

3.093 Assignment 2
Find an Expert in a Field
Due October 17

- Choose one of the following scenarios (see details below).
- Search for two people who you feel are experts in that field (outside MIT). The experts must be technically qualified in the field, with appropriate educational and professional experience that justifies them as “experts”.
- Find at least 2 journal articles or books representative of each expert’s work in the field. Provide a complete citation for each document you find that justifies the expertise of the people you have chosen, along with a summary of why you chose each document. Describe their educational backgrounds and professional experiences, as well as any honors or awards that may further justify their expertise.
- Accompany this assignment with a research log that describes your search process.

Scenario #1:

The law firm you work for is embroiled in litigation involving a patent your client owns, regarding a liquid crystal display (LCD) monitor. With millions of dollars on the line, your job is to find an expert witness to testify for your client’s side.

Scenario #2:

You are applying to graduate school in the field of Green Chemistry. Thinking ahead to writing a graduate thesis, you want to find people in that field who would be ideal thesis advisors, or whose research interests you.

Scenario #3:

As an intern for NPR, you have been assigned the task of identifying potential interviewees on global warming and the destruction of the ozone layer. The experts you recommend to your boss must have current knowledge of the issue (e.g. publication on the topic within the last 5 years).