





Global Online Access to Legal Information

Exercises for GOALI Basic Course: Summon Searching

Exercise 1

- From the GOALI Content page, click on **Databases**.
- Next, click on **Summon-Country Specific Search**.
- From the list of countries, select **Liberia**.
- Type **constitutional law AND Africa** into the global **search box** and press **enter** or click on the image of the magnifying glass  .
 - What is the number of search results?
 - From the **CONTENT TYPE** (left column):
(*Hint: Click on **More...***).
 - How many results are **journal articles**?
 - How many results are **conference proceedings**?
 - How many results are **magazine articles**?
 - For one of the citations, click on the **Preview** icon  .
 - Is the abstract displayed of use to you?
 - In the **REFINE YOUR SEARCH** option (top, left column), click on the hyperlinked text **Scholarly & Peer-Review**.
 - What is the number of search results?
 - Is the number smaller than the original search results number?
 - If the number is smaller, is the number significantly lower?
 - From the **CONTENT TYPE** (left column), click on the hyperlinked text **Journal Article**.
 - What is the number of the search results?

- In the **PUBLICATION DATE** option (left column), limit the search by typing a date, month, and year into the calendar search boxes (for example 01 01 2014). Remember that you must uncheck the previous limits (**REFINE YOUR SEARCH** and **CONTENT TYPE**) or these limits will remain in the new **PUBLICATION DATE** search.
 - How many articles were in this **PUBLICATION DATE** limit?
- Remember that while some articles may be accessible directly from Summon, you will need to return to the **GOALI Content** page and the **Journal Collection A-Z** or **Publisher** lists to see if access to journals / articles has been granted by the publishers. What is available will be noted in the **Accessible Content** list.

Exercise 2

- From the GOALI Content page, click on **Databases**.
- Next, click on **Summon-Country Specific Search**.
- From the list of countries, select **your country**.
- Type **search terms of interest to you** into the global **search box** and press **enter** or click on the image of the magnifying glass.
 - What is the number of search results?
 - How many **Journal Article** and **Book / eBook** citations are listed?
 - From the **CONTENT TYPE** (left column):

*(Hint: Click on **More...**).*

 - Limit the search to **Journal Article** and **any other options you choose**.
 - What is the number of the search results?
 - In the **PUBLICATION DATE** option (left column), limit the search by typing a date, month, and year into the calendar search boxes (for example 01 01 2014). Remember that you must uncheck the previous limits (**REFINE YOUR SEARCH** and **CONTENT TYPE**) or these limits will remain in the new **PUBLICATION DATE** search.
 - How many articles were in this **PUBLICATION DATE** limit?
 - Are there other ways you would like to limit this search?

- Remember that while some articles may be accessible directly from Summon, you will need to return to the **GOALI Content** page and the **Journal Collection A-Z** or **Publisher** lists to see if access to journals / articles has been granted by the publishers. What is available will be noted in the **Accessible Content** list.

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