

# Legal Reference Collection

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Reference Desk: 973-655-4291

**Legal Reference:** Located in the library's Reference Department.

## Legal Citation Guides:

**The Bluebook: a uniform system of citation.**

Legal Reference: KF245 .B58 1996

**[New Jersey Manual on Style for Judicial Opinions.](#)**

Online: < <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/appdiv/manualonstyle.pdf> >

## Dictionaries:

**Black's Law Dictionary.** One of the most widely-used legal dictionaries on the market.

- a. At the library's Reference Desk.
- b. **[Westlaw Campus](#)**: Online through the library's website.

**[LexisNexis](#)** provides others online:

(Click on [US Legal](#), then [Legal Reference](#).)

- a. Ballentine's Law Dictionary.
- b. Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations.
- c. A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage.
- d. Modern Dictionary for the Legal Profession.

Other specialized legal dictionaries are available including:

**Law and Commercial Dictionary in Five Languages.** 2 volumes.

English, French, German, Italian, Spanish.

Legal Reference: K54 .W47 1985

## Encyclopedias:

**American Jurisprudence 2d** (Am. Jur. 2d) - 159 volumes.

Legal Reference: KF154 .A42

**[LexisNexis and Westlaw](#)**: Online through the library's website.

**Corpus Juris Secundum** (C.J.S.). 188 volumes.

Legal Reference: KF154 .C6

**West's Encyclopedia of American Law.** 14 volumes.

Legal Reference: KF154 .W47

Available online in the **[Legal Virtual Reference Collection](#)**.

## Treatises, Hornbooks and Nutshells:

Treatises, hornbooks and nutshells are secondary sources covering specific areas of the law and provide an overview of the issues related to the topic. The three differ in the level of detail provided, with treatises being the most detailed and nutshells providing the least.

**Search the library catalog to find out what is available.**

One regularly assigned is:

Dobbs, Dan B. **[The Law of Torts](#)**. Legal Reference: KF1250 .D62 2011 4 volumes.

## Law Reviews & other Periodicals:

The Sprague Library subscribes to over 1,000 law reviews.

Most are available online through:

[LexisNexis](#), [Westlaw](#) and the [Index to Legal Periodicals](#).

### **Index to Legal Periodicals. Paper edition.**

(Sept. 1970- Dec. 2011)

Legal Reference: KF8 .I52

[Periodicals List](#): check here to see if the library subscribes to a particular publication.

### **Law Reviews in hard copy:**

**In Print:** Turn left after entering the library. The Periodical Department is at the far end of the building. The shelves there are organized alphabetically by title.

**Microfilm:** Is found in the Multimedia Department in the basement of the library.

**Remote Storage:** Ask the staff in the Periodicals Department to retrieve these journals.

- **American Journal of International Law**  
1973-1989 Remote Storage ; 1990-2003 In Print.
- **Antitrust Law & Economics Review**  
1979 - 2009 In Print
- **Conflict Resolution Quarterly**  
2001 - 2011 In Print (Some missing issues)
- **Cornell Law Quarterly** 1956 - 1967 In Print
- **Cornell Law Review**  
1967 - Present In Print (cont Cornell Law Quarterly)
- **Emory Law Journal**  
1974 - 1999 Microfilm ; 2000 - 2009 In Print
- **Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics**  
1996 - 2004 In Print
- **Harvard International Law Journal**  
1974 - 2012
- **Harvard Journal on Legislation**  
1996 - Present In Print
- **Harvard Law Review** 1997 - 2004 *and*  
2012 - Present In Print
- **Journal of Criminal Justice**  
1973 - 1999 Microfilm
- **Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology**  
1971 - 1988 Remote Storage ;  
1989 - 2004 In Print
- **Journal of Dispute Resolution**  
1996 - Present In Print
- **Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law**  
1996 - 2003 In Print
- **Journal of Legal Education**  
1983 - Present In Print
- **Law and Contemporary Problems**  
1976 - 2009 In Print
- **Law and Literature** 2002 - Present In Print
- **Law & Society Review** 1973 - 1989 Remote  
Storage ; 1990 - Present In Print
- **Law Practice Management** 1990 - 2003 In Print
- **Legal Assistant Today** 1984 - 2009 In Print
- **Legal Studies Forum** 1986 - 2005 In Print
- **National Law Journal** Current Year In Print
- **New Jersey Law Journal** 1978 - 2003 Microfilm  
Current Year In Print
- **Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution**  
1987 - Present with gaps In Print
- **Rutgers Law Journal** 1981 - Present In Print
- **Rutgers Law Review** 1970 -1989 Remote Storage  
1990 - Present In Print
- **Seton Hall Law Review** 1980 - Present In Print
- **Seton Hall Legislative Journal**  
1994 - 2009 In Print
- **Studies in Law Politics and Society**  
2004 - Present In Print
- **Tax Law Review** 1988 - 1996 In Print
- **Yale Law Journal** 1971 - 1989 Remote Storage ;  
1990 - Present In Print

