

# Law - Federal

## Subject Research Guide

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## General Guides

REF KF 154 W47 2005	<i>West's Encyclopedia of American Law (13 vols.)</i>
REF KF 240 E35 2005	<i>Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law</i>
REF KF 240 L27 1997	<i>Legal Research for Beginners</i>
REF KF 156 B53 1999	<i>Black's Law Dictionary</i>
REF KF 154 .O96 2002	<i>Oxford Companion to American Law</i>
REF KF 8742 .A35 O93 2005	<i>Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court</i>
REF KF 4549 M334 2000	<i>Illustrated Great Decisions of Supreme Court</i>
READY REF JK 421 A3 2009	<i>United States Government Manual</i>

## Statutes

REF KF62 2000	<i>United States Code (USC):</i> Also available online through GPO Access at: <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov">http://www.gpoaccess.gov</a>
REF KF 50 U5	<i>United States Statutes at Large (1947-2004)</i>
REF KF 90 .S538	<i>Shepard's Acts &amp; Cases by Popular Names, Federal &amp; State</i>

## Administrative Law

US DOC AE 2.106	<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i> (found in US Documents in microfiche cabinets) Also available online at GPO Access <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov">http://www.gpoaccess.gov</a>
US DOC AE 2.7	<i>Federal Register</i> (found in US Documents, current year plus previous year) Also available online at GPO Access <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov">http://www.gpoaccess.gov</a>

## Case Law

REF KF 101 U5	<i>United States Reports</i>
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## Databases

The following databases are available via [Research Databases](#) (<http://library.monmouth.edu/researchdb/researchdb.php>) on the Library's web pages. The databases provide access to articles in newspapers, magazines, trade publications, and scholarly journals.

- **CQ Congress Collection:** Search public policy legislation, biographical and other data about members of Congress, voting data and analysis ("CQ Key Vote") and historical and analytical information on the role and impact of Congress in government.
- **CQ Weekly:** Timely, in-depth reports on issues, including the status of current bills, committee and floor activity, debates and all roll-call votes.
- **CQ Researcher:** Comprehensive, in-depth reports on relevant issues that include background, timelines, pro and con statements, and references.
- **Lexis Nexis Academic:** Includes extensive full-text coverage of legal periodicals and law reviews; federal and state case law; Shepard's® for US Supreme Court cases; federal and state codes and regulations; tax law from the Internal Revenue Code down through state tax law cases; European Union legislation and treaties; full-text patents; and much more.

## Websites

**GPO Access:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

This Government Printing Office portal contains electronic access to publications by all branches of the federal government

**FDsys:** <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action> Information at GPO Access is being migrated on a collection by collection basis to FDsys, an advanced digital information system that will gather documents from all branches and agencies, and provide preservation and version control.

**Thomas:** <http://www.thomas.gov/>

Contains bills, resolutions, nominations, treaties, committee reports and Congressional Record from mid 1990s.

**United States Code** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html> Browsable or searchable codification by subject of the permanent laws of the US.

**Federal Register:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

Published daily, contains rules, proposed rules, agency announcements and notices, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents

**Congressional Record:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord/index.html>

The official record of the proceedings and debates of U.S. Congress

**Catalog of U.S. Government Publications:** <http://catalog.gpo.gov/F> Finding tool for federal publications that includes descriptive records for historical and current publications and provides direct links to those that are available online.

**U.S. Courts:** <http://www.uscourts.gov/index.html> Links to U.S. Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Bankruptcy Courts. In many cases, current decisions are available.

**Legal Information Institute:** <http://www.law.cornell.edu/> Search for state, federal, and international laws by subject area and other access points. This website is maintained by Cornell Law School.

**Legal Information Services to the Public:** <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lisp/research.htm>  
*How to Research a Legal Problem: a Guide for Non-Lawyers*—created by American Association of Law Libraries, this hierarchically-arranged site links to important legal resources. Provides information on how to begin legal research.

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- Call the reference desk at **732.571.3438**.

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