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Hello this is Jamie Hayes. My clock says 2 PM eastern so we will go ahead and get started.

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The first thing we will do is go through some housekeeping. The first thing I want to do is welcome you to the Academy webinar Congressional research service reports and the Constitution annotated on Congress.gov. For the first thing I want to do is introduce you to the two presenters. Barbara Davis is the bibliographic and research instruction librarian for the law library of congress. She provides legal and legislative research presentation to a wide range of patrons including congressional staff members, federal government employees and members of the public. She also provides legal research services to patrons, both at the reference desk at the law library reading room and the act asked the law library service. She holds a BA in history from Duke University and JD from the University of North Carolina school of Law and and MS LIS with specialization in law library from Catholic University.

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The second presenters Robert Kramer. He's the legal information specialist at the law library of congress. A BA in political science with the University of Kentucky and JD from Waynes at University College of Law and an MLS from Florida State. He's licensed to practice in Kentucky.

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By also want to introduce you to my colleague Ashley Dahlen. If you have technical issues during this presentation you want to message Ashley in the chat box at the bottom.

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Again I will go through a couple of housekeeping reminders. If you have any questions you would like to ask the presenters, or if you have technical issues, feel free to use the check box located in the bottom right-hand corner of your screen. I will keep track of the questions that come in and at the end, Barbara and Robert will respond to your questions. We will be recording today's session and will email a link to the recording and slides to everyone who registered for this webinar. We will be sending out certificates of participation using the email address that you used to register for today's webinar. If you have additional people needing certificate because they're watching this with you, please email STLP outreach at GPO.gov and include the title of today's webinar along with the names and email addresses of those needing certificates and we will send that out

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If you need to zoom in on the slides being shown, you can click on the full-screen button in the bottom left side of your screen. Exit the full-screen and go over the blue bar so it expands. Then click on the blue return button to get back to the default view. Finally at the end, we will share a webinar set of facts seeks survey and to let you know when the survey is available in the URL will appear the chat box. We would appreciate your feedback after the session including comments on the presentation style and the value of the webinar. I have done my housekeeping tasks to wobble hand the microphone over to Robert.

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Thank you. We are excited to bring you a webinar on key Congressional research products today. You can access from Congress.gov. If you're not familiar with the Congressional research service known as CRS, we work exclusively for the United States Congress providing policy and

legal analysis to committees, and members of both the House and Senate regardless of party affiliation.

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As a legislative branch agency within the library of Congress, it is a valued and respected resource on Capitol Hill. The first product we will discuss is Congressional research service reports. These are nonpartisan authoritative reports that are prepared by the Congressional research service for Congress. Many of these reports were recently released to the public and made accessible on Congress.gov. The second product we will discuss is the Constitution of the United States analysis and interpretation. Better known as Constipation annotated. This is an invaluable resource for researching the constitutional law. Provides a summary of constitutional provisions in the leading U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Is written in accessible language so you don't have to be a lawyer to use it. The goal is to make constitutional law accessible to everyday people. This is a Senate document published for 100 years, I found edition of the Constitution annotated that is published every 10 years and Aquila to update and a supplement. That's every two years.

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The printed version of the court rational research service has worked to transition this into the digital age by creating a site [ Indiscernible ] Make it searchable and browsable. They have also added valuable bonus content we will discuss later.

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First let's turn to Congressional research service reports. CRS reports provide Congress with anticipatory and on-demand research, analysis to support the legislative oversight and representation duties. All reports adhere to the core values of CRS that is authoritative, active, and nonpartisan. Reports range in length from several pages to more than 100 pages, covering the full breadth of topic to Congress.

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The CRS works inclusively with Congress and the reports are graded for the sole purpose of supporting Congress, in 2018 Congress passed a law directing the creation of publicly accessible sites to host CRS reports. New products are always being added to that site. It is important to note that Sierras updates reports so there may be multiple versions of a report and for that reason you will see the content on the site is marked as new, updated or archived to indicate the status.

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If you go to the homepage of Congress.gov and scroll down you will see the link that says search CRS reports. Next you can enter a term in the search box or you can just leave it blank and click search if you want to browse. I will browse the site. After you leave the search box blank and click search, you will see another search box at the top and more importantly have filters on the left where you can use alone or in combination with one another to narrow down the results. These filters include topics, author, content type, date, and the status of the products. I will go ahead and search for cybercrime. And narrow the results to the past month. Obviously click on a report if you want to read it and one thing I want to mention is you will see a clock that I have an arrow next to. Next to the reports and that means this has been updated so there's a previous version of the report which you can view if you want to. If you click on the clock, you can see the previous version of the report.