## Popular Name Indexes:

**Shepard's Acts and Cases by Popular Name** - federal and state

Legal Reference: KF90 .S538 2010. 3 volumes.

**Popular Name Table.** Shelved at the end of U.S.C. and U.S.C.A. (See below)

### [Popular Names of Acts in the U.S. Code.](#)

Online: < <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/topn/> >

### [Table of Acts Cited by Popular Name.](#)

Online: < <http://uscode.house.gov/popularnames/popularnames.htm> >

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## Statutory Law:

### Federal Law:

#### [The Constitution of the United States.](#)

At the beginning of U.S.C.A.

Online: < <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html> >

Online through [LexisNexis](#) and [Westlaw Campus](#) as well.

#### [United States Statutes at large.](#)

The United States Statutes at Large, typically referred to as the Statutes at Large, is the permanent collection of all laws and resolutions enacted during each session of Congress.

Statutes are published in chronological order, not by subject.

The paper edition lags 2-3 years behind the online edition.

Legal Reference: KF50 .A3

Online: < <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=STATUTE> >

#### [United States Code.](#) (U.S.C.)

The United States Code is the codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. It is divided by broad subject into 50 titles.

Legal Reference: KF62 2006

Online: < <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionUSCode.action?collectionCode=USCODE> >

#### **United States Code Annotated.** (USCA)

Combines the official text of the U.S. Code with relevant cases, historical notes, indexes, cross-references, and other annotations. It also includes the U.S. Constitution (annotated), selected Code of Federal Regulations provisions, presidential documents, and federal court rules. Published by West.

Legal Reference: KF62 1927 .W45

[Westlaw Campus](#): Online through the library's website.

[LexisNexis](#): The competing US Code Service (USCS) is available through LexisNexis.

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## NJ Law:

### [NJ State Constitution.](#)

Online: < <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/lawsconstitution/consearch.asp> >

Paper edition is at the end of NJSA (below).

Online through [LexisNexis](#) and [Westlaw Campus](#) as well.

### [Laws of New Jersey.](#) (Also known as **Chapter Laws.**)

The laws of NJ, arranged chronologically by the date each was signed into law.

Legal Referenc: KFN 1825 .A2

Online: < <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/lawsconstitution/chapter.asp> >

### [NJ Statutes.](#)

The laws of NJ organized by subject into 59 Titles.

Online: < <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us> >

### **New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA)**

Combines the official text of the NJ Statutes with relevant cases, historical notes, etc., much like the USCA does for the U.S. Code. Published by West.

Legal Referenc: KFN1830 .A23 1997

[Westlaw Campus](#): Online through the library's website.

[LexisNexis](#): The competing New Jersey Annotated Statutes is available here.

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## Administrative Law:

### [Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\).](#)

CFR contains the rules and regulations published by executive departments and agencies of the federal government. It is organized into 50 titles that represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation.

Legal Reference: KF70 .A3

Online through [LexisNexis](#) and [Westlaw Campus](#).

Online: < <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR> >

### [Federal Register.](#) The official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of

Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents.

Online: < <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR> >

### **New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC).**

All regulations that have been adopted by state agencies to implement, interpret, or make specific the law enforced or administered by the agencies.

Legal Reference: KFN 1835 1969 .A22

Online through [LexisNexis](#) and [Westlaw Campus](#).

