

Interactive CALI Legal Research Lessons: Alternatives to Reading About Research

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Legal Research Community Authoring Project




- Scope of the Project:
To create a comprehensive set of web-based topics
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Topic Grids

Legal Writing Subject Outline with CALI Lessons

(click lesson title for description)

1. Cases

- Where Does Law Come From?
- 1.1. Anatomy of a case
 - Anatomy of a Case
- 1.2. Citation Format
 - 1.2.1. ALWD
 - ALWD Citation Form
 - 1.2.2. Citation Form For Briefs and Legal Memoranda
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 - 1.2.3. Vendor Neutral Citation Formats
- 1.3. Finding Cases
 - 1.3.1. How to Find Case Law Using Digests 
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 - 1.3.1.1. Overview of Reporters
 - 1.3.1.2. Anatomy of Case – parts of a case
 - 1.3.1.3. Function of the Digest
 - 1.3.1.4. West Key Number System
 - 1.3.1.5. How to Find Case Law Using the Digests
 - 1.3.1.6. Finding the Most Recent Case Law
 - 1.3.1.7. Evolution of Digest System
 - 1.3.2. Using Citators to find cases
- 1.4. Updating and Validating
 - Updating/Validating Case Law Using Citators

CALI Lesson Detail

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Approximate completion time 1 hour.

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How to Find Case Law Using the Digests

This exercise will provide the student with a detailed introduction to using the digests to find case law. Example pages from the West reporters and digests are provided and hypothetical research issues are demonstrated to show how these books are used.

Note: A brief excerpt from this lesson is available as the separate CALI Lesson "Anatomy of a Case".

NOTE TO LAW TEACHERS [Click here](#) for a complete listing of the lesson, including all questions and answers on a single web page.




Question**Statutes: Question 1**

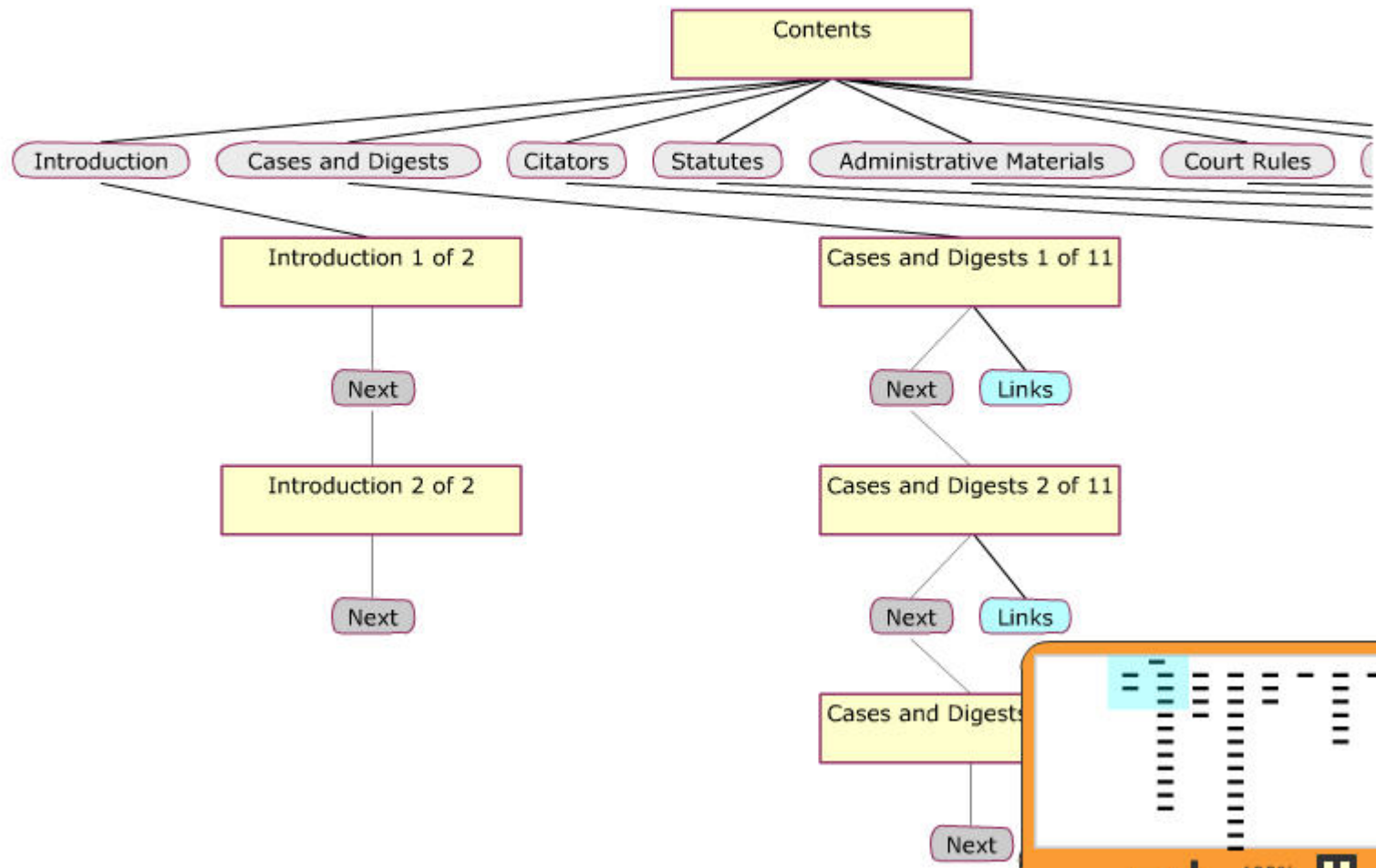
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Choices