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Quick example on how you can use the CRS report to find information about a current event in research. Let's say you wanted to learn about quarantines. Here I searched for quarantine and we

got a manageable number of results. Many of which are current but of course if had not gotten a manageable number I could have just reduced the results by using the filters on the left to narrow it down. With that said, I will now turn it over to Barbara who will take you into the Constitution annotated.

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Hi, everyone. This is Barbara. Thanks for coming today. As Robert and Jamie said, I am short term instructional librarian at the law library of congress. I want to explore the constipation annotated website. The constipation annotated online launched on Constitution Day last year, September 17, 2019. As Robert mentioned earlier, it has been in publication for over 100 years. The constipation annotated is the only comprehensive government sanctioned record of interpretations of the cost of Duchenne. Maintained by the Congressional research service or CRS and the mission of CRS is to provide authoritative objective and nonpartisan information to Congress and Congress has had a long-standing need to understand the Constitution particularly in the context of current legal and political events. We have seen this in the past and there were Senate documents from the 1800s that accumulated list of supreme court cases that interpreted the Constitution. And then more than 120 years after the first iteration, the constipation annotated is still in print in hardbound edition get the you can see a picture of the Centennial edition of the Constitution annotated right there.

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As Robert mentioned, there printed every 10 years. The next hardback version is eligible for 2022. But, as you can probably tell, particularly in light of the fact that even a PDF of the constitution annotated that is available on the gov info site, thank you guys, that PDF is over 3000 pages. So between the hardback and the 3000 page PDF, it can be a little difficult to keep up with particularly modern researchers workload. We are used to using online sources for our material that we are using. So I as such, the law library and CRS spearheaded the modernization of the Constitution annotated and this is the homepage. The constitution annotated online , sometimes you will hear people refer to it as Conan. Delivers content faster and in a more accessible format. It is completely searchable, it is more dynamic than ever before. Updates go live as soon as you spend 24 hours of the change and the new resource not only modernizes the way we deliver content but allows us to enhance it. Let's dive into the homepage.

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First at the very top of your screen, you will see in the box at the top right hand side and there are three buttons that will streamline your navigation. Browse annotation which we will get to later. Resources again we will get to. And about. We know a lot of people really want to be able to search and particularly search by keywords. At the top of every Constitution annotated screen, along with the three links I talked about at the top, you will also see a global search box. The global search box at the top will allow you to search no matter where you are on the Constitution annotated page. And below the global search box you will see something that we call the feature. The feature is going to have a topic that we highlight and update periodically. Right now because the constitution annotated online is so new, we are linking to the browser view of the Constitution annotated via the future. In the middle of your screen.

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I want to scroll down a little bit so you can see the feature at the top. Scrolling down under the feature, we have three modules. Each module house different resources. Featured issue which you can see on the left side, highlights topics of relevance to the Supreme Court docket, these are most likely links to CRS products, CRS reports.,.gov. The website that Robert was talking about

earlier Sierras reports, a lot of those featured issue links will link you to a CRS report on that issue.

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In the middle of your page you will see the U.S. Constitution at the Library of Congress. As you can probably tell that highlight the library's constitutional resources instead of going to Sierras reports, these links go to LOC.gov which is the Library of Congress website and law.gov, the law library of congress.

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Finally, on the right-hand side of your page you will see Constitution annotated resources. This is another way to get to the resources that you see at that link on the top of your page. So with the top of the page you will see that resources link and you can also get to it via the resources box at the bottom of your screen. It is two ways to get there if you are already there you can use the Constitution annotated resources link is

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I will scroll to the top of the homepage again. We expect most people to access the content largely in two ways. By browsing or by using a keyword search. If you are interested in a specific article or an amendment to the Constitution, you can select browse annotations which is the box at the top. And you can browse using the hierarchical Constitution annotated. A lot of people, particularly that call us at the reference desk, they really want to do keyword searches at the constitution annotated. Let's turn to keyword search first. As we mentioned earlier, you can see the global search box in the middle of your screen just I am going to do a sample search here so you can see I have already filled in the global search box. I am looking for my research project is about freedom of the press. So in that search box, I did a simple Boolean search, freedom and press. This means that both the keywords of freedom and press must occur in any result returned. Note that I have used the and Boolean operators so and is all capitalized. That way the search engine does not to search the word and come into searching for freedom and press. Before we see the results of this search, however, I want to note the search help box which you will see to the right of your global search box in the middle of your screen. That search help button is going to give you more information about the search feature can let's pretend that we collect about box so we can see the search help page.