## Case Law, Federal:

U. S. Supreme Court. The three publications below contain the text of every decision issued by the court from 1790 to date. All are arranged by the date of decision.

**United States Reports** (1966-).

Legal Reference: KF101 .U52

**United States Supreme Court Reports** (1790-1967).

Legal Reference: KF101 .U5

**Supreme Court Reporter** (1987-).

Legal Reference: KF101 .A322

**LexisNexis**: contains the full text opinions of all Supreme Court Lawyers' Edition cases since 1790. All dispositions of cases that were appealed to the Supreme Court are included.

**Westlaw Campus**: contains decisions and orders issued by the U.S. Supreme Court. (Note that orders affecting rules are available in the USCA database.) 1790 - current.

Online at Cornell: < <http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/supremes.htm> >

Oyez Project: < <http://www.oyez.org> >

### **United States Supreme Court Digest.**

Brief commentary on every point of law covered in decisions of the court. Organized by subject and updated with pocket parts. Includes: 1754 to present. Published by West.

Legal Reference: KF101.1 .U55

### **Federal Reporter.** (parts of F.2d., & F.3d. are available. 1974-2000)

Covers opinions and decisions issued by the 13 circuits of the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Legal Reference: KF105 .F42

### **Federal Supplement 2d.** (part of F.Supp.2d. is available. 1975-2000)

Contains cases ruled upon in the U.S. District Courts.

Legal Reference: KF105 .F432

### **West's Federal Practice Digest.** (3d. and 4<sup>th</sup>)

Subject arrangement of cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, district courts, Claims Court, bankruptcy courts, Court of Military Appeals, the Courts of Military Review, and other federal courts. 1975 to to date.

Legal Reference: KF105 .F432

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## Case Law, NJ:

### **New Jersey Reports.**

Decisions of the NJ Supreme Court listed in chronological order. Dates: 1948 onwards.

Legal Reference: KFN1845 .A2

### **New Jersey Superior Court Reports.**

Decisions from the Superior Court of NJ, Appellate Division, Chancery Division, Law Division and the County Courts are listed in chronological order. Dates: 1948 onwards.

Legal Reference: KFN 1845 .A22

## **New Jersey Digest.** (1st and 2d.)

Cases decided in the NJ courts, as well as all federal cases involving NJ. Decisions are organized by subject and digests are available for every point of law covered in each. Updated with pocket parts.

Legal Reference: KFN1838 .W4 (colonial times to 1954)

Legal Reference: KFN1857 .W47 (2d: 1954 to date)

## **American Law Reports.** (ALR, ALR 2d, ALR 3d, etc..)

Research briefs written by attorneys about legal decisions handed down from many state and federal courts. ALR is one of the broader secondary sources available.

Westlaw contains the complete ALR series online.

Legal Reference: ALR KF105 .A52 | ALR 2d. KF105 .A53 2ND

ALR 3d. KF105 .A54 3D | ALR 4d. KF105 .A55 L312 4TH | ALR5d. Ref. KF132 .A55

ALR6d. KF132.6 .A475 | ALR Fed KF132.1 .A5

ALR Index KF132.2 .A5 1999

[Westlaw Campus](#): Online through the library's website.

## **Atlantic Reporter.** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2d)

Vol 1, 1938 - Vol 748, 2000.

A regional case reporter that includes opinions and decisions from the courts of:

CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, NH, NJ, PA, RI and VT.

Legal Reference: KF135 .A72

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## **Legal Research Tutorials:**

### **New Jersey Legal Research Handbook.**

Legal Reference: KFN1875 .A97 (also on Reserve)

### [Legal Research Tutorial.](#) Georgetown Law Library.

Online: < <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/library/research/tutorials/lrw.cfm> >

## **Legislative History, Federal.**

### [How our Laws are Made.](#)

Online: < <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/lawsmade.toc.html> >

### [Federal Legislative History.](#) Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Online: < <http://guides.kentlaw.iit.edu/legislativehistory> >

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## **Professional Directories:**

[Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.](#) A directory of lawyers and laws schools and job openings. The website also allows for professional networking.

Online: < <http://www.martindale.com> > | [Also in LexisNexis.](#)