



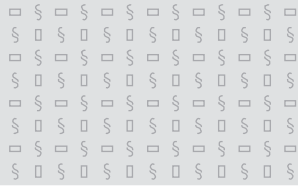
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## ABC of legal research



# LEGAL RESEARCH

- Why?
- How? (effectiveness)
- Where?
- For Whom?



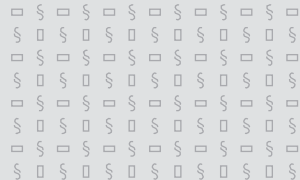
# WHY?

- Set up a goal...
- Info, studies, work...
  - a research paper
  - theses
  - a memorandum for your client
  - a court's decision
  - a claim etc.
- Self-study



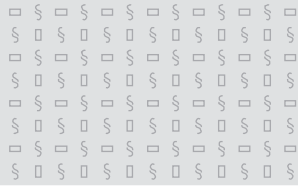
# HOW?

- Resources
  - Time
  - Money
  - Opportunities
- Methods



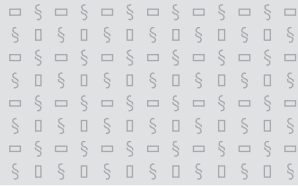
# WHERE?

- Books
- Articles in
  - periodicals
  - collections of conference contributions
  - electronical databases
- Theses and diploma works
- Law provisions
- Courts' decisions
- Explanatory reports



## TASK 1

- Your client wants you to use the **Fidic Silver Book**
- Find relevant books and articles



# BOOKS

## ■ Libraries

- Local, national, international, subject specific
- e-books, interlibrary loan,
- Brno, Hague...

## ■ Internet

- Google-books



# ARTICLES

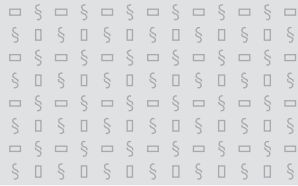
- Electronic databases
- Access in-house, remote access
- Free databases
- Free access trials
  
- TIPS:
  - Bookmark your databases
  - Choose user-friendly search engines
  - Learn to use proper keywords and operators





## TASK 2

- Which of databases are accessible from faculty?



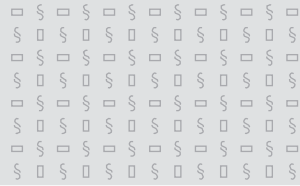
## TASK 3

- Find Free access databases or websites relevant for research:
  - IBT in general
  - ADR in general
  - Principles of international contracts in general



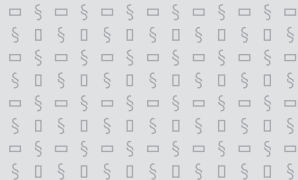
# ELECTRONIC LAW DATABASES

- Kluwer Law Online
- HeinOnline
- Beck-online
- Oxford Journals
- Social Science Research Network
- ...



## TASK 3

- Find the commentaries (scholarly writings) on article 78 of CISG
- Find case-law related to the article 78 of CISG
- CISG - status table - find member parties and reservations



# EUROPEAN LAW RESOURCES

- Eur-lex
- Pre-lex
- OEIL-lex
  
- ECJ case law



# OTHER USEFUL DATABASES, BLOGS

## ■ Pace Law School

- <http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/> (CISG and International Commercial Law)

## ■ UNILEX on CISG and UNIDROIT Principles

- <http://www.unilex.info/> (Case Law and Bibliography)

## ■ Conflict of Laws

- <http://conflictoflaws.net/> (Blog on international private law)



# QUESTIONS?



**Thank you for your attention!**