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You will see the list of operators here on the left-hand side of your table. It will give you information about Boolean connectors, proximity searches, so if you want one word to appear within a certain number of words of another work, you can do that it will give you information about wild cards. For instance, if you were worried about a word being pluralized or past tense or anything like that, if you put the asterisk that you see at the bottom, you will be able to use that as a wild card feature.

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If you scroll down further on the search help page, you get more information about what resources are and aren't searched by the global search box. If you have nitty-gritty questions about what that global search box is searching, you can scroll down and search help page and it will give you a mini essay on that issue.

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Keyword search. I will go back to my search and I search for freedom and press. I've gotten 68 results. You can see at the top of my search page, it says one through 68. Let's look at the layout of this searchable page. I have a lot of boxes so let's talk about them. At the very top after the

first number, this is the first search result, you will see a breadcrumb tracing you back to the original constitutional provision being annotated. In the first search result, we are seeing an essay that is in the First Amendment section of the Constitution annotated. If I want to just see what other essays were in the First Amendment, section of the constitution annotated all I would do is click that First Amendment link and it would take me to the browse feature. Under that, you are going to see a serial number that is unique to each essay. The a MBT .1 .1, that gives you a unique number for just this one essay. The next to that the essay title. The essay title you will see freedom of speech and historical background. If you click that link, that will take you to the essay of interest

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Below that information, you are going to see some excerpts of the essay. Also, if your keywords are mentioned in any of the footnotes, the first of those footnotes will show up as well. Here I see an excerpt of the essay at the top, then I see an excerpt of the footnote. Underneath that. Underneath those excerpts, you will see a total hit count so this is the amount of time myQ words that show up in this essay. Both the essay and the footnote. Freedom shows up 17 times and press shows at 41 times. So that is just a general overview of what the page is going to look like. I want to also talk about the left-hand side of the page. Thinking back to the CRS reports section of the presentation that Robert talked about, you would have noted then that there is also filters on the left-hand side of the page. You can use those filters or facets to narrow down your search results.

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I will show you what that might look like in my case, I was particularly interested in the First Amendment and I was interested in how the supreme court dealt with freedom of the press. On the left-hand side of the screen, you will see I selected First Amendment in the articles and amendments menu. Supreme court under the topics menu. That brought my search down from 68 to five. This is true for the Constitution annotated pages and the CRS report pages and even Congress.gov in general. If you do a search and you have too many search results, please feel free, use the filter menus on the left-hand side and the facets menu on the left-hand side. Narrow down your search results. If I didn't see a topic of interest under topics, you will note there is a show more link. That show more link will show while the applicable topic facets.

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Another thing you might notice is the both articles and amendments and topics are not in alphabetical order. Instead, they are in relevancy order. Of the most times were the most essays that correspond to that topic area.

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I want to draw your attention to the top of this page, you will see my search terms, freedom and press. You will see supreme court as the topic and you will see First Amendment. If I weren't interested in one of these, let's say I just wanted the Supreme Court topics but no longer interested in essays that mention the First Amendment, all I would do is put the ask next to First Amendment at the top of your screen. And then it would take out that facet. So then I would only have essays that had freedom and press and were coded with the topic Supreme Court.

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That allows you to expand your search as well.

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Let's also look underneath to the sort feature. You will notice there are three sorts menus. You can change the number of results per page so instead of having the results on one page, you

could narrow down to 25 results per page and have more pagination at the bottom of your screen. You can also change the sort order using the menu in the middle part of your screen from the default which is relevant, to order in the Constitution. If you wanted to see articles before amendments, you could change that to order. Then finally, on the further right, you will see the view menu. The view menu can change your view from expanded which is what we were saying before, to condense. When you are in a condensed view, you are only going to see the title and the essay information but you will not actually see the essay excerpts. Underneath your results.

