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First Assignment Form

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Course	California Legal Research - LAW 669 Section 02
Required Text/Reading	None. See syllabus for recommended readings
1st Assignment	Congratulations on choosing California Legal Research as one of your classes in spring of 2014. This will mark the 6th year that I have taught this particular course and I am looking forward to helping you hone your research skills in the upcoming weeks. Your assignment for the first week of class is listed below. Please contact me at shaferj@usfca.edu if you have any questions about the class or this particular assignment. 1) Complete a brief survey about you, your research skills and your what you hope to accomplish with the class. Go to: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014CalResearch 2) Got http://lawschool.westlaw.com/twen and add the course *California Legal Research -- Section 2 Professor Shafer*. Read the class Syllabus before coming to class. There will also be a copy of this assignment under Course Materials. 3) Go to http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2013/09/20/describing-law-school-in-six-words/ and read about how one law school professor is asking students to put their experiences into a very compact format. Prior to our first class go to the Forums in the class TWEN site and choose the Forum entry *Put it in 6 words*. Post a reply to that entry with a) a brief biographical statement tells the class who you are, where you come from, or what brings you to where you are today; and b) a brief distillation of the law school experience for you up to this point. 4) View the following very brief (all 4 are less than 30 minutes total) review videos on advanced searching. I. Issues, Terms & Alternatives Video II. Root Expanders Video III. Connectors & Phrases Video IV. Refining Your Search Video To view the videos you will be asked to log in to Echo360 system. Please use your USF Connect/DonsMail username and password. **Students on Wait List**: Presently the class is full and there are students on the wait list. Wait listed students **must** complete the tasks above and attend the first class in order to fill any empty spaces that may open up.