Pro Tips for Searching the Law Library Catalog

Pros go to the Classic Catalog

The Classic Catalog lets you narrow your search with filters (like title or author) before you search.

Choose the Classic Catalog Advanced Search to start with location, language, year, and more filters.

Pros find the book they're looking for with one search

In the legal world, there are a lot of books with similar titles (think Civil Procedure, The Law of Torts, Evidence).

Search for Author and Title simultaneously to quickly locate the version you want.

Pros see the newest items first

Most searches are sorted by Relevance (which may not be too relevant to you).

Sort your results by Reverse Year to put the most recently published material at the top of the list.
Pros find online versions quickly

We have many newspapers, journals, and other publications in both print and electronic form.

Find the electronic version of these items by adding “online” to the title.

Pros find topical books using Subject tags

Every book, journal, and other record has a “Subject” section with linked tags.

Click a tag to find every other item in the Catalog tagged with the same Subject. These subject headings are like browsing the topical section in a bookstore—without leaving the website.

Get an in-depth tutorial on Subject Heading tags with the video linked here: https://youtu.be/GxGDEQ95BhQ