

# Student's Guide

## Using TeachingLaw.com – The Basics

### 1. Finding the Site

The URL for the online book is [www.TeachingLaw.com](http://www.TeachingLaw.com).

### 2. Buying the Book and Logging In

At the Login page (shown below), first-time visitors should enter their Class ID in the **Not Yet Registered?** section.

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### TeachingLaw.com Login

Username:   
Password:   
**Log In**

**Not Yet Registered?**  
Enter your Class ID  
 **Go**

**Already Registered?**  
[Edit your profile](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)  
[Student Tour](#)  
[Registration Guide](#)  
[User Guide](#)  
[FAQs](#)

**Technical Support**  
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Phone: (877) 471-5632

### Welcome to TeachingLaw.com

TeachingLaw.com is Aspen Publishers' online, interactive coursebook platform. Designed by Professor Diana R. Donahoe with today's tech-savvy student in mind, TeachingLaw.com integrates trusted Aspen Publishers content with interactive assessments and dynamic courseware. Professors and students alike benefit from this powerful learning environment.

### TeachingLaw.com online coursebooks currently available:

[Legal Research and Writing](#)  
Diana R. Donahoe, Georgetown Law Center

[Basic Legal Research: Tools and Strategies, Fourth Edition](#)  
Amy E. Sloan, University of Baltimore

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See the registration process in *Student's Guide: Registering for TeachingLaw.com* for details on registering and paying for TeachingLaw.com.

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### 3. Main Menu

Once you have successfully logged in, you will be at the main workspace area for your class. Here you will access assignments and syllabi, download assignments, and upload finished work.

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Quick Links | Research Sources | Research Strategies | Legal Documents | Legal Analysis | Writing Rewriting | Editing & Citation | Case Files

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Ebook :Research & Writing  
Welcome, Student

Student View

Workspace for class: [PROFESSOR REID'S CLASS](#)

	ASSIGNMENT	DRAFT DUE	FINAL DUE	
1	Assignment #2	N/A	N/A	🔑
2	Assignment Test...	4/15/2010 12:00 AM	5/15/2010 12:00 AM	🔑

The blue navigation bar contains links to each of the different areas of TeachingLaw.com. It also includes an icon that links to the Case Files or workspace area. A Help file link is in the upper-right corner of the TeachingLaw.com banner.

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### 4. Case Files – Opening, Downloading, and Uploading Assignments

From the main menu (or the navigation bar), click “Case Files”. You will see the folder(s) for your class that contain the class documents and assignments.

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To open an assignment, click on the name of the assignment in the folder.

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You can download a Word version of the assignment by clicking on the download link in the upper-right corner of the assignment.





View other Assignments


 Download the Assignment (.doc)

#### Assignment Test #1

Here is the sample text for an assignment. A new addition here.

To upload a completed assignment and send it to your professor, click on the blue arrow  next to the appropriate assignment file. When the "Upload Assignment" box appears, select "Browse" to access the file you wish to upload. After locating and highlighting the appropriate file, select "Open." The file name will now appear in the "Upload Assignment" box. Click the "Upload" icon in the lower-left corner of the box to upload your file.

When your upload has been successful, a green checkmark  will replace the blue arrow.

Assignments with answer keys have a key icon  that you can click on to access the key.

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### 6. E-book Content – Navigation - Common Icons

The content areas of TeachingLaw.com are web pages, and you can navigate them as you would any web page on the Internet. The Toolset icons or navigation links take you to the introductory web page for each section. At the bottom of the introductory web page for each content section is an "interactivity box" that may contain exercises, quizzes, self-assessments, or other supplemental materials for the section. Below is an example from the Research Sources web page.



### Research Strategies

This section informs you of your many options as a legal researcher and helps you choose efficient and effective strategies. Here, you will learn how the American legal system guides your research, how to choose between book research and online research, how to determine your research strategies for particular sources, and how to update the law to ensure that it is timely and accurate.

