Author Profile Pages and U.S. News & World Report Update
Overview

Author Profile Pages are an excellent way to showcase and promote an author’s scholarly work. Let’s explore this feature and see what’s new and coming soon!

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For any author represented in the Law Journal Library, Author Profile Pages automatically display a list of articles and ScholarCheck statistics. The existing profile can be enhanced to include a photo, biographical information, and links to the author’s website and social media accounts.

ScholarCheck metrics include:

- The number of times an author has been cited by other articles and cases
- The number of times an author’s articles have been accessed by other HeinOnline users within a rolling 12-month period.
- The number of times an author has been cited by articles written in the past 10 years
- The number of times an author’s articles have been cited by articles written within the previous year and year to date.

Example of an Author Profile Page

Kerr, Orin S.

- Full Name
- University Affiliation
- Title
- Is this you?

Cited by Cases
Cited by Articles
Cited by Articles (Past 10 Years)
Cited by Articles (Previous Year + YTD)
ScholarCheck Rank
Average Citations per Article
Average Citations per Document
Self-Citations
In-Index
About Author Profiles

Additional metrics not factored into an author’s overall ScholarCheck ranking analysis include:

**Average Citations per Article**
This metric counts the cumulative number of times an author has been cited by other articles, then divides this number by an author’s total number of articles written to calculate the average number of citations per article.

**Average Citations per Document**
This metric counts the cumulative number of times an author has been cited by other articles, then divides this number by an author’s total number of documents written to calculate the average number of citations per document.

**Self-Citations**
This metric counts the cumulative number of an author’s self-citations.

**H-Index**
The h-index is an author-level metric that attempts to measure both the productivity and citation impact of an author’s publications. The index is based on the set of the author’s most cited papers and the number of citations that they have received in other publications.
HeinOnline users can set up email alerts for a designated author’s works. Simply click on the Set up email alerts icon found on the author’s profile page.

The four different alerts are for:

- When new material for this author is added to HeinOnline
- When new articles in HeinOnline cite this author’s articles
- When articles are accessed on HeinOnline each month
- When articles similar to this author's works are published

Choose the desired alerts, enter an email address, and click Set up email alerts. These alerts will be sent once a month.
How To Locate Author Profile Pages
Locating Author Profile Pages

To find an author profile page, use the Advanced Search option found on the main search bar. Enter the author’s name into the Author field and click the Search button. From the results page, click on the author’s hyperlinked name. Users are then directed to the author’s profile page.
Locating Author Profile Pages

We recently added a new shortcut to author profiles pages, thanks to a suggestion from a customer. Authors who have enhanced their author profile page to include their email address and who have also created a MyHein account using the same email address will now see a direct link to access their author profile page via the MyHein menu. To access this new feature, authors must be signed in to MyHein.

This new feature allows authors to easily access their author profile if they need to send any updated information or if they want to view their metrics. Authors no longer have to search for their name in HeinOnline to locate their page.
Pop Quiz

Which U.S. President also served as a Supreme Court Justice?

A) Woodrow Wilson
B) Herbert Hoover
C) Warren G. Harding
D) William Howard Taft
William Howard Taft, the 27th president of the United States, fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, becoming the only person to have served as both a U.S. Chief Justice and President.
How To Access and Download Institutional Metrics
Access and Download Metrics

Users have the ability to download a CSV of ScholarCheck metrics for an entire institution. To utilize this feature, navigate to the Law Journal Library and Browse by Author Profiles.
Access and Download Metrics

When users click on the institution’s name, all articling authors who have enhanced their Author Profile will be displayed, as well as a link to download a CSV of ScholarCheck metrics for all of the enhanced profiles from the institution. A CSV is automatically downloaded when the user clicks on the link. All of the authors’ information is pulled into the CSV, where a user can sort/filter the information by any individual metric or by overall ScholarCheck rank.
How to Enhance Author Profile Pages
If an author already has articles in HeinOnline, a basic version of their page will automatically be created. To enhance an author profile page, authors will need to fill out a form found on HeinOnline’s homepage. Authors will be asked to provide an email address, birth year, university/affiliation, title, ORCID ID #, biography, links to social media profiles, and a photo. Once the form is submitted, a HeinOnline representative will update the existing page.

