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<b>Type of Document</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>PDF?</b>	<b>Access Notes</b>
<b>U.S. Supreme Court</b>	Court Web site	Yes	Slip opinions, 2004 – present; bound volumes of U.S. Reports, 1991 - current
	Hein Online	Yes	Historical, 1789 - 2005
<b>Records and Briefs of U.S. Supreme Court</b>	U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978	Yes	PDF archive, 1832-1978
	Westlaw	Varies	Many briefs filed with USSC and other courts provided in PDF.
<b>State and federal court decisions in West's National Reporter System</b>	Westlaw	Yes	Includes regional, federal reporters. For PDF, click on Adobe icon when viewing decision during Westlaw session.
<b>Federal session laws (U.S. Statutes at Large)</b>	GPO Access	Yes	1994 – current
	Hein Online	Yes	Historical, 1789 – 2006
	Lexis	Yes	Historical coverage, from 1789 – present; click on link for PDF when viewing session law during research session
<b>Bills (Congressional)</b>	THOMAS	Yes	1989 – current Congress (PDF since 1993)
<b>Congressional Record</b>	THOMAS	Yes	PDF since 1995
<b>Congressional Committee Reports</b>	THOMAS	Yes	PDF since 1994
<b>Code of Federal Regulations</b>	GPO Access	Yes	PDF from 1999 to current material
	Hein Online	Yes	PDF from 1938 - current, with some gaps
<b>Federal Register (Fed. Reg.)</b>	GPO Access	Yes	PDF from 1994 to current issues
	Hein Online	Yes	PDF 1936 to several months ago
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<b>Law Journal articles</b>	Hein Online	Yes	Historical archive of hundreds of journals, usually beginning with vol. 1, through the last 1-2 years. Links from BU Library catalog record
	Journal web site	Some	Range and format varies.
<b>Social Science journal articles</b>	JSTOR	Yes	Historical archive of included journals.
	Social Sciences Full Text	Most	Varies among publications
	Science Direct	Yes	Years of access included in subscription varies
	Other databases	Varies	Some databases provide PDF for articles certain journal but not others—e.g., ABI/Inform
<b>Science and Medical articles</b>	OVID/Medline	Most	During session, select article from results list; note if “PDF” or “Full Text” option, possibly with link to Publisher source.
	Science Direct	Yes	PDF available unless scope of coverage does not include year/volume of article.
	Publisher site	Many	Frequently linked from Medline/OVID or from library catalog
<b>International Organizations (UN, WTO, EU, etc.)</b>	Organization web site	Many	See web site, library research guide, or ask for assistance

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**<http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/databases/alpha.html>**

Many of these databases are linked from BU library catalog. For example, a Journal Title search of the catalog for the *Pepperdine Law Review* directs the user to the record for that journal, which provides a link to Hein Online. A Journal Title search for the *American Economic Review* retrieves two records, one of which is designated (Online) and provides links to several databases (including JSTOR) that provide articles from that journal in PDF.