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If you are happy with your search and you would like quick access to it later, you can quickly copy the search URL by clicking on copy search. You see the box above the view menu. This feature is particularly handy for those of you that are power searchers and you use complex Boolean searches that you may need to repeat later. I want to note that if you use the copy search link or box there, save that search in a safe place so you can get back to it later. It will only copy the address for your search. You would have to re-input that address later.

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Let's get back to the regular search page. You will see here that I have actually taken out my filters or my facets from the left-hand side and added in instead of First Amendment, article 1 of the Constitution. Now I am searching for where freedom and press is mentioned in article 1 of the Constitution. Note that the first one is pretty interesting to me, commerce among the several states. If I wanted to actually see that essay, all I would do is click the essay title, it is a link. That is going to bring me to the essay page. Here is the essay that I click on, commerce among the several states. I want to note a couple of things here which you can tell from the boxes you see. At the top of your screen, you will notice breadcrumbs that we like to keep you apprised of where you are. In the Constitution annotated here you are in article 1. Practically in section 8 of article 1, in clause 3 of section 8. Then you are particularly looking at the essay commerce among the several states. If you wanted to expand and do a browse but say clause 3 of section 8 article 1, you could do that by clicking clause 3 of the top of your screen.

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Next, underneath that, you will see some arrows with essay titles. In my screen they are right underneath the breadcrumbs, if you have your screen expanded, you might see these arrows on either side of your essay. Keep that in mind, if you don't see them underneath the breadcrumbs, it might be that you have an expanded view of the page and you might see them on the right and left hands these arrows allow you to navigate to previous and subsequent essays in the Constitution annotated. By doing that we tried to replicate the experience you had if you were actually to get the book off the shelf and page through its. If you go back you will see the previous essays and forward you will see the next essay.

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The essay has the title up here and we saw that. It is particularly unique number. Then, underneath that, you will see the actual language of the constitutional provision being annotated. Here is the actual language and article 1 section 8. Before leaving this page, I want to note on the right-hand side of the page, you will see I topics menu. That topics menu links you to all the topics that have been or this essay has been key to. This is topics of commerce, Supreme Court and equal protection. I will click the commerce link and show you what that looks like.

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When you click on one of those topic links, the link will navigate you to a pre-populated search that is already filtered for that topic. You will see here at the top of your page, you will see

refined by, topic commerce. If I want to view the facets on the left-hand side of the page, I could do that and narrowed down to other talk areas or particular articles and amendments to the Constitution. [ Inaudible - static ]

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Let's go back to the previous page. So I have scroll down a little bit on the page. You will see the actual text essay next to the constitutional text. If you look at the essay text you will notice that we have hyperlinked [ Inaudible - static ] those are the boxes in the circle. Each essay in the Constitution annotated is thoroughly cited, you might see footnotes numbering in the hundreds just for one essay. Don't let that throw you off. If you have a particular interest in a footnote, all you do is click that link and it will take you down to the footnotes section of the essay. [ Inaudible - static ]. This is the footnotes section of the essay we were looking at. You can see at the top of the page at the end of the essay and there 108 footnotes. This is an example of the footnotes page. If you wanted to get back to the section you were reading, all you do is click the correct symbol after the footnote number and it will take you back to the section.

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You will also notice that a lot of these citations are hyperlinked. That is one of the ways that we tried to enhance content in the Constitution annotated. By actually linking you to the things being cited in the footnotes. Most of the citations in the Constitution annotated or two Supreme Court cases and most of them contain embedded hyperlinks so you can see here we are linking you to the supreme court case under number three, number five, at Tudrick's etc.

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90% link you to the law library [ Indiscernible - low volume ]. So the U.S. reports for those of you who may have a legal background, it is where you can find the published within the supreme court. We actually have collection that we digitize at the law library. [ Inaudible - static ]. If you were to click on any of these citations, you would be taken to a PDF copy of that opinion. I will pick the sixth footnote. It's all done and show you what that looks like. [ Inaudible - static ].

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This is a PDF copy of that opinion and in U.S. reports that you can find at the law library of congress website. You can actually scroll through this page by page. We have also OCR did all of the opinions of the law library collection. We allowed for keyword searching within the PDF. So all you have to do is use the refine feature if you don't see the rough find feature on the page, what I would suggest you do is hold down the control button or the main button and then while you do that, hit the F button and the box should show up with a search box. Then you put your keywords in that box. The only thing to warn you about is that if you're trying to search for a long phrase, the OCR that we have done on these pages don't account for linebreaks. If you have a phrase that you were trying to use, I would only use 1-3 [ Inaudible - static ]. Word chunks. If you have a long phrase and the whole sentence, I would use about three words of text to find it. By the find feature.

