



WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAWS: A GUIDE TO RESOURCES

Workers' compensation deals with employment-related injuries. The laws are designed to ensure that employees are compensated for injuries arising out of and in the course of employment. In the United States, each state enacts its own workers' compensation laws, whereas Federal statutes are limited to federal employees or those workers employed in some significant aspect of interstate commerce. This guide will provide you with a brief overview of how to do legal research on workers' compensation at the University of Connecticut Law School library. Please start with the library's online catalog to locate a specific item, or ask a reference librarian for help with in-depth research.

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I. Primary Sources

A. Major Federal Legislation

U.S. Code (3rd Floor, KF 62 2001 or online access at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>)

1. Federal Employees' Compensation Act 5 U.S.C. §§ 8102 et seq.
2. Federal Employment Liability Act (FELA) 45 U.S.C. §§ 51 –60
3. Merchant Marine Act (the Jones Act) 46 U.S.C. §§ 688
4. Death on the High Seas Act 46 U.S.C. §§ 761 et seq.
5. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) 33 U.S.C. §§ 901 et seq.
6. Black Lung Benefits Act 30 U.S.C. §§ 901 et seq.

B. Federal Administrative Law and Decisions

1. Code of Federal Regulations (3rd Floor, KF 70 .A3 or online access at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>)

Title 20 C.F.R., **Employees' Benefits**, is composed of three volumes. The first volume, containing parts 1-399, includes all current regulations issued by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor and the Railroad Retirement Board. The second volume, containing parts 400-499, includes all current regulations issued by the Social Security Administration. The third volume, containing parts 500 to End, includes all current regulations issued by the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board, the Employment and Training Administration, the Employment Standards Administration, the Benefits Review Board, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (all of the Department of Labor) and the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

2. Federal Register (3rd Floor, KF70 .A2 or online access at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>)

Recent agency publications related to issues of workers' compensation.

3. Department of Labor Benefits Review Board Decisions, online access at <http://www.dol.gov/brb/brbdecisions.htm> or Westlaw

C. State Statutes and Administrative Laws and Decisions

1. State codes, statutes. Example: Connecticut—Workers' Compensation Act, Chapter 568 C.G.S. (2001) or Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-275 (2001) (REF KFC3630 1958.A22 or online access at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/pub/Chap568.htm>)

2. Administrative rules and regulations. Example: Connecticut—Workers' Compensation Commission, Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §31-40v-1 (REF KFC3635 1962.A23) Check Lexis and Westlaw for state statutes, administrative codes and registers. Websites of the states' workers compensation commission, board or division also carry related legal information. (Check Part IV of this handout for the website address).

3. State Administrative Decisions, check with state workers' compensation commission website, Part IV of the handout or Westlaw and Lexis.

D. Cases and Court Decisions

- U.S. Supreme Court: <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit: <http://www.ca9c.uscourts.gov/>
- Westlaw—Workers' Compensation file and Lexis—Workers' Comp. & Social Security Disability file
- State workers' compensation commission, board or division website (See Part IV of this handout). E.g. State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission CRB Opinions: <http://wcc.state.ct.us/crb/menus/crb-opin.htm>

II. Secondary Sources

A. Treatises, casebooks and texts (5th and 1st Floor)

Margaret C Jasper. Workers Compensation Law KF3615 Z9 J37 2008
Analysis of Workers' Compensation Laws KF3612 .5 A15

Arthur Larson and Lex K. Larson. Larson's Workers' Compensation. KF3613.4.L3
Lex K. Larson and Arthur Larson. Workers' compensation Law: Cases, Materials, and Text.
KF3614 .L37 2000
Jack B. Hood. Workers' Compensation and Employee Protection Laws in a Nutshell.
KF3615.Z9 H64 1999
Joseph W. Little. Cases and Materials on Workers' Compensation. KF3614 .M14 1999
John T. Asselin. The Connecticut Workers' Compensation Practice Manual. KFC4139 .W6 A88
Angelo Paul Sevarino. Connecticut Workers' Compensation After Reforms. KFC3942 .S47
Neil J. Ambrose. Advanced Worker's Compensation in Connecticut .KFC 3942.A75 A52 1995

B. Newsletters and Journals

Index to Legal Periodicals and Legal Resource Index should be used when searching for journal articles. Lexis, Westlaw and other social science indexes and databases should be checked when conducting research on the topic of workers' compensation. Files such as ABI/INFORM, Ingenta, InfoTrac, SSRN are very helpful. These indexes and databases are available under Research Databases link of our Library web page. Please consult a reference librarian for help with using these resources.

