

CHECKLIST – AMERICAN LAW REPORTS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

- Locate the *A.L.R. Index* at the end of the most recent series
- Search* for your research terms
- Take note of any citations (*Volume, Series, and Page Number*) that the index provides
- Go to the appropriate *series*, locate the volume, and turn to the *page*
- Research within the *Annotation*
- Review the *Table of Jurisdictions* and Total Client Service Library (or *Research References*) for additional authority
- Be sure to check the *supplement (pocket part)*, referring to the same volume and page number as in the main volume itself

§ 2.11**Social Media***Legal Research Using Social Networks*

Tools that may be of use to a paralegal.

INVESTIGATIVE TOOLS

- Perform research pertaining to a current case to see if any parties have posted material that may be relevant.
- Research the opposing party.
- Investigate witnesses.
- Investigate potential jurors.
- Research judges to determine if conflicts or biases exist.

ONGOING RESEARCH TOOLS

- **LinkedIn and Facebook** both have a *Group* feature that allows a user to create or join a group. There are many groups dedicated to areas of expertise, areas of practice, or specific legal topics.
- **Quora** is a platform that attempts to provide answers to questions. It is also possible to find links to relevant information. Quora has sections dedicated to legal topics and provides email notification of new information related to that subject matter.
- **Medium** is a blogging platform that includes topics, some of which are related to the law.