Research Madness: Litigation Forms & Practice Aids

I. Comprehensive and Authoritative Texts

- **Federal Practice and Procedure** (Wright & Miller)
  Practice & Procedure Coll. Level 3, and Westlaw > FPP
- **Moore's Federal Practice** (Matthew Bender)
  Practice & Procedure Coll. Level 3, and LexisNexis
- **Weinstein's Federal Evidence**, 2d ed (Matthew Bender)
  Reserve, and LexisNexis

II. Litigation Forms: Model Forms

- **American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms Annotated** (Thomson West)
  Practice & Procedure Coll. Level 3, and Westlaw > AMJUR-PP
  Comprehensive collection of state and federal forms including complaints, answers, interrogatories, motions, orders etc. along with checklists, commentary, "how to" guides, statutory and procedural rules references. Arranged by topic.
- **Federal Procedural Forms** (Thomson West)
  Practice & Procedure Coll. Level 3, and Westlaw > FEDPROF
  Procedural forms (complaints, motions etc, but no discovery forms) for proceedings before federal courts and administrative agencies, along with explanatory text, procedural checklists and notes. Arranged by topic.
- **American Jurisprudence Trials** (Thomson West)
  Practice & Procedure Coll. Level 3, and Westlaw > AMJUR-TRIALS
  "Written by the attorneys, judges, and legal experts involved, each Model Trial Article illustrates the tactics used in the actual case." Strategies and techniques emphasized, includes sample pleadings, briefs, trial aids.
- **American Jurisprudence Proof of Facts**, (now in 3d series) (Thomson West)
  Practice & Procedure Coll., Level 3, and Westlaw > AMJUR-POF
  "Authored by attorneys and experts, identifies the essential facts and how to prove them in a variety of civil litigation and criminal defense actions." Advise on how to prepare a case through discussions of the elements of proof, evidentiary and practice considerations.
- State and subject specific litigation forms examples:
  **Thorp’s North Carolina Trial Practice Forms**, 6th ed.
  Reserve, and Westlaw > TNCTPF
  **American Law of Products Liability**, 3d
  Multi-volume treatise, includes Practice Aids volumes with sample pleadings, discovery tools, and checklists
  Level 2 KF1296 .H87 1987
III. Discovery Forms (interrogatories, depositions)

- *Bender’s Forms of Discovery*
- Douglas Danner, *Pattern Discovery: Tort Actions* (3d ed)
- Subject specific texts

IV. Judges and Lawyers

  Reserve and Westlaw > AJF
  In addition to standard biographical information, entries include noteworthy rulings, media coverage, publications, lawyers' comments on the judge's behavior and demeanor, judge's special guidelines, and case management statistics. Westlaw version does not include the media coverage and lawyers' comments sections.
- Westlaw Profiler links
  Note peer and client reviews and ratings.
- See related Goodson Law Library Research Guides:

V. Jury Instructions

- O'Malley, et al., *Federal Jury Practice and Instructions* (formerly Devitt & Blackmar)
  Reserve and Westlaw > FED-JI
- Sand, *Modern Federal Jury Instructions*
  Reserve and LexisNexis
- “Pattern” Jury Instructions available for some states and selected federal circuits e.g., North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges, *North Carolina Pattern Jury Instructions for Civil Cases*
  Reserve & online to NC bar members through Casemaker:

VI. Organizations

- ABA Section of Litigation ([http://www.abanet.org/litigation/](http://www.abanet.org/litigation/))