Capital Punishment Research

Case Western Reserve University
School of Law
The Judge Ben C. Green Law Library
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Primary Sources

• Federal statutes and case law
  • Significant amount of U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence

• State statutes and case law
  • States with death penalty statute
    Some states, esp. Texas, Virginia & Ohio predominate.
Statistics

Indexes to Statistics

• *American Statistics Index*
  • comprehensive guide to the statistical publications of the U.S. government
    – Smith Library Reference  Z 7554 .U5 A46

General

• *Statistical Abstract of the United States*
  – http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2878|
  – Law Library Reference  HA 202 (previous years in Storage)

• *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book*
  – Law Library Reference  HA 202 .S84

• *County and City Data Book*
  – http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS29932
  – Law Library  HA 202 .A36

• *Historical Statistics of the United States, from Colonial Times until 1970*
  – *updated by Statistical Abstract*
Statistics

General Criminal Statistics
• *Uniform Crime Reports*
  – [http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3082](http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3082)
  – Law Library Reference  HV 6787 .A3
• *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*
  – [http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3909](http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3909)
  – Law Library Reference  HV 7245 .N37
• *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics*
  – [http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2430](http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2430)
  – Law Library  HV 9950 .C65
• *Statistical Handbook on Violence in America*
  – MSASS Quick Reference  303.6 S797 1996
Statistics

Capital Punishment Statistics

*Capital Punishment* (Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin)
- [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cp02.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cp02.htm)
- Law Library HV 8699.U5 C26

Selected Criminal Statistics Series
- *Criminal Victimization*
- Law Library HV 7245 .C74
- Law Library HV 7245 .C741

Correctional Populations in the United States
- [http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2863](http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2863)
- Law Library HV 9465 .C676

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted
- [http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS700](http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS700)
- Law Library HV 8143 .L39

Patterns of Global Terrorism
- [http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS1488](http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS1488)
- Law Library HV 6431 .P42
Statistics

Court Statistics
• Federal Judicial Caseload Statistics
  – http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS29106
  – Law Library KF 180 .A354

Historical Correctional Statistics
• Historical Corrections Statistics in the United States 1850-1984
  – Available via OhioLINK

Miscellaneous
• Criminal Justice Information: how to find it, how to use it
  – Law Library Reference HV 7419.5.C751998
• United State Government Manual
  – Law Library Reference JK 421.A3
  – Official handbook of the Federal Government; provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches; also includes information on quasi-official agencies and international organizations in which the U.S. participates; and boards, commissions, and committees
Statistics -- Internet

Selected Web Resources

- **Bureau of Justice Statistics**
  - [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/)
- **National Criminal Justice Reference Service**
  - [http://www.ncjrs.org/](http://www.ncjrs.org/)
- **FBI**
  - includes data from *Uniform Crime Reports*
- **FedStats**
  - Gateway to statistics for over 100 Federal agencies
  - [http://www.fedstats.gov](http://www.fedstats.gov)
- **Statistical Resources on the web** (U of Mich Isociology section)
  - [http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html](http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html)
- **Death Penalty Information Center**
  - [http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org)
- **Justice Center** (University of Alaska)
  - Good source for statistics
  - [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/death/stats.html](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/death/stats.html)
Secondary Sources

• Books ("Treatises")
  – Finding tools: online catalogs, BIP, WorldCat

• Scholarly Articles
  – Finding tools: indexes (citations, hybrids, …)

• Full-Text sources
Online Catalogs

- EuclidPLUS (Case libraries)
- OhioLINK (Ohio academic libraries)
  - Patron-initiated ordering by OhioLINK members
  - 2-5 day delivery by courier
  - Only one renewal allowed
  - Overdue fines cannot be waived
- WorldCat
  - over 50 million library holdings worldwide
Treatise Retrieval

• Current “KF” should be in the Library
• A-JV (i.e., HV) are off-site: Request Form:
• OhioLINK members may borrow online
  – For books not available at Case libraries
• Interlibrary Loan
Online Journals

• Online Journals via Case
  – for Case community users
    • Best starting point, not totally comprehensive
      – Business indexes are omitted.
      – See a reference librarian (*Fulltext Sources Online*).

• Lexis (fee-based): Find a Source
• Westlaw (fee-based): IDEN database
Indexes (Legal)

- http://www.cwru.edu/uclibraries.html
- Index to Legal Periodicals
- LegalTrac
- Public Affairs International
- CILP
- SSRN
- IFLP & LJI (foreign & European)
Indexes (Other)

• OhioLINK v. Case databases
  • Off-campus OhioLINK access with PIN
  • Limiting options (full-text; scholarly articles, etc.)

• Selected Titles
  • Academic Source Premier & Expanded Academic
  • Social Science Index, etc.
  • EthnicWatch and GenderWatch
Full-Text Sources

- Lexis: LAWREV;ALLREV
- Westlaw: JLR & TP-ALL
  - Field searching/ Boolean/Natural Language
- BNA resources (via Intranet OR Lexis)
- Hein Online
- OhioLINK’s Electronic Journal Center
- JSTOR, Project Muse, etc.
Revenge of the Print Sources

• Henderson, Capital Punishment (3rd ed.)
• Bedau, The Death Penalty in America
  – Law Stacks HV 8699.U5D37 1997
• Criminal Law Bulletin (v. 39, #2)
  – Print source accessible [only?] via index
• Kronenwetter, Capital Punishment (2001)*
• Katz & Giannelli, Criminal Law (2003) *
Lexis

http://web.lexis.com/xchange/practiceareas/

Criminal Law – Law Reviews & Journals
Westlaw

• DP-TP death penalty – texts & periodicals
• CONRTACC const. rights of the accused
• DP-NEWS death penalty news
• MDP-CS death penalty – multi-state cases
• DP-CS-ALL federal & state cases
• FDP-CS death penalty – federal cases
• FDP-USCA death penalty – fed statutes
• FEDHABPRAC fed habeas practice guide
• Various docket sources
Westlaw features

• Search multiple digest/key number and combine with full-text searching

• ResultsPLUS: integrates secondary source results with searches in primary law databases
  – Lexis’ version (Practitioner’s Toolkit) is coming
Targeted Web Sites

• Ohio Public Defender’s Office
  – http://opd.ohio.gov/dp/dp_DeathPenalty.htm
  – National Public Defender’s Association
  – Cornell LII
  – http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/death_penalty.html

• Cornell Death Penalty Project
  – http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library/death/

• See Statistical Sources, esp. BJS
  – http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/
Legislation and History

- http://thomas.loc.gov
- Westlaw legislative history links
- OhioLINK Lexis Congressional Universe
- USCCAN (1945-)
- Case Law research guide
- Ohio Legislative Service Commission
  - http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/
- Ohio Capitol Connect