Google Scholar:
Use Google Scholar to find court cases and articles about legal issues.

If you are on campus, you can use the Google Scholar search box on the library’s home page. Skip to the next page.

If you are off-campus, go to https://scholar.google.com and use Settings to create library links.

Click on Library links. On the next screen, type southern Connecticut... Options will appear. Choose as many as possible from the example below.

Return to the search screen after saving the settings.

To search for articles by keyword, type your search into the box. It’s a good idea to use quotation marks around a phrase of two or more words.

To search for a specific case decision or search for cases on a particular topic, click the button next to Case law. You can limit your search by court, but you don’t have to.
You can limit results by date.
Look at the links on the right.
PDF or HTML should open the article immediately.

SCSU Journal Finder will require a few clicks but you should get to the full article.

You will only see SCSU Journal Finder if you followed the directions about setting library links.

Cited by will show you other articles that cite this one.

If you see under Online, the article is available online.

If you see a book icon under Print, some issues of the journal are available in the library.

Click the link under Article.

Look for a PDF link to open the article.
You can choose **Case law** on the main search screen.

You can also toggle between Articles and Case law on the results screen.

You can limit the results by date.

**Cited by** indicates how many other courts have cited this one in an opinion.

**How cited** tells you whether the case was cited in a positive or negative way.

Within the text of the decision you’ll see links to other cases and to statutes.
Lexis Nexis:
Use Lexis Nexis to find court opinions, legislation, and articles about legal issues

Begin at the Buley Library Home Page: http://library.southernct.edu
Roll over Find and click on All Databases (A-Z).

Click on the letter L and select Lexis Nexis Academic Universe from the list.
If you’re off campus, you’ll be prompted to login with your network username and password.

To search for law review articles:

Click Search by Subject or Topic.
Click Law Reviews.

In case you need this later: Note that you can also look up state and federal statutes and regulations.
Type in your topic, using AND to connect ideas.

The results don’t tell you much so you’ll have to open the documents and read the summaries.

Notice that even though we limited the search to law reviews, the search also retrieved articles in other sources.

Click on the name of the law review to open the article.

Use the footnotes to find related articles and cases.
To search for cases:

On the main search screen, click on **Look up a Legal Case**.

You can search by citation (most precise if you’re trying to find a particular case), name, or keywords.

Use **AND** to connect keywords.

The results list tells you nothing about the case except for name, court, and date. You’ll need to click on the case name and read a summary.

Notice that on the left you can choose specific courts. This search didn’t find any U.S. Supreme Court cases, but there are 11 Court of Appeals cases.
Lexis Nexis provides a summary of the case—the part in gray—but this is not part of the official language of the case.

You can skip everything down to the word OPINION.