Alternatively, librarians may submit multiple profiles on behalf of faculty. In order to obtain this CSV, please contact HeinOnline Support at holsupport@wshein.com.
Enhance Author Profile Pages

Users can also edit an already enhanced profile by clicking on **Edit Author Profile** within the author profile page. All edits are verified by HeinOnline Support before changes go live.
Coming Soon: Explore Author Relationships
Explore This Author is HeinOnline’s new interactive tool which uses metadata, natural language processing, and machine learning to analyze authors and identify relationships between them. This new feature is not yet live and still in the infancy stages of development.
Explore This Author

Facets can be expanded/collapsed by clicking on them.

- **Topics**: Displays the topics that the author has written about
- **Cited by**: Displays authors who have cited this author
- **Cites to**: Displays authors who have been cited by this author
- **Related Authors**: Calculated by algorithm which takes into account all of the other facets, as well as organizations, people, and locations within the text of the author’s works
- **Co-Authors**: Displays authors who co-wrote with this author
- **Publications**: Displays the journals that the author is most frequently published in
Project Overview

In February of 2019, *U.S. News and World Report* announced an expansion to its “Best Law Schools” data—a new ranking which will evaluate each law school’s scholarly impact. *U.S. News* further stated that it is considering collaborating with the Hein Company as its source for this analysis.

The purpose of the *U.S. News* project is to analyze the scholarly impact of each U.S. law school based on the impact and productivity of its faculty members. *U.S. News* announced that it would be using several accepted indicators to measure scholarly impact, including citations, publications, and other bibliometric measures.

Project Update: July 2019

So far, *U.S. News* has sent out a survey to each law school requesting the names and other details of its full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty for fall of 2018. The results of these surveys have been passed to HeinOnline.
How Hein Is Involved

Our role in this project is to provide *U.S. News* with the citation metrics from HeinOnline. **As for the methodology that will be used for their analysis, we will not be involved.** The Hein company is **not receiving any type of compensation** for its work on this project; we simply felt that if *U.S. News* was going to proceed with such an analysis, HeinOnline would be a good source for the law review citation analysis.
Prior to the announcement, the Hein Company was approached by a group of law school deans and professors who requested that we consider collaborating with U.S. News on this upcoming project. HeinOnline was chosen by the group and U.S. News based on the following qualifications:

- HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library contains comprehensive coverage of more than 2,700 legal periodicals, more than its current competitors.
- HeinOnline has already created its own tools for citation analysis within ScholarCheck.
- HeinOnline has already begun performing citation analyses of faculty publications using these tools.
- Hein’s citations offer many advantages over those of its competitors: indexing multiple authors per article, including foreign law journals, correcting name misspellings, and several others.
- The Hein Company is the world’s largest distributor of legal periodicals.
Law Journal Library

- It contains **more than 2,700 journals**, 64,000 volumes, and more than **2 million documents** within **36 million pages**.
- HeinOnline contains **98% of the Top 500 Journals** and **85% of the Top 1,000 Journals** according to the Washington and Lee Law Journal Rankings Project.
- **Interdisciplinary**: Comprised of a variety of subjects such as political science, technology, history, and much more!
- Out of the 2,700 journals, all date back to inception and **more than 2,200 include coverage to the most current issue**, with no delay.
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Overview of HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library

The Law Journal Library contains many non-academic and commercial journals, from publishers such as:

- American Bar Association
- American Society of International Law
- Brill Publishers
- Cambridge University Press
- Canadian Bar Association
- Clarus Press
- De Gruyter
- Edward Elgar Publishing
- Hart Publishing
- Institute of Art & Law
- McGill Institute of Air and Space Law
- Oxford University Press
- Paris Legal Publishers
- SAGE Publishers
- Taylor & Francis
- Vathek Publishing
- John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Wolters Kluwer
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The Law Journal Library contains multidisciplinary journals that cover more than 100 subjects, including:

- Business/Economics
- Communications
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental & Conservation Law
- Family Law
- Health and Safety
- Human Rights
- Intellectual Property
- International Relations
- Immigration
- Medical Jurisprudence
- Political Science
- Psychology/Sociology
- Religion/Theology
- Taxation
- Technology/Computers
- Terrorism
- Women’s Studies
There are 7,344,226 article to article citations.

There are 310,550 case to article citations.

ScholarCheck looks at citation patterns in the text using sources such as:

- Bluebook
- Prince’s Bieber Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations
- Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations
- McGill Citation Guide
- And many others!
ScholarCheck and Citation Metrics: Example


Simplified Pleading, Meaningful Days in Court, and Trials on the Merits: Reflections on the Deformation of Federal Procedure [article]
Miller, Arthur R. (Cited 2436 times)


- NYUL Rev
- N.Y.U.L.R.
- N.Y.L.
- N.Y. Univ. L. Rev.
- New York University Law Review
- NYU L Rev
- NYU L. Rev.
Citation Coverage

**Periodical Coverage**
- Law Journal Library
- Bar Journals
- ALI-CLE Journals
- Kluwer Law International Journals
- Foreign & International Law Resources: Yearbooks and Periodicals
- American Bar Association Journals

**Case Law Coverage**
- All Federal Circuit Courts
- All Federal District Courts
- All Federal Bankruptcy Courts
- U.S. Supreme Court
- All 50 State Courts
- Specialty Courts

**Indexed only and all embargoed content are included in the citation analysis.**
Future Improvements to Citations

HeinOnline has traditionally used Bluebook formats and variants to identify citations; due to OCR errors, improper use of citations, or lack of an official citation, the current citation metrics are not perfect. To ensure completeness, HeinOnline is identifying other methods to find citations, such as searches by author name and by article title (and variants).

HeinOnline’s ScholarRank and its metrics are not the methodology that will be used by U.S. News & World Report.
**Quality Control**

Hein has compiled a data team to review each faculty member included on the XLS to make sure they’re properly associated with the HeinOnline-indexed data. Part of the review from the data team included reviewing any/all similar author names which could potentially include indexing errors. Identified errors have been corrected and known name variations combined to help associate the proper works with each faculty member.

While our quality assurance check is effective, the challenge of properly disambiguating all proper name variations is very difficult, especially in the cases of common names. We are asking each school to review their faculty members’ profile pages in HeinOnline and notify us of any discrepancies they may find.

Our data team will be contacting each school upon completion of our Quality Control Procedures.
Combining Author Name Variations

Example #1 – Author with articles published under 5 different names. The HeinOnline author index would treat as 5 different authors if not combined:

1. Lietzan, Erika
2. Lietzan, Erika King
3. Lietzan, Erika Fisher
4. King, Erika F.
5. King, Erika
Example #2

This submitted faculty roster did not include all name variations. Hein’s data team will review all possible variations found in HeinOnline.
Example #3
Indexing error where associated article has relevant citation metrics which will improve the author’s overall citations.
HeinOnline and ORCID

HeinOnline has recently become an ORCID member and is currently working on setting up an API to push and pull data between platforms to help with the future overall quality control of maintaining author profiles.
In Conclusion

This project is a major undertaking, but we are committed to improving our data so that we can provide the most accurate results possible. Our mission remains to be first amongst equals and offer the best scholarly legal database to our customers, knowing that enhancing ScholarCheck and adding more analytics will improve the HeinOnline research experience. We appreciate all of the questions, comments, and concerns that we have received thus far.

We estimate the total project will involve the review of more than 7,500 faculty profile pages, with the goal for our data team to finish by the end of August 2019.