

This is a research project exploring the support provided by law libraries for empirical legal research.

The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in the present study. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

To participate in this study, we are asking you to complete a survey, which we estimate will take you no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey's content should cause you no more discomfort than you would experience in your everyday life.

As a law librarian, we anticipate that the study will benefit you by improving your knowledge of the empirical research services being provided by your peers. Your name will not be associated in any way with the research. Other than the name of your school, we are not collecting any identifying information. Your identifying information will only be publicly shared in aggregate; we will not discuss the responses of individual schools when reporting on our findings. While we don't plan to share your individual results, it is possible, with internet communications, that through intent or accident someone other than the intended recipient may see your response.

Completion of the survey indicates your willingness to take part in this study and that you are at least 18 years old. If you have any additional questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call (785) 864-7429 or write the Human Subjects Committee Lawrence Campus (HSCL), University of Kansas, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7563, email [irb@ku.edu](mailto:irb@ku.edu).

If you would like additional information concerning this study before or after it is completed, please contact Allison Reeve ([acreeve@ku.edu](mailto:acreeve@ku.edu)) at the University of Kansas Wheat Law Library.

### **How would you like to proceed?**

- Yes - I would like to complete the survey.
- No - I do not want to participate in the survey

In this survey, we are examining empirical legal research services offered by law libraries. We are interested in service as they are currently offered or have been offered in recent years.

Empirical legal research, for our purposes, is the investigation of legal and justice-system related questions through observation and analysis. Empirical research seeks to understand a topic through data-driven, statistically based, controlled experiments, interview responses, case studies, historical analyses or other quantitative or qualitative data collecting mechanisms. For example, analyzing corporate filings, interviewing police officers, and examining U.S. Census data would all fit our definition of empirical legal research.

### **Does your library assist law school faculty with designing empirical legal research projects?**

- Yes
- No

### **Does your library assist law school faculty with analyzing data?**

- Yes

- No

**Are any of the law library staff proficient with *quantitative* data software, such as SAS, SPSS, etc.? Quantitative data is numeric in nature, such as the number of bankruptcy filings or the number of arrests.**

- Yes
- No

**How often does law library staff assist faculty with *quantitative* data software?**

- Never
- Rarely - approximately once a year
- Frequently - multiple times per year
- Don't know

**Are any of the law library staff proficient with *qualitative* data software, such as NVIVO, Atlas.ti, etc.?**

**Qualitative data is information that cannot be expressed numerically, such as interviews with crime victims or the language in a contract.**

- Yes
- No

**How often does law library staff assist faculty with *qualitative* data software?**

- Never
- Rarely - approximately once a year
- Frequently - multiple times per year
- Don't know

**Does your library provide assistance to law school faculty with storing and managing their empirical research data while a project is active? The research project is "active" so long as data collection or analysis is still occurring.**

- Yes
- No

**Does your library provide assistance to law school faculty with archiving their empirical research data once a project has concluded?**

- Yes
- No

**Does your library assist law school faculty with identifying and using existing datasets, such as the U.S. Census?**

- Yes
- No

**Approximately how many of your law school faculty members do you believe conduct empirical legal research?**

- None
- A few
- About half
- Most
- All
- Don't know

**Do you think the number of law school faculty members at your school conducting empirical legal research has increased or decreased in the last five years?**

- Increased
- Decreased

**Is there a person on the law library staff who is *solely* dedicated to empirical legal research support?**

- Yes
- No

**Do you plan to increase law library provided empirical legal research support in the next five years?**

- Yes
- No

**Do any of the faculty members at your law school currently receive external funding, such as a grant, to support their research? Grants which solely support providing services or educational opportunities, like for a law clinic, are not the subject here.**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**In the last five years, has any librarian at your law school assisted a faculty member with preparing a grant application for external funding for their research?**

- Yes
- No

**Which law school do you work at?**

Thank you for participating in this survey.