SOFT SKILL 107 K Use of Law Journals and Legal Software

Objectives of the Course:
The purpose behind introduction of this course is to provide the law students basic information about various Indian and Foreign Law Journals and make them acquaint with the use thereof. An art to find out the judgments supporting a legal issue will be taught to the student. After having acquired basic knowledge, by continuous practice, students are expected to know how to read and interpret the judgments of court. In the era of ICT, knowledge of Legal Software and use thereof has become inevitable. In this course, with the theoretical background, the students will become familiar about the use of legal software and its application at the library or at the office of a law firm.

1. Requirements of Legal Journalism & Basic about Law Journals

1.1 Code of Ethics of Legal Journalism (Adopted at the Stockholm Symposiums, 1991)
1.2 Legal Reasoning: meaning, nature application and Importance
1.3 Importance of Law Journals in the legal profession:
    1.3.1 Importance of Legal Articles
    1.3.2 Importance of criticism and analysis of judgments
1.4 Information about new Bills and Legislations from Law Journals
1.5 International and Foreign Law Journals: its importance in India
1.6 Kinds of International & Foreign Law Journals:
    1.6.1. All England Reports
    1.6.2 Halsbury's Laws of England

2. Use of Law Journals and importance thereof
    2.1 Format of Law Journals
    2.2 Types of Law Journals
    2.3 Art of finding relevant judgments from Law Journals
    2.4 How to read a Judgment: Significance of Minority and Majority views

3. Legal Software: General Information and use:
  a. Various types of Legal Softwares:
      a. General Information about Legal Software
      b. Characteristics and features of various Legal Software
      c. Legal Software: Operating System, Utility Programme, upgradation & Installation, Dongle Lock Facility in Legal Software
      d. Various Options available for searching judgments from Legal Software
      e. Options to find out relied and overruled judgments from legal software
  b. Court Cases:
      a. 3.2.1 Commenting and Reporting of Judgments
      b. 3.2.2 Crime Reporting

Note : While teaching the subject, the college may select any one of the various well known legal software for providing the information to the students.

Suggested Reading
1. Nandan Kamath :- Law Relating to Computers and Internet, Universal Law Publishing Co.
2. Allan M. Gahten :- Internet : Law and Legal Profession
3. Kant D. Stuckey :- Internet and online law
4. Michoel D. Rostoker :- Computer Jurisprudence and Legal Responses to the Information
5. Revolution
6. Rega Rao :- Use of computer, Interned for Law students & Legal Profession (Asia Law Book House, Hyderabad)
7. Baxi Upendra :- Legal Education in 21st Century