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For slip opinions that are not available in the law library U.S. reports collection, we link to the Supreme Court website where they keep PDFs of those slip opinions. For those of you without a legal background, slip opinions are designed by the Supreme Court as the first version of the court's opinion that it posts on the website. It keeps it up on the Supreme Court website until the opinion for the entire term are published. Then they are put into the United States reports. If you're looking for something or linking to something that is more recent, you will likely find it on the supreme court page slip opinion.

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Usually at this point, we get asked about other case citations. Let me show you, we do have a short description of where to find case law hyperlinks. The way I got here was a scroll to the top of the page and I click the about link. It took me to the about page. If I scroll down a bit you can see the arrow and the case law hyperlinks will give you more information about hyperlinks in the footnotes.

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We typically or you will typically see links to the law library page or supreme court page. If there are other case citations that are not slip opinions or art on the law library page, we link you to Harvard Law school case law access project. So you will potentially see that as caps. It is to make all published case law freely available online at no cost. So if you want any more information about the links to caps, or any other links resources, all you do is click the about page, scroll down to hyperlink information that you see here. Then more information you can get your. We will come back to the about page so don't worry if you have questions. We will come back in a couple of minutes.

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First, I want to look at the browse feature in the Constitution annotated. Instead of clicking the about link at the top, go to the left and look at browse [ Indiscernible ]. [ Inaudible - static ] .

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Clicking the browse sanitation link will take you to the landing page. It serves as an outline for the U.S. Constitution, it mirrors the structure of the print version of the Constitution annotated. You will see introductory material at the top that you will be linked to. And then it will link you to all the essays in the Constitution annotated. First vice section of the Constitution so preamble, articles, amendments. And then once you are in one of those, it will show you the hierarchical structure of the essays that you find within. [ Inaudible - static ] .

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I am going to pick on the chief amendment and show you what that might look like. If I click on the link to the 14th amendment. This is the landing page for the 14th amendment. You will see the structure of the Constitution reflected here. The section and clause grouping. Along with the essays written about [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ]. Here is the [ Inaudible - static ]. For immunities clause and then here are essays about the [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ]. As I said, the structure is hierarchical. Dividing into sections, clauses and then essays. The hierarchy demonstrates here to help you search if you are not as familiar with Constitution law but might have a topic and mine. You can use that control F find feature again on the page. If you're looking for particular word. If I knew was looking for immunities clause I could control F find and then type in privileges and see where it shows up.

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I also want to show you the resources page. If I go back to the top of my screen, I click resources here. It will take me to this landing page. The default landing page is going to be table of cases page. The resources section is really going to be where you see a lot of the enhancements to the constitution annotated online. [ Inaudible - static ] table of cases that you see here, the default, actually it is a comprehensive list of all case law cited in the constitution annotated. You will see the opinions cited here. And then next to each opinion, or other citation that you see there, you will see a link to the essay or the footnotes or the table where you can find that case if cited.

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I want to talk a little bit more about other features that you can use in the resources pages. I will click on the next table down. You can see the box here, it has a long title, the Supreme Court decisions overruled by subsequent decisions. We did really call this table of overruled decisions. I will click on that link. You will see here if there are many, many options to search the content within tables. So, as I said, these are Supreme Court decisions that have been overruled by subsequent decisions. If I wanted to search the opinions being cited here, I could actually search just the table itself by using the search box at the top of the table which you can see here. From my example I searched for Florida. You can see it has already pulled filter the table for just the decisions that mentioned Florida as one of the parties.

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You can also filter by date ranges. You can see here, if I were only interested, here I left it open. That was all overruling decision [ Indiscernible ]. If I wanted to narrow that, I could be putting a start here and an end there and then it would automatically alter the table according to the years that I put in. I want to show you, you can also search these resource tables so you can search the resource table once you are in it but if you want to do an overall search, you can do that by using the global search box at the top of your screen.

