Legal Periodicals

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What are periodicals?

- Periodicals are publications that come out on a regular basis, or periodically.

- The most common legal periodicals are:
  - Law journals published by law schools (more scholarly works)
  - Bar journals published by bar associations (more practice-oriented works)

Why would I use periodicals?

- Periodicals, like other secondary legal resources, are a good place to start your research.

- If you are researching a subject that is new to you, a law journal article can explain the topic and point you toward primary sources.

- Bar journals are a good way to keep up with the current trends or issues in your jurisdiction.
How do I find articles on my topic?

- A good place to start searching is with a periodical index like LegalTrac.
- You can search by author, topic, etc.
- If full text is available, a link will be provided.
- If a citation is provided, but not full text, make note of the citation and try HeinOnline for the article itself.