REQUIRED LEGAL RESEARCH COURSE  
(Begins week of August 24)

“It is *prima facie* negligent conduct for an attorney to misadvise a client on such a settled point of law that can be looked up by the means of ordinary research techniques.” *Lopez v. Clifford Law Offices, P.C.*, 362 Ill.App.3d 969, 975 (1st Dist. 2005).

Before you can properly advise a client on any matter, you have to know what the law is. In order to know what the law is, you have to be able to find it. Therefore, the ability to perform legal research is one of the most fundamental elements of the practice of law.

The First Year Legal Research course is a required eight-week component of your Legal Writing course, taught separately from your Legal Writing course, which begins the week of August 24. During the Legal Research course, you will learn about the major types of legal research resources, as well as research techniques. You will also receive introductory training in using online legal research services Lexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law.

Once you have your Westlaw ID and password, you can find the Legal Research course page by signing into TWEN (https://lawschool.westlaw.com/twen/); until then, you can find information about your coursework on the Law School’s First Class Assignment page, http://www.luc.edu/law/registrar/first_assignment/). Once you are in the TWEN course page, use the menus on the left-hand side of the screen to find the course syllabus and your class times and room numbers. The TWEN page is where all of your course assignments will be posted and where you will be able to submit your completed assignments electronically.

If you have any questions about the First Year Legal Research program, please contact Joe Mitzenmacher, Reference & Electronic Services Librarian (jimitze1@luc.edu or 312-915-6844).