A	O.C.G.A. § 2-9-39
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C	Look it up in <i>The Bluebook</i> .

Response

A		You've got it! You know how to correctly cite O.C.G.A. For O.C.G.A., you must follow the format as stated by the courts and not the format as stated in <i>The Bluebook</i> . After feedback jump to "Statutes 5 of 14" .
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Student Reactions to Using CALI Lessons at GSU

- 1st Year Legal Research course

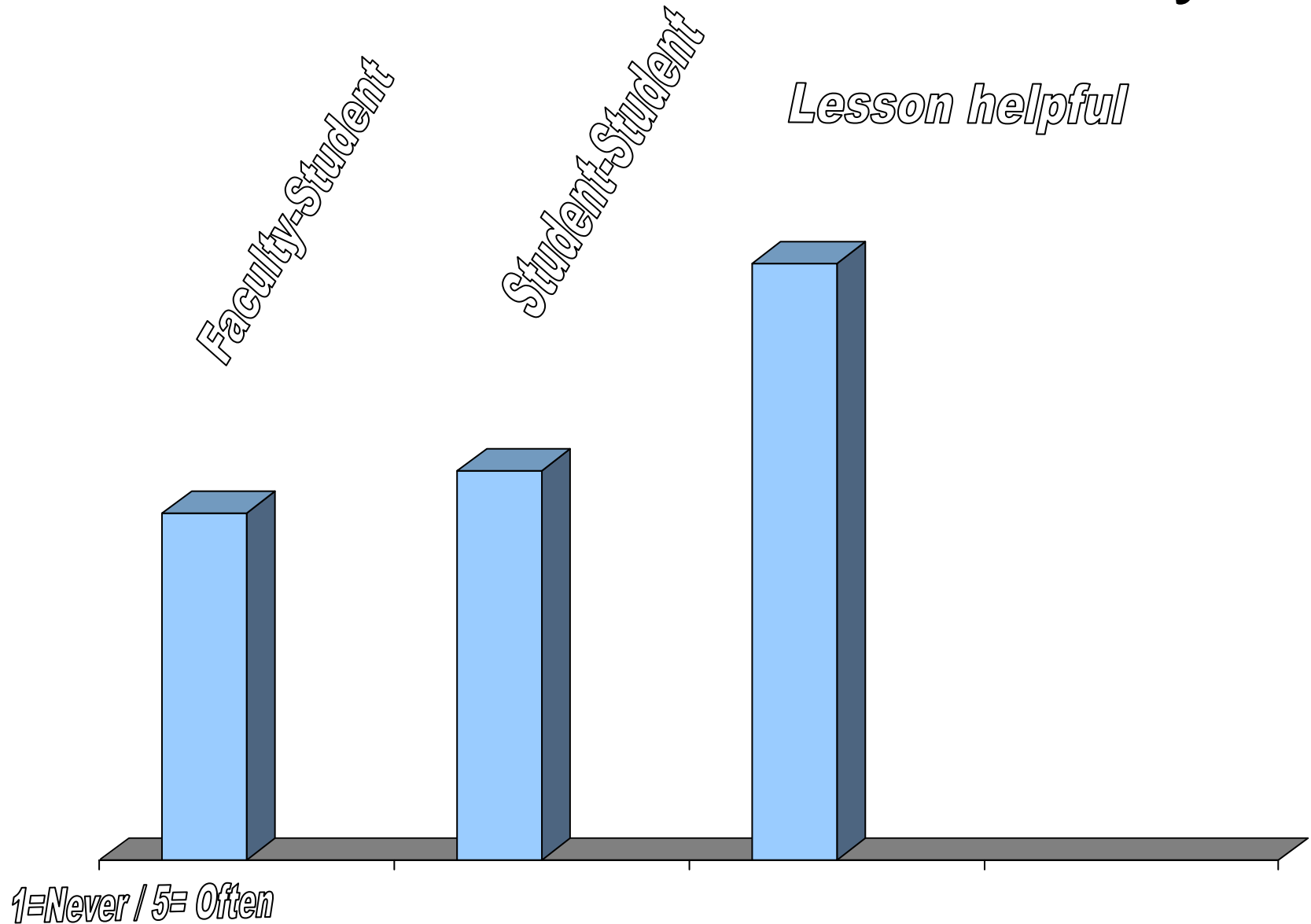


- We asked students how they felt about using CALI lessons as a learning tool for the course.

Are CALI Lessons Preferred Over Traditional Learning Tools?

- Deeper Understanding of Material?
94%
- Rather Do CALI Lesson Than Read?
83%
- Are CALI Lessons Interesting or Boring?
51%
- CALI Lessons for other Classes?
78%

Results of CALI's Survey



CALI Student Comments

- “CALI lessons ...have helped me go from a 17% in class ranking to top 9%. It is the method that CALI utilizes that really hammers home the things to be learned.”
- “CALI is a valuable additional resource to reinforce what I have learned in the classroom. I am exposed to different styles and approaches to the material.”
- “I do not recommend them to my classmates merely because of the competition. I think the lessons work and since it seems few of my classmates are aware of them, it may give me a competitive edge.”

- “Teaching makes visible the invisible processes of thinking.”
 - “Carnegie Report” – William M. Sullivan, Anne Colby, Judith Welch Wegner, Lloyd Bond, Lee S. Shulman, *Educating Lawyers* 19 (2007)

Using CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Students can spend as much time as they need exploring CALI Lessons; instructors often have limited amount of time to spend with each student



Using CALI Lessons – Advantages

- CALI Lessons give students the feedback they crave

The screenshot displays the CALI website interface for a lesson on Georgia legal research. The top left shows the CALI logo and the URL www.cali.org. The page title is "Georgia Legal Research -- Primary Sources". A navigation bar indicates "You are on page Statutes 4 of 14". The main content area is titled "Statutes: Question 1" and asks, "Which one of the choices is the proper citation format for the official Georgia code?". Three options are listed: A (checked), B (unchecked), and C (unchecked). Three callout boxes provide feedback: a green box for the correct answer (A) and two red boxes for incorrect answers (B and C). The interface also includes a "Legal Research" section with navigation icons and a "grade" button at the bottom right.

