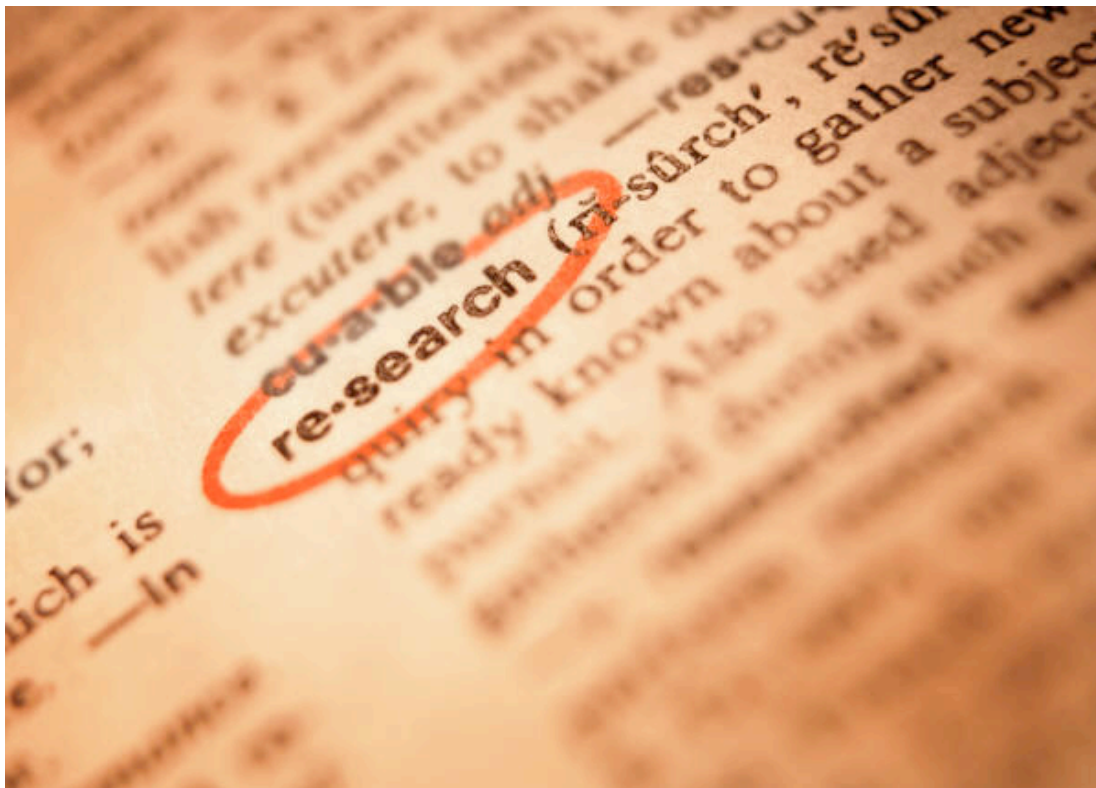


Our Favorite Thing[s] for September 2008

Granted. Our Favorite Thing[s] this month are not for everyone. Actually, it's plural this month in a nod to just how geeky (yet quirky and oddly attractive) these two resources are to the curious mind. One writer describes our first favorite thing as "[Napster for Nerds](#)". (You may want an external hard drive for this one....).

Favorite Thing One: The glorious and often unsung Social Sciences Research Network ([SSRN](#)). Download the law. Download social sciences research. Download odd facts and eccentric articles that make you interesting--and perhaps even geeky, quirky, and oddly attractive....at least to TJE Editor [Rita Handrich](#) who

offers up this one from her favorite things bookmark folder. P.S. It's free!!!



Favorite Thing Two: Here's a gem. Also free with an option to upgrade for a fee. Suggested by ASTC member trial consultant [Kacy Miller](#) as a data source for a site that details public opinion polls on a range of topics--the [Rasmussen Reports](#) serves up politics, polls, and plenty of data on changing public thoughts and attitudes. For example,

there are polls on how people feel about the drinking age, whether small business owners work harder than CEOs, political perspectives and even what mode of music most people prefer (radio, CD, MP3, et cetera). Oh my, my.

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The September edition of The Jury Expert unveils several firsts: our first reader-requested feature (on preparation of narcissistic witnesses); our first law student author (Jason Miller on buffer statutes); our first author from the Netherlands (Fredrike Bannink on solution focused mediation); our first article on training law students (the DePaul program); and our first Favorite Things (we couldn't choose just one). Help us stay fresh--send in your wishes for upcoming issues--what would you like to see? Tell [me](#)...we'll see if we can make it happen.

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