SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Specker Library and on the web in the field of Paralegal Studies. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific need. You need a free ILLiad account to use inter-library loan. Ask any library staff member how to set one up or call 219-473-4376.

Calumet College Pegasus Resources: (sections K thru KK in the general collection, library 1st floor tower, contain Paralegal and Law related books which can be checked out and taken home). All Pegasus materials are located in this library.

Below is a very small sampling of Paralegal and Law materials located in the Reference section of Specker Library. For additional titles, search the Pegasus online catalog or inquire at the circulation desk.

Ref KFI 3080 .I5 v.26-26A--Anderson's Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning / Aline Anderson. 1996--.

Paralegal -- sample online databases (periodical indexes) accessible through CCSJ:

WestLaw -- (legal database)—limited access, users must obtain passwords from the library.
Criminal Justice Periodicals Index —criminal justice and law enforcement related topics; some full-text, some ILL.
Academic Search Premier (multidisciplinary database)—college-level articles on all topics; some full-text, some ILL.

To locate articles in professional journals and periodicals from on campus or at home:
From the college’s homepage, www.ccsj.edu, click on library on the left-hand side of the page to go to the Specker Library homepage www.ccsj.edu/library. Then either click on the title “Journal Articles and Online Databases” (lower center), to see individual database titles or click on the tab marked “Databases” at the top of the page to search several at once.

Specialized U.S. websites dealing with Paralegal Studies:
http://www.abanet.org/ --American Bar Association
http://www.paralegals.org/ --National Federation of Paralegal Associations
http://www.ipaonline.org/ --Illinois Paralegal Association
http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/ --Indiana Code
http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/ -- Indiana Administrative Code
http://www.law.cornell.edu/ -- Cornell University Law School Legal Information Institute
http://www.lexisone.com/lx1/caselaw/freecaselaw- free case law website from Lexis-Nexis

To help keep track of successful search terms and databases, and to avoid duplicating the same search, a research log might help. If you’re not certain how useful an article or website might be, print the first page. You can go back later for the rest.

Paralegal Studies-- sample search terms and research log:


Research Log

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As always, for more help on finding authoritative and trustworthy sources or fine tuning search terms, call the Library (219-473-4376) or e-mail us at reference@ccsj.edu.

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