This tutorial will introduce you to the Find an Article resource.

We will discuss how to access Find an Article and how the search screens are organized. You will see a demonstration of how to do a basic search and I'll explain how to read the search results.

Find an Article searches the Law Library's subscriptions and free services for a full-text electronic copy of the journal article you are looking for. It allows you to access full-text articles online based on the Law Library's subscriptions to services like HeinOnline and LegalTrac.

Find an Article will also allow you to search for the article in the Law Library Catalog and the catalogs for other libraries on campus.

To access Find an Article, from the Law Library's Homepage, in the E-Resources box, click “Find an Article”.

Copy of Find An Article
The link from the Law Library’s Homepage will take you to the “Find an Article” search screen. From this screen you can search for an article using its title, the Journal name, the Journal volume, issue, or page number, the date of publication, by the author’s first or last name, or the corporate author.

You can also search for a Journal by “Title begins with”, “Title equals”, “Title contains all words”, or “ISSN equals”.

To use Find an Article you must already in particular need at least the name of the journal or the ISSN; have some information about the article you are looking for,

Slide notes: however, if you search with just one of these Find an Article will only locate online access to the journal, and not to a specific volume, article or page within the journal. In general, the search will more easily locate the article if you provide the most information possible, so be sure to include as much information as you have.
As an example, you can use a typical journal citation such as 10 Mich. L. Rev. 150 (2004), to search for the article.

This indicates volume number 103 of the Michigan Law Review, beginning on page 150.


Type 103 in the volume box and 150 for the start page.
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Type 2004 for the date.

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Click search.

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If the journal is available online, Find an Article will display a list of sources where you can access this article. The online resources are listed under Content Available. For our search, there are resources in HeinOnline, JSTOR, LegalTrac, ABI/INFORM Global, and Proquest. The sources will vary depending on the journal you’ve searched for. The HeinOnline resource is referenced on the first line; the links will take you directly to the article, the journal or the HeinOnline Journal Library, respectively. The links for the remaining resources each take you to the individual resource.

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You can also follow the links under Search Campus Library Catalogs to see if a hard copy of the journal article is available in any of the U of M Campus Libraries.

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You may notice on the "Find an Article" search screen that there are several other search options available. At the top of the screen there are options to search for a Book, a Dissertation, a Patent or by Genre. These options are currently not linked to databases and so are currently unavailable for use.