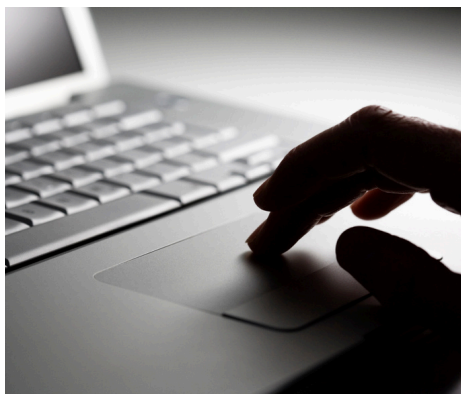




Legal Research: What to Know in 2026

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026

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DESCRIPTION

This year's edition of legal research covers all the bases you need to know. We'll help you figure out the ins-and-outs of legal research generally, including a tour of legal research resources available remotely at home or the office. We'll finish with a deep dive into the world of skip tracing resources and methods of finding public information online.

CHAIR

Barbara Engstrom – *King County Law Library, Seattle*

SCHEDULE

12:40 p.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

12:55 p.m. > Welcome and Introductions by Program Chair

- **Barbara Engstrom** – *King County Law Library, Seattle*

1 p.m. > Making the Most of Fastcase/vLex

60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP

Your WSBA membership comes with a free Fastcase/vLex subscription, but are you making the most of this free resource? Join us to learn insider tips and shortcuts that will help you search smarter, save time, and get better results—whether you're a daily user or a total beginner.

- **Maya Swanes** – *University of Washington School of Law, Seattle*

2 p.m. > Legal Research and Ethical AI Use

60 minutes, 0.5 credits L&LP, 0.5 credits Ethics

Courts are being inundated with AI slop extending the ethical issues surrounding hallucinations. We'll discuss careful integration of generative AI into your legal research and writing. We'll highlight both ethical concerns and strategies for careful adoption of new technology.

- **Rob Mead** – *Washington State Law Library, Olympia*

3 p.m. > BREAK

3:15 p.m. > Remote Legal Research Resources

60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP

Work from home remains the standard for many attorneys, placing a premium on remote access to research. Learn about legal research databases available remotely on both law library and public library websites.

- **Barbara Engstrom** – *King County Law Library, Seattle*

4:15 p.m. > Skip Tracing

60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP

Skip tracing is a form of research for locating people and assets used by professional investigators. You'll learn proven strategies for tracking down subjects and uncovering their assets with mostly open-source resources.

- **Stephen Seely** – *King County Law Library, Seattle*

5:15 p.m. > Complete Online Evaluations • Adjourn

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