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SECONDARY SOURCES

Legal Encyclopedias

Legal encyclopedias are multi-volume works that contain discussions of many different topics of law. They cover U.S. state and federal law generally, with an emphasis on citations to case law rather than statutes. Legal encyclopedias are an excellent way to get a broad grasp of a particular topic, to narrow your focus of inquiry, and to locate additional sources on a topic. Like any encyclopedia, legal encyclopedias are arranged alphabetically by subject and have general indexes for the whole set and topic indexes for individual articles. Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS) and American Jurisprudence 2d (AmJur2d) are the two major legal encyclopedias, and although they are largely similar, one should still check both to have the best understanding of the subject.

Title	Location	Notes
<i>Corpus Juris Secundum</i> (CJS)	3 rd Floor Reference Collection KF 154.C6	More citations than AmJur2d, articles longer and more detailed
<i>American Jurisprudence 2d</i> (AmJr2d)	3 rd Floor Reference Collection KF 154.A42	Contains citations to A.L.R.s, more selective coverage
<i>California Jurisprudence 3d</i>	1 st Floor KFC 80.C29	California specific
<i>New York Jurisprudence 2d</i>	2 nd Floor KFN 5065.N48 1979	New York specific

Words and Phrases

Location: 3rd Floor Reference Collection, KF 156 .W7

Words and Phrases is a multi-volume index of judicial definitions of words and phrases. Whenever a court defines a word or phrase, that abstract will be listed in this set. This work covers all federal and

state jurisdictions. The volumes are organized alphabetically, and pocket parts contain the most recent definitions.

Causes of Actions

Location: 5th Floor, KF 8863 .S53 1983

Causes of Action is a multi-volume collection of articles focused on specific trial practice issues. Each article analyzes the elements of a particular cause of action and explains how the elements can be proved. These detailed articles include references to law review articles, legal encyclopedias (AmJur2d or CJS), digests and annotations. Each volume is updated via a pocket part, and there is a topical index volume at the end of the set.

American Jurisprudence Trials

Location: 5th Floor, KF 8913 .A5

American Jurisprudence Trials is a multi-volume work that covers general aspects of trial preparation and procedure. It includes model trial articles that cover the spectrum of personal injury, business, and criminal litigation and provide step-by-step guidance through all phases of trial, from initial client interview, discovery, pleadings, and trial itself. Pocket parts are updated on a yearly basis, and there is a three volume alphabetical index to the work that is also updated yearly.

American Law Reports (A.L.R.)

Location: 1st Floor, KF 132 A.56 (Location refers to 6th edition, 1st through 5th editions and Fed. are shelved immediately prior)

American Law Reports (A.L.R.) publishes select cases, each followed by an “annotation,” an article summarizing the legal issues involved in the case and noting other cases on similar issues from around the country. An Index to the Annotations covers all A.L.R.s except the 1st series. Check the pocket part to the volume in which your annotation is located, or the Annotation History Table in the last volume of the Index, to see if your annotation has been superceded. A.L.R.3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and Fed. are updated with pocket parts; A.L.R.2d is updated with a Later Case Service; and the 1st series is updated by a Blue Book of Supplemental Decisions.

Texts and Treatises

Texts and treatises contain a wealth of information on specific topics. Some of these items, including the most commonly used hornbooks, study aids, textbooks, and practice materials, are kept on Reserve behind the Circulation Desk. Other texts and treatises are located on the 4th and 5th floors of the library. To locate texts and treatises, search the online catalog. When you locate an item of interest, note its call number and location.

For specific holdings see: *Frequently Asked About Library Materials (Blue Sheet)*.

Commonly Used Study Guides and Treatises located in Reserve:

Title	Call Number	Material Type	Notes
West's Nutshell Series	Varies by title	Study guide	A Nutshell is a concise study guide on a specific law topic. For many specialized subjects, such as national security, this will be the only study guide available.
West's Hornbook Series	Varies by title	Study guide/treatise	Hornbooks are a combination of textbook, treatise, and study guide on an area of the law. A Hornbook provides a detailed treatment of a general subject.
Emmanuels	Varies	Study guide	Emmanuels is a study guide series on common topics.
Examples & Explanation	Varies	Study guide	Examples & Explanations is a popular study guide for basic legal subjects.

Legal Periodicals and Periodical Indexes

The library contains both electronic and paper periodicals and periodical indexes. Most titles are now available in electronic format. Electronic databases can be accessed on computers throughout the library and public printing is available at the Circulation Desk public computer on the 3rd floor. Paper indexes are in the Third Floor Reference Collection. To locate particular journals, search the online catalog. When you locate a title of interest, note its call number and location

Title	Coverage	Location	Material Covered
Index to Legal Periodicals (ILP)	Electronic: 1918 - Present Paper: 1909 - 2004	Electronic: Library homepage → Legal Periodical Indexes Paper: Third Floor Reference Collection K 33 .I56	Index to articles from over 840 legal periodicals published in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand.
Legaltrac	1980 - Present <i>(Electronic only)</i>	Library homepage → Legal Periodical Indexes	Index to 900 legal publications, including law reviews, journals and newspapers.
Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals	Electronic: 1985 - Present Paper: 1960 - 2002	Electronic: Library homepage → Legal Periodical Indexes Paper: Third Floor Reference Collection K33 .I54	Multilingual index to articles and book reviews from approximately 250 legal journals published worldwide. Covers public and private international law, comparative and foreign law, and the law of all jurisdictions other than the U.S., the U.K., Canada and Australia.
Current Index to Legal Periodicals (CILP)	Electronic: 1999 - Present Paper: Library keeps latest 6 months	Electronic: Library homepage → Legal Periodical Indexes Paper: Third Floor Reference Collection K33 .C85	Weekly topical arrangement of newly published legal periodical articles. Articles will appear in CLIP weeks or months before ILP, but CLIP contains just the citation and is not searchable
Jones & Chipman Index to Legal Periodical Literature	1886 - 1937 <i>(Paper only)</i>	Third Floor Reference Collection K33 .I55	Index to legal articles from over 900 legal and general periodicals.

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