



Federal & State

United States Federal and State Law Collections

The library collection contains over 500,000 volumes of basic Anglo-American legal materials. Among those volumes are significant holdings in current United States federal and state primary law as well as important, related secondary materials and a strong selection of early American legal treatises.

In the Library's federal and state law collections we have three types of materials available:

- 1 **Primary materials**, such as statutes (codes and session laws), cases reported from courts, and administrative regulations.
- 1 **Finding aids**, such as periodical indexes, case digests, citators and other reference materials.
- 1 **Secondary materials**, such as treatises, periodicals, government reports and documents, legal encyclopedias and Restatements of Law.

Any questions about the location of materials in the Law Library should be directed to the staff at the Reference Desk on the fourth floor of the Reading Room. The following statement is a brief description of general location of print and microform materials. Many of these materials are also available electronically in various databases available through the Law Library. Please see the reference staff for assistance in finding any legal information.

Statutes: Codes and Session Laws

Federal

A print set of the official United States Code along with archived editions, and the official Statutes at Large are located on the fourth floor in the Reading Room. The unofficial United States Code Annotated and United States Code Service are also located in the Reading Room. An additional copy of the current United States Code Annotated is located on the fifth floor. Superseded copies of the United States Code Annotated are shelved on the first floor.

North Carolina

Print sets of the official North Carolina General Statutes and the unofficial West's North Carolina General Statutes are shelved on the fourth floor in the Reading Room. Another copy of the official publication is on reserve at the Circulation Desk on the fourth floor.

North Carolina Session Laws are located in the fourth floor Reading Room. Another copy is shelved on the second floor.

Other States

Current codes in print format for all other fifty states and the District of Columbia are shelved with the state materials on the first floor arranged alphabetically by state.

State session laws from 1776 to date are available on microfiche on the first floor.

Court Reports

The Library holds an extensive collection of federal and state court reports. American state and national appellate court opinions and digests are all shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room.

Federal

The federal court collection includes the complete series of Federal Rules Decisions, Federal Supplement, Federal Reporter, United States Reports, West's Supreme Court Reporter, and United States Supreme Court Reports Lawyer's Edition. A second copy of Federal Supplement, Federal Reporter and West's Supreme Court Reporter are shelved on the fifth floor.

North Carolina

Print sets of the official North Carolina Reports are located in the fourth floor Reading Room, the second floor, and the fifth floor. Print sets of the official North Carolina Court of Appeal Reports are also located in the fourth floor Reading Room, the second floor, and the fifth floor. North Carolina appellate decisions can also be found in the Southeastern Reporter, also shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room. Digests for these reporters are also in the Reading Room.

Other States

Appellate decisions from all other fifty states are located in the regional reporters shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room. A very select number of other state's additional official or privately published reporters may be found on the first floor in the state materials arranged alphabetically by state. Digests for states' judicial decisions are available for each jurisdiction, either as a regional digest, where available, or as individual state digests. Digests are also shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room.

Administrative Regulations

Federal

The Law Library holds a complete set of federal administrative regulations as published in the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations. The current issue and previous year's issues of the Federal Register are shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room. Older issues are held in microform on the third floor. The current edition of the Code of Federal Regulations is located in the fourth floor Reading Room. Older issues are held in microform on the third floor. Our subscription to [HeinOnline](#) also provides access to the past editions issues of the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations.

North Carolina

The Law Library also holds a complete set of North Carolina regulations published in the North Carolina Register and the North Carolina Administrative Code. The current and recent issues of the North Carolina Register are shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room, with another copy on the second floor. The North Carolina Administrative Code is also shelved in the fourth floor Reading Room, with another copy on the second floor. Previous issues or additions may also be found on the second and first floors. The Library also has a partial collection of North Carolina regulations in microform on the first floor.

Other States

Print copies of other states' administrative codes and registers are generally not collected by the Law Library. These materials are often available electronically from each state and always through several subscription research services available to the law school community, such as Westlaw and LexisNexis.

Secondary Materials

Law journals and periodicals about the law, many published by law schools, are generally located on the third floor and arranged alphabetically by journal or periodical title. Books, written about the law by legal experts, such as treatises, are generally located on the second floor.

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