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LEGAL RESOURCES

Primary Sources

Contain the actual text of the law itself. These are the legal rules that govern our society. They can be government issued (official version) or commercially published (unofficial version).

Secondary Sources

Material that explains, analyzes, or comments on the law, or provides direction in how to use or conform to the law. This includes legal treatises (books), encyclopedias, and law review articles.

Indexing or Finding Aids

Dictionaries, directories, digests, or other reference/general informational tools that help you locate primary and secondary sources.

Legal Resources Available in the Cerritos College Library

California Blue and White Book
California Code
California Reporters
California Rules of Court
Constitution
Converting Citations
Dictionaries
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Directories

Encyclopedias
Environment
Form Books
Jury Instructions
Legal Research
Miscellaneous Legal Materials
Pacific Reporters
Paralegal Sources
Periodicals

Rules of Court
Self-Help Law Guides
Shepard's
Subject Headings
Supreme Court
Thesaurus
Treatises
US Code

Primary Sources

I. Case Law

Courts create laws when judges issue opinions. Case Law is also known as Judicial Law.

Pacific Reporter. St. Paul: West Pub. Co., 1884-1931.

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC44 .P24

Contains all the decisions of the Supreme Court of California, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico from 1883-1931.

Pacific Reporter. Second Series. St. Paul: West Pub. Co., 1931-1960.

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC45 .C3

Contains all the decisions of the Supreme Courts of California, Kansas, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Montana, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, and Oklahoma from 1931-1960. Also contains the District Courts of Appeal and Appellate Department of the Superior Court of California and Criminal Court of Appeals of Oklahoma from 1931-1960.

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West's California Reporter. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 1960-1992.

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection

KFC47 .C32

Cases decided in the California Supreme Court, Superior Court Appellate Dept., and the California Court of Appeals from 1960-1991.

West's California Reporter. Second series. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 1992-2003.

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection

KFC48 .A32

Cases reported in California Supreme Court, Superior Court of Appeals, and the California Court of Appeals from 1991 to 2002.

West's California Reporter. Third series. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 2003-.

North and East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection

KFC48 .A33

Cases reported in California Supreme Court, Superior Court of Appeals, and the California Court of Appeals from 2003 to the present.

Converting Citations

If you have a citation for **California Reports** or **California Appellate Reports**, which we do not have, you will have to use the **California Blue & White Book** to convert your citation to a parallel citation in the **Pacific Reporter** or **California Reporter**, both of which we have.

California Blue and White Book. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co.

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection

KFC47.4 .C35

One bound volume and pamphlet supplements.

The tables contain in one column a list of pages of the state reports on which each case begins, and in a parallel column gives the volume and page of the Pacific Reporter and California Reporter.

II. Statutory Law

Codes are laws that are passed by the federal, state, or local legislature.

California. West's Annotated California Codes. St. Paul: West Pub. Co., 1954-

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection

KFC30.5 .W4

All the codes for the State of California are located in this set. From the Business and Professions Code to the Welfare and Institution Code.

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U.S.C.A. The United States Code Annotated. St. Paul: West Group, 1927-

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KF62.5 .W45

All of the 50 titles of the U.S. Codes are contained in this set. It begins with General Provisions and ends with War and National Defense. The Constitution of the United States Annotated is located at the end, after the General Index. Annotations from Federal and State Courts are included.

Secondary Sources and Finding Aids

Digests

West's California Digest, 1850 to Date, Covering Cases From State and Federal Courts. St. Paul: West Pub. Co., 1951-

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC57 .W467

West's California Digest 2d. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 1981-

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC57 .W47

Legal Encyclopedias

American Justice. Joseph M. Bessette. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1996.

Reference Stacks
KF154 .A44 1996

California Criminal Law. 3rd ed. B.E. Witkin. San Francisco: The Institute, 2000.

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC1100 .W5 2000

Corpus Juris Secundum: A Complete Restatement of the Entire American Law as Developed by All Reported Cases. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 1936-

North Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KF154 .C56

This set can also lead you to cases decided in courts throughout the U.S. Vol. 1-101a + index.

Summary of California Law. B.E. Witkin. San Francisco: Witkin Legal Institute, 2005.

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC80 .W5 2005

LEGAL RESOURCES

West's Encyclopedia of American Law. 2nd ed. Jeffrey Lehman. Detroit: Thomson/Gale, 2005.

Reference Stacks
KF154 .W47 2005

Encyclopedia of the American Judicial System: Studies of the Principal Institutions and Processes of Law. Robert J. Janosik. New York: Scribner, 1987.

Reference Stacks
KF154 .E53 1987

The Guide to American Law: Everyone's Legal Encyclopedia. St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 1983-1985.

Reference Stacks
KF154 .G85 1983

Treatises

California Criminal Law. 3rd ed. B.E. Witkin and Norman L. Epstein. San Francisco: The Institute, 2000.

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC1100 .W5 2000

This is a treatise that covers the topic of criminal law in California.

Form Books

California Forms of Pleading and Practice Annotated. San Francisco: M. Bender, 1962-

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC1010 .A65 C3

Jury Instructions

California Jury Instructions, Criminal: (CALJIC). 6th ed. Eagan, MN.: Thomson/West, 2004-

Reference Stacks
KFC1171 .C754

Rules of Court

California Rules of Court. St. Paul: West Pub. Co., 1987-

Reference Stacks
KFC992 .A197

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Shepard's

How to Shepardize (PDF, 532K) is an online print guide to legal research using Shepard's Citations.
http://www.lexisnexis.com/shepards-citations/printsupport/shepardize_print.pdf

Shepard's California Citations. New York: Shepard Co., 1908-

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC59 .S44

Shepard's California Case Names Citator. 2nd ed. Colorado Springs, CO: LexisNexis/Shepard's.

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC59 .S433 2008

Shepard's Acts and Cases by Popular Names: Federal and State. Colorado Springs, CO: Shepard's, 1979-.

East Wall of Reference Stacks—Law Collection
KFC59 .S52

Legal Dictionaries

Black's Law Dictionary. 8th ed. St. Paul, MN: Thomas/West, 2004.