#### ◆ Briefing Cases

- ▶ Briefing Cases as a Student for Class
- ▶ Briefing Cases as a Lawyer for Research

#### ◆ The American Legal System

- ▶ Civics, Federalism, and Interaction
- ▶ Primary Law vs. Secondary Sources
- ▶ Stare Decisis
- ▶ Binding Law vs. Persuasive Law

#### ◆ Book Research vs. Online Research

- ▶ The Historical Debate
- ▶ Key Number System
- ▶ Strategies for Book Research
- ▶ Strategies for Online Research
- ▶ Free Internet Sources - Save Time and Money

#### ◆ Strategies for the Research Process

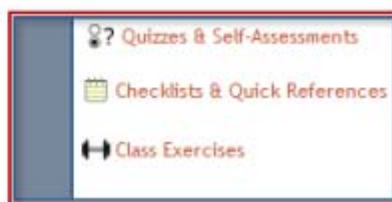
- ▶ Asking the Right Questions
- ▶ Staying Focused
- ▶ Taking Notes
- ▶ Deciding When to Stop
- ▶ Research Testimonials

#### ◆ Strategies for Particular Sources

- ▶ Finding Constitutions and Statutes
- ▶ Finding Cases
- ▶ Finding Legislative History
- ▶ Finding Administrative Law
- ▶ Using Looseleaf Services

#### ◆ Updating the Law

- ▶ KeyCite
- ▶ Shepard's

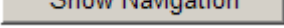


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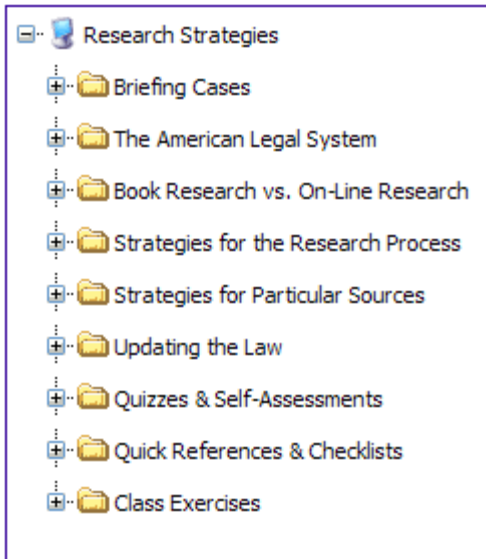
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The navigation toolbar links will take you to the first page of any content area and you can follow the links as appropriate.


Show Navigation


There is also a navigation button  on each page. You can click this button to bring up an outline of the section of TeachingLaw.com that you are currently viewing. Clicking the “Show Navigation” button will open the pop-up outline. Clicking the “Hide Navigation” button will close the pop-up.


Hide Navigation





Common icons used in the e-book include the following:

 Sample pages: Links to sample pages such as specific forms of writing and scanned pages from legal resources.

 More information: Links to other sources to view more information on a particular topic.

 Exercises: Links to interactive exercises, including exercises in various types of legal research, writing, editing, and analysis.

 Quizzes: Links to interactive quizzes and self-assessments within each section of the book. These quizzes are useful if you are having difficulty with a particular concept or topic or want to test your understanding of the material. Quizzes do not report to the teacher. Self-assessments report to the teacher.

 Quick Reference: Links to summaries of information and checklists contained in each section of the book. Use these references as study-aid material to reinforce your understanding within each specific area.

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## Technological Specifications and System Requirements

<b>Windows</b>	
<p><b>Internet Connection</b> In preferred order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cable or DSL*</li><li>• Analog/Dial-up Access (not preferred)</li></ul> <p><b>Computer Hard Drive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum: 733 MHz</li><li>• Recommended: 256MB RAM</li></ul> <p><b>Internet Browsers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher*</li><li>• Firefox 1.0 or higher</li><li>• Netscape 6.2 or higher</li><li>• Safari 1.0.2 or higher</li></ul> <p><b>Internet Browser Settings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JavaScript must be enabled</li><li>• Pop-ups must be enabled</li></ul>	<p><b>Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Real Player 10.0 or higher</li><li>• Flash PlugIn 7.0 or higher</li><li>• Adobe Reader</li></ul> <p><b>Animation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flash Plug-in 7.0 or higher</li></ul> <p><b>Accessories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speakers or headset</li><li>• Soundcard</li></ul>
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