	Fisher, Jack C., 1937-
6	<u>1</u>	Fisher, Jack Edward.
7	<u>2</u>	Fisher, Jacob, 1905 Feb. 4-

Single-click on the author's name to view the full record and call number of the item.

The **See Also** button will display alternate author entries. For example, titles authored by Fisher, J. R. (John Robert) are catalogued as Fisher, John Robert.


Corporate Author

Corporate Authors can also be found using the **Author (Last Name, First Name)** option. Enter the organization's name, either complete or partial. Omit initial articles (a, an, the).

Example: **American Bar Assoc**

Results will be displayed in alphabetical order with the number of corresponding items displayed to the left (under Titles).

Database Name: WVU Libraries
Search Request: Author = american bar assoc
Search Results: Displaying 1 through 50 of 671 entries.

Next 

Item No.	Titles	Heading
1	140	American Bar Association.
See Also 2		American Bar Association. ABA Committee on the Traffic Court
3	<u>1</u>	American Bar Association. Action Commission to Reduce Court
4	<u>1</u>	American Bar Association. Ad Hoc Civil RICO Task Force.
5	<u>1</u>	American Bar Association. Ad Hoc Committee on International A Resources.
See Also 6		American Bar Association. Ad Hoc Committee on Resources and

The Library will be displayed to the right of the title (not shown in this example). To view the call number, select the corporate author's name (in the Heading column) to display the item record.

Title

If you know the EXACT title of the material you need, use the Title search option in the **Basic Search**. We recommend using the Assisted Search search option if you are unsure of the exact title.

Subject Headings

A Subject search is a good way to begin research and get an overview of how materials in the Law Library are catalogued. All materials in the Law Library are catalogued with Library of Congress Subject Headings. Subject searching provides a comprehensive search and offers additional Subject Headings that may broaden or narrow your research.

Select the **Basic Search**, select the **Subject Heading** option under **Search by**, and enter the subject you are interested in.

Example: **death penalty**

The screenshot shows a search interface with three tabs: 'Basic Search', 'Assisted Search', and 'Course Reserve'. The 'Basic Search' tab is active. The 'Search For:' field contains 'death penalty'. The 'Quick Limit:' dropdown is set to 'None'. The 'Search By:' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Title (omit initial a, an, the)', 'Journal Title', 'Author (Last Name First)', 'Subject Heading' (which is highlighted), 'Keyword', 'Advanced Search (and/or)', and 'Call Number'.

Results will be displayed in alphabetical order with the number of items displayed to the left (under Titles). When your subject returns zero titles, the **See Also** buttons will display alternative **Subject Headings**. A **See Also** button will appear next to any headings that have an alternative subject heading.

#	Titles	Headings
See Also 1	0	Death penalty
See Also 2	0	Death, Perinatal
3	3	Death Periodicals.
4	4	Death periodicals
5	1	Death Personal narratives.
See Also 6	0	Death Philosophy

Titles relating to the *death penalty* are catalogued under capital punishment. MountainLynx provides a "See" reference to guide patrons to the catalogued terms. Select the **Capital punishment** link to view related titles.

The references listed below may also contain information related to your search
References may include:

- See references
- See also references
- Search Under
- Broader Term

Reference Info

See: [Capital punishment](#)

Materials held in the WVU Libraries that contain the subject heading Capital punishment are displayed. Single-click on the number under **Titles** to view the fifty-one items relating to capital punishment.

#	Titles	Headings
1	51	Capital punishment
2	1	Capital punishment.
3	1	Capital punishment Arizona.
4	1	Capital punishment Biblical teaching.
5	1	Capital punishment California.
6	1	Capital punishment Congresses.
7	1	Capital punishment Delaware.
8	1	Capital punishment Encyclopedias.

Journal Title

If you know the EXACT journal title of the material you need, use the **Journal Title** search option in the **Basic Search**. We recommend using the Assisted Search search option if you are unsure of the exact journal title.

Call Number

If you have a Call Number (KF 9218 .R53 1998) of a book that is on point with your research, you can "browse" the books shelved to the left and right of your title without actually being in the Law Library. There is one caveat: Call Numbers are displayed in Call Number order and may include titles that are not held in the Law Library.

Using the **Basic Search** option, select **Call Number** under the **Search by** option and enter the call number (spaces are optional):

Example: **KF 9218 .R53 1998**

The first item is the title of the Call Number entered. Additional titles shelved to the right of your title will be displayed in Call Number order. To view books shelved to the left of your title, click on the Previous button.

Call Number	Title Long	Date
KF9218 .R53 1998	Readings in criminal law / Russell L. Weaver ... [et al.]	1998
KF9218 .R62 1988	Fundamentals of criminal law / Paul H. Robinson.	1988
KF9218 .R63 1995	Fundamentals of criminal law / Paul H. Robinson.	1995
KF9218 .R634 1999	Would you convict? : seventeen cases that challenged the law / Paul H. Robinson.	1999
KF9218 .S34 1999	Criminal law / John M. Scheb, John M. Scheb II.	1999

Assisted Keyword Search

The Assisted Keyword search finds records using keywords located anywhere in a record, or keywords located in specific fields. The Assisted Keyword search allows the greatest flexibility of search options available in MountainLynx. To limit your results to materials held by the Law Library, click on the **SET LIMITS** button at the bottom of the search screen before entering your search terms.

Enter your term(s) in the spaces provided. If you enter more than one term, select ANY OF THESE, ALL OF THESE, or AS A PHRASE. Combine search terms with Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT). By default, MountainLynx will search for your terms as keywords in all fields (title, author, subject, etc.), or you can select a specific field. Click on the **SEARCH** button to find results in the Law Library.

Example: **criminal law** (all of these) **AND west virginia** (as a phrase)

The results are displayed in alphabetical order. To view the Call Number, click on the title (in the Title Long column) to display the item record.

Title Long	
Annual report - Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Corrections.	
<i>Library Location:</i> West Virginia Collection (Colson Hall) (non-circulating)	<i>Call Number:</i> 364.9754 WS23C
Brief of authorities on attorneys as officers of the court, bribery under West Virginia statute, nature of office of public service commissioner, venue of acts of accessoryship, obstructing in federal courts, criminal jurisdiction of federal court	
<i>Library Location:</i> West Virginia Collection (Colson Hall) (non-circulating)	<i>Call Number:</i> 345.5 B765

Select the link under the Title Long field to view the full record. The Call Number of each item is displayed beneath the title in gray.