Workers' Compensation Policy Review, 4th Floor, HD7103.65 U6 W665

Workers' Compensation Law Review, 1st Floor, K27 .O74

C. Encyclopedias

Corpus Juris Secundum. Vol. 99 "Workers Compensation." Ref K154.C56
American Jurisprudence 2d. Vol. 82 "Workers' Compensation." Ref K154 .A42

III. Research Websites

U.S. DOL Office of Workers' Compensation Program http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp_org.htm
Cornell's WC web page http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Workers_compensation
Workers Compensation Research Institute <http://www.wcrinet.org/>
Workers' Compensation Resources http://www.synapseadaptive.com/Links/workers_comp.htm

IV. State Workers' Compensation Programs and Websites:

ALABAMA

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://www.dir.state.al.us/wc.htm>

ALASKA

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://www.labor.state.ak.us/wc/wc.htm>

ARIZONA

Industrial Commission
<http://www.ica.state.az.us/workers'.htm>

ARKANSAS

Workers' Compensation Commission

<http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/>

CALIFORNIA

Division of Workers' Compensation
http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwc_home_page.htm

COLORADO

Division of Workers' Compensation
<http://workerscomp.cdle.state.co.us>

CONNECTICUT

Workers' Compensation Commission

<http://wcc.state.ct.us/index.html>

DELAWARE

Office of Worker's Compensation

<http://www.delawareworks.com/divisions/industaffairs/workers.comp.htm>

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Office of Workers' Compensation

http://does.ci.washington.dc.us/services/wkr_comp.shtm

FLORIDA

Division of Workers' Compensation

<http://www2.myflorida.com/les/wc>

GEORGIA

Board of Workers' Compensation

<http://www.ganet.org/sbwc>

HAWAII

Disability Compensation Division

<http://dlir.state.hi.us>

IDAHO

Industrial Commission

<http://www2.state.id.us/iic/index.html>

ILLINOIS

Industrial Commission

<http://www.state.il.us/agency/iic>

INDIANA

Workers' Compensation Board

<http://www.state.in.us/wkcomp/index.html>

IOWA

Division of Workers' Compensation

<http://www.state.ia.us/iwd/wc/index.html>

KANSAS

Division of Workers' Compensation

<http://www.hr.state.ks.us/wc/html/wc.htm>

KENTUCKY

Department of Workers Claims

<http://dwc.state.ky.us>

LOUISIANA

Office of Workers' Compensation

<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/sec2owca.asp>

MAINE

Workers' Compensation Board

<http://www.state.me.us/wcb>

MARYLAND

Workers' Compensation Commission

<http://www.charm.net/~wcc>

MASSACHUSETTS

Dept. of Industrial Accidents

<http://www.state.ma.us/dia>

MICHIGAN

Bureau of Workers' Disability Compensation

<http://www.cis.state.mi.us/wkrcomp/bwdc/home.htm>

MINNESOTA

Division of Workers' Compensation

<http://www.doli.state.mn.us/workcomp.html>

MISSISSIPPI

Workers' Compensation Commission

<http://www.mwcc.state.ms.us>

MISSOURI

Division of Workers' Compensation

<http://www.dolir.state.mo.us/wc/index.htm>

MONTANA

Employment Relations Division

<http://erd.dli.state.mt.us>

NEBRASKA

Workers' Compensation Court

<http://www.nol.org/home/WC>

NEVADA

Division of Industrial Relations

<http://dirweb.state.nv.us>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Workers' Compensation Division

<http://www.state.nh.us/dol/dol-wc>

NEW JERSEY

Division of Workers' Compensation
<http://www.state.nj.us/labor/wc/Default.htm>

NEW MEXICO

Workers' Compensation Administration
<http://www.state.nm.us/wca>

NEW YORK

Workers' Compensation Board
<http://www.wcb.state.ny.us>

NORTH CAROLINA

Industrial Commission
<http://www.comp.state.nc.us>

NORTH DAKOTA

Workers' Compensation Bureau
<http://www.ndworkerscomp.com>

OHIO

Bureau of Workers' Compensation
<http://www.ohiobwc.com>

OKLAHOMA

Workers' Compensation Court
<http://www.oklaosf.state.ok.us/~okdol/workcomp/index.htm>

OREGON

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://www.oklaosf.state.ok.us/~okdol/workcomp/index.htm>

PENNSYLVANIA

Bureau of Workers' Compensation
<http://www.li.state.pa.us/bwc>

WEST VIRGINIA

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://www.state.wv.us/bep/WC/default.HTM>

WISCONSIN

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/wc/default.htm>

RHODE ISLAND

Division of Workers' Compensation
<http://www.det.state.ri.us>

SOUTH CAROLINA

Workers' Compensation Commission
<http://www.wcc.state.sc.us>

SOUTH DAKOTA

Division of Labor & Management
<http://www.state.sd.us/dol/dlm/dlm-home.htm>

TENNESSEE

Division of Workers' Compensation
<http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/wcomp.html>

TEXAS

Workers' Compensation Commission
<http://www.twcc.state.tx.us>

UTAH

Industrial Accident Division
Labor Commission
<http://www.labor.state.ut.us/indacc/indacc.htm>

VERMONT

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://www.state.vt.us/labind/wcindex.htm>

VIRGINIA

Workers' Compensation Commission
<http://www.vwc.state.va.us>

WASHINGTON

Department of Labor and Industries
<http://www.wa.gov/lni>

WYOMING

Workers' Compensation Division
<http://wydoe.state.wy.us/doe.asp?ID=9>

**All 50 States' and D.C.'s Home Pages
and Workers' Compensation Agencies**
<http://www.comp.state.nc.us/ncic/pages/all50.htm>