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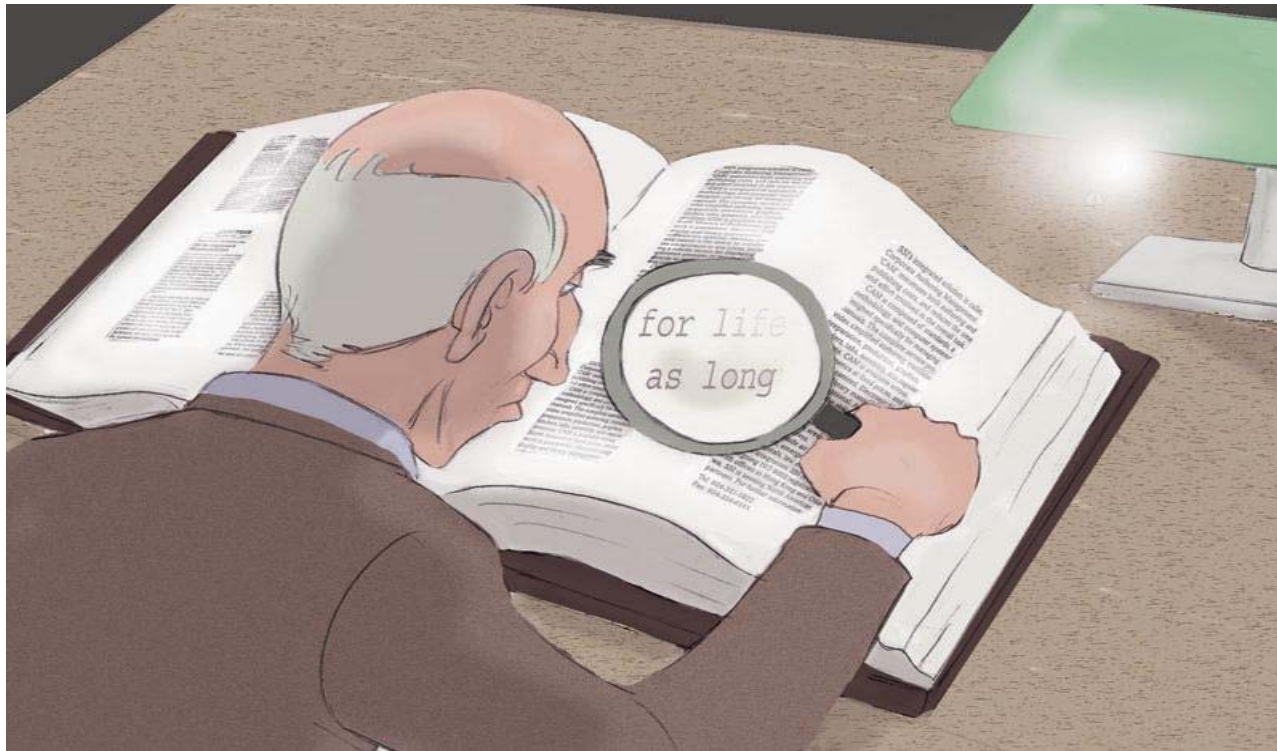
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- CALI Lessons provide a different viewpoint, a different approach, and a “neutral” party to the material



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Authors will grow in their knowledge of the subject area



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Allows you to look at the material in a new way



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Authors will explore new techniques that could improve their teaching



Authoring CALI Lessons Compensation



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Authoring a CALI Lesson keeps the material fresh and interesting for the author/instructor



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Explore a topic in depth and re-purpose the material for a law review article or presentation.



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Authors are part of an educational community helping law students to “conquer” new concepts and “explore” new ways of thinking



Authoring CALI Lessons – Advantages

- Authoring CALI Lessons is FUN!!



Authoring CALI Lessons - Disadvantages

- Authoring can be time consuming



Authoring CALI Lessons – Disadvantages

- Audience is limited to faculty and students at CALI member law schools



Authoring CALI Lessons Disadvantages

- Possibly not viewed as a traditional publication necessary for promotion.



Future Authoring Opportunities

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- Legal Writing Lessons

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