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I will steal from the second page that you see on the list, Seminole tribe of Florida versus Ford there. I will search for up Seminole tribe of Florida in the global search box. You see I put that in the global search box here. I have done a search and then coming down to the facets on the left-hand side, you will note under the resources facet, here it lists the table of Supreme Court decisions overruled by subsequent decisions. So if I said what table I'm looking for how to get to the table, I can only do a search in the global search box at the top. I want you to know that it is an option.

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I want to go back to the original table. I will go back to my Supreme Court decisions overruled by subsequent decisions. There's a couple of other things I want to note. Particularly with regard to sorting. These smaller boxes you see at the top, these three small boxes, that have two arrows within them, those are going to be at the top of each column in the table that you see in the resources section. [ Inaudible - static ]. If you click on the Earls once, that will transform the double arrows into a single arrow pointing up which indicates ascending order and click again to have it descending sort order which I have done. I have done that in the middle column. Year of overruling decisions. You can see it goes from 2016 down to 1964. If you did not like this sort, if you wanted to go back to normal, all you do is click the reset table button. Which will be the top of your table on the right-hand side. I've got a box around it, it's a white button that says reset table. That will return it to what it was when you first clicked on the page.

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If you wanted to download the results of your table, let's say you did sort [ Indiscernible ] And you wanted to download that whole table that you see, you can do that by clicking download table which is above your reset table button. It downloads the CSV file, CSV files are typically used as Excel to open the CSV files. And then once downloaded you can process the data on your own. You can save it in your own Excel spreadsheet and use it from there.

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Now that we have discussed table of cases and table of Supreme Court decisions overruled by subsequent decisions, let's look at the other tables you see on the left hand side of the resources page. Next is table of law held unconstitutional in whole or in part by the supreme court

justice there's a number of sort features and the tables I want to point out. Particularly, description of the unconstitutional provision you can see that in the middle right-hand side of your table here. It actually list the provisions that were found unconstitutional, whether state law, local law or federal law. I can think that would be interesting because you can see a summary of that provision.

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Next to that on the right-hand side you can see the constitutional provisions invoked to overrule or find the provision unconstitutional. And, if it's a particular clause within that provision, you can find the clause listed there as well. This top one you can see that the constitutional provision invoked was article 6, particular the supremacy clause.

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Next, you will see a table of Supreme Court justices. A list of all justices who have served or currently serving in the Supreme Court. Note here that you can filter and sort by Supreme Court term start date. Here at the top of your table, you can see a date range and you can change that date range, for instance if you only want to see justices from the last 30 years you could do that here as well.

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Next, we see information about beyond the Constitution annotated. Beyond the Constitution annotated is another way we feature CRS products a lot of these will take you to the CRS reports page that Robert discussed earlier. All you do is click the link, it will take you either come you can see here, the CRS report for if you see under topics, a particular case listed, it will link you to that case as well.

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Under that, you will see a link to methodology or the tables. Methodology is for the [ Indiscernible ] Essay explaining how these tables were put together. If you want to get into the nitty-gritty of why the tables are laid out this way, what is included and not included, the methodology is on the left-hand side which will help you. Then finally, the last link that you see is a link to the language of the Constitution of the United States. This is the language that you find in the U.S. Constitution without annotation. Although never fear, if you do want to seek annotations after all, a [ Indiscernible ]. All you have to do is click the boxes or the buttons at the top of each provision. That will [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ]. Get you back to the browse feature on article 1 [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ]. One provision alone and you don't want your screen cluttered with other information, you can come to the left-hand side of the page and choose article [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ] [ Inaudible - static ]. It will show the article [ Inaudible - static ].

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Now that we have gone through browse annotations, resources, keyword searching, I want to go to the final link that you see here at the top of your page. [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ]. About page [ Indiscernible - audio muffled ]. Online page is going to give information on the makeup of the Constitution annotated online. And information about how to access it. This is the place to go if you forget everything you learned about today. You just want information about how the Constitution annotated is put together, what do the links mean, can I get some search help etc. You will find that here on the about page.

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I want to show you also both [ Indiscernible ] On the left-hand side of your page you will see a link to search help and that will take you to the same page you would get if you were using the

search help button next to your search box at the top of the screen. If you scroll down further on the about page, you are going to get some information that we get asked for a look from the reference desk. You will see information about how to cite the essays that you see in the Constitution annotated, particularly using bluebook. Those of you without a legal background, bluebook is kind of the citation mandible used in the U.S. for legal citation. This will give you an explicit example of how to search I'm sorry, how to cite essays in the Constitution annotated. Using the bluebook.

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Finally, at the bottom of the screen, you will see a questions section. It is going to link you to something called ask a librarian. As we mentioned, both the Constitution annotated online and the CRS reports pages, both are strongly created by CRS. CRS updates them's and maintains them [ Indiscernible ]. The law library is your public space to Constitution annotated online and CRS reports. If you are having or have a question or having an issue doing your search, and you would like to get guidance, ask a librarian will be the best place to go. That will open up a page where you can fill out an online form, we get to see your online form and then answer you through your email. Now, I want to draw particular attention to it now because like probably a lot of you now, our librarians are working from home largely. But we are still checking ask a librarian so if you have questions, please feel free to send them into ask a librarian. For those of you who are educators, and you have students that you would like to send to the Constitution annotated that might have questions, I always warn students, the ask a librarian feature, we ask you to give us five business days to get back to you. Probably shorter than that but with the amount of online questions we are getting now, definitely we tell people five business days.

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If you have a class or if you have a filing due immediately, like for tomorrow for instance, probably asked the library and will not be as helpful to you. You need to give us a couple of days to get back to you. The good news is you have time to think about your questions and you are likely to get a full answer to your question using ask a librarian.

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Before I open it up to Q&A, I want to note that finally on the about page, you will see links on the left-hand side, you will also see links not only with search help but also to information about the Library of Congress, the Congressional research service, and the law library of Congress as well on the left-hand side. That will link you to usually Library of Congress and the [ Indiscernible ] Pages or law.gov. Also underneath that you will see the [ Indiscernible ] Information about other pages available on the Library of Congress website including for those of you that are teachers, teaching resources about the Constitution.

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I know we have gotten a lot of information in today. I want to open it up to questions. I can see in the chat we might already have a couple. I want to get Robert back involved in answering some of these questions. Again, thank you for coming. We appreciate it. Please feel free to send us questions, we are still working, we are still checking the ask a librarian feature. We are happy to help.

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Thank you Barbara. If you have any questions for Barbara or Robert, you can put them in the chat box at the bottom of your screen. We do have a couple of questions and I will start out these during the presentation. What does government send to me, what significant that the [ Indiscernible ].

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Good question. When we talk about government sanctioned we mean the document that is created for Congress? And it is created by the Congressional research service so it supports in a way that has been through the full editing process that every CRS report goes through. So Congress trusts the Constitution annotated that is created for them. Is a document created by CRS for Congress to use. They had made it available to the public which is super great.

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Excellent. Second question, in the Constitution annotated search function, is there an advanced search?

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No, it is a global search. Is it okay if I share my screen to show you what that might look like? I am going to show you what the Constitution annotated page looks like. As you can see here, it is just a global search at this point. If you go to the search help button, it will give you options with regard to those search operators that we talked about before. That is really the way you will set up an advanced search is by using those search operators. We don't really have a link at this point to do advanced search with like separate fields or anything like that. As of now.

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I would add the site is still under development. There will be new features so check back. And also the law library's blog in the study address will have other announcements for the citation. [ Indiscernible - low volume ].

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Next question from Carol, are any downloads or PowerPoint slides accompanying the session as are the annotated slides downloadable? I can answer this question. We are going to be sending out copies of the slides with the satisfaction survey. You will get a copy of the PowerPoint slides at a later time.

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Let's see if we have any other questions. What is the timeline for getting [ Indiscernible ] CRS reports available to the public?

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I am not sure the exact timeline. The it still in production. But I do know that they have been adding older reports to the site.

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Again that is something you should keep checking back and seeing if the date of interest is there for you.

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We will give a couple of more minutes for questions. While we are waiting, Ashley if you could put out the satisfaction survey. Then I will remind everyone of upcoming webinars that we have. On April 7, tomorrow, we have open education resources and it's a free government resource. And then on April 8 we have coronavirus fraud and scams and what you need to know. And then April 9, no budget, no problem, how to stock your library with free government publications just to if you are interested in signing up for any of those, there is time, go to STLP.gov and you can sign up for those webinars.

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I don't see any more questions. I want to thank you Barbara and Robert for taking the time to present to the Academy. That also to all of our participates in today's webinar. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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[ Event concluded ]