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                                                Becoming a Future Law Student

            The topic I did my research on was Law not a specific branch of law, but I did a general research of law. I did an interview with a defense attorney from Salt Lake City, UT, Craig Chlarson. I found two articles from the Utah state bar which is a website for the public if they have any law questions, as well as a website for Utah lawyers. I found information from Cornell University about writing in the field. I gathered more information from in article in a law magazine and an academic journal. All these different articles and researching about the law field helped me with finding out information about becoming a lawyer, or defense attorney. As well as informing me about stuff in the law field. With all this information I’ve gathered I got a more clear look on what lawyers do on a daily bases.

"Accessible." *Utah State Bar. Utah Bar*, n.d. Web. 18 Nov. 2013.

I used is The Utah State Bar  It’s a website for the general public, and lawyers this website is founded as an organization by lawyers and The Utah Bar. I chose to use this website because it helps two parties. One way it helps the public is by answering questions about attorneys like “Frequently asked questions about attorneys” (Accessible) this is a list of frequently asked questions from people and each link takes you to the answer. Example “What is an Attorney? An attorney is a professional trained and licensed individual who assist people with legal problems, often times preparing legal documents or representing people before courts and government agencies.”(Accessible)

This is really helpful to the general public because it guides them to whatever questions they have about law. It’s also a very popular website in Utah that helps people seeking attorney advice. I would say this is a very secure website for people seeking helps. I think it’s for anyone it doesn’t perused people to think a certain way only to seek help. It’s also helpful if they have any legal questions about things in Utah.

I think this website is extremely helpful to the public who has any questions about hiring an attorney. I think many people who are seeking help could trust this website because it’s for the public of Utah, it answers many questions people have, as well as locating attorneys close to them. I don’t think anyone could be skeptical about using this site since it’s made from a state organization. It involves no emotion or sides, just help for the people. I also used this website as another source because it helps two parties.

"Accessible." *Utah State Bar*. Utah Bar, n.d. Web. 18 Nov. 2013.

The Utah State Bar website I used as another source of mine. I used it because this website also helps professionals in law. This website helps lawyers if they need compliance assistance, helps them know about group benefits, attorney services and bar programs available. This website helps lawyers if they have any questions in the field. For example if a lawyer needed help with “Utah attorney license renewal information” (Accessible) this helps an attorney know when they must renew their license to practice being a lawyer as well as giving them prices to how much it’ll cost. I feel as if this is very informant and useful to Utah lawyers who have any questions about specific things, it also allows them to sign up for the website which only licensed attorneys have access to.

The website is really to help two parties one is a defense attorney and the other is the general public. But this part I used for the help of law attorneys it’s a website that helps attorneys with whatever questions they might have on Utah laws or new changes in Utah.

This I think makes it perfect because they are able to access any information in private. I think this gives lawyers a security of being able to trust this site. I have no idea what kind of privacy or things lawyers are able to access once they’ve joined. But I feel the public has nothing to worry about if they do manage to hire an attorney from this site. It’s very confidential I feel and it’s a pretty safe bet to trust the site.

Askew, Kim J. "The Supreme Court Rejects the Separate but Equal Doctrine." *ABA Journal*1 Nov. 2013: 4 pag. Web. 4 Nov. 2013.

I found an online magazine which discusses cases that are recently being viewed in many states. The journal name is the ABA Journal Law News now. I found this website to be very helpful it had many cases from technology cases, ethical cases, business of law, and so forth. The article I found is “The Supreme Court rejects the separate but equal doctrine” written by Kim Askew. In the article I found that a lot of cases that are famous in history are mentioned like Brown v. Board of Education and Plessey v. Ferguson. In this article written by Askew she mentions many terms and cases that I fully understand, but not enough to have a conversation about. Askew uses a lot of law terminology like “jurisprudence” and “federal civil right cases” to understand the article you must have an idea of law terms, as well as knowledge on both the cases being discussed.

What I did manage to understand from this article is that both the cases that were discussed along with the 14th amendment has paved history and the way law works with separate but equal things. I found another article that relates to law in discussing whether something is violating the law or not, this is an academic journal written by someone in the field. I found this to somewhat be a little one sided because of a case she was talking about. I feel like a law student would be able to understand more than I did.

I felt from reading this article I a person would have to know a lot of law terminology. I would also feel that a person could rely on this source because it’s an exclusive magazine for lawyers. But in order for someone to understand the magazine or anything they were talking about is they would need to have a clear knowledge of law. In the magazine there are also a lot of topics that are discussed that anyone who’s interested on a specific topic could find.  I feel this magazine and article are reliable sources.

*Craig Chlarson*. Law Interview.  11 Nov. 2013.

            The first thing that was helpful in my research was an interview done with a lawyer from Salt Lake City, his name is Craig Chlarson. He went to The University of Utah to study law, and has recently started practicing law again. In the interview he discussed what needed to be done in order to become a defense attorney. He gave me a lot of advice such as enrolling in the law program at The U.  I knew the process of what kind of writing needed to be done in the field since I worked for him two summers ago. Much of the interview was nothing new to me since I know what he does on a daily basis.

The interview was really helpful because it went into depth about what skills a defense attorney needs. It gave me a better insight of who he works with, beehive bail bonds, and little things I never really knew about his job. I found out that reading and writing were a huge part of the job, because his audience fluctuates. He writes up letters to future clients informing them of the charges they’ve received. He also writes up reports to the judges on the case that’s been filed. This interview helped me a lot because I got the insight from someone who does the job every day, and one who helps people on a daily basis.

I found Chlarson to be a very helpful and reliable source of mine because he is an attorney in Salt Lake City. I feel as if anyone were to ask him any kind of questions he could answer them. I think he could also relate or communicate well with people, because his clients vary.  I found this to be a very helpful source because I really learned a lot than what I already knew and it was great talking to someone in the field. I found this to be an excellent way to learn more.

"Legal Writing." *LII*. Cornell University Law School, n.d. Web. 19 Nov. 2013.

While researching writing in the law field I came upon an article “Legal Writing: An Overview” written by Cornell University. While reading this I discovered more about writing in the law field than what I knew after working for Mr. Chlarson. The article said that lawyers use two types of writing one is “balanced analysis of a legal problem or issue. Example if the first types are inner-office memoranda and letters to clients.”(Legal Writing) in this type of writing an attorney must be considerate of who he’s addressing his writing too. The second type of writing is persuasive. This is where a “lawyer must persuade his or her audience without provoking a hostile response through disrespect or by wasting the recipient’s time with unnecessary information”(Legal writing)

I found this to be helpful as a future law student because I’ve only had experience writing letters to future clients about the crimes they might be charged with. Other type of legal documents the article discusses is contracts and wills. This article was very informative as well, because it stated that many documents must be formatted a certain way depending on the state you practice in or the format it’s in, which changes frequently.

I personally found this website to be very helpful on writing in the law field. I didn’t’ know that there was two ways of writing law papers. I found this a big influence and I don’t think I could’ve gotten this from any other source than this one. I think Cornell University has some good articles on many things. After doing research for the public I decided it was time to actually read a few articles from people in the field.

Richardson, Song L. "When Human Experimentation Is Criminal." *Journal of Criminal Law*

 *and  Criminology*. EBSCO, 2009. Web. 1 Nov. 2013.

Before attempting the read the article “When Human Experimentation is Criminal” I decided to find the abstract which is a summary. That I could understand the article is about experimentation of criminals, the journal discusses if it’s humane to treat criminals like animals. But in this case a medical researcher is allowed to experiment on criminals “violate bodily integrity and autonomy are routinely penalized with conviction for assault, fraud, and homicide researchers escape criminal punishment.”(Richardson)

I feel as if this article is one way due to how people feel about testing on criminals. Some people are all up for it but others oppose to it no matter what. I feel this article is for one specific audience who agrees with the point of views. The article was very informative about the case that was happening. In order to really have understood this case someone would need to have background knowledge on the case and law terminology.

I understood that if this form of punishment was humane or not. But what I did understand is that researchers who have the ok to experiments on criminals will not be charged or held responsible for a crime. I found this source to be very helpful to someone who’s in the law field. It helped with attempting to read something in the field, but not exactly understanding it since I know no terminology, or state laws on the case being discussed.

After all my research and reading I’ve found that I understand some of the law terminology, but not enough to read an academic journal. I read a few other cases that were presented or talked about in the ABA Journal some which were very interesting. I as well found the Utah Bar website to be very helpful because it answered any questions I had about an attorney which was nice. I think after my interview with Mr. Chlarson I have come to a conclusion of I’m not sure if law is 100% me. Although I am extremely intrigued by it I’m not entirely sure about this becoming my field. I have thought about actually going to an open public case and observing to see if it’s something I’d like to peruse. I as well think setting up an interview with my boss’s husband who’s an attorney as well and owns a law firm. I have a lot more personal research to do to make up my decision and I can’t wait to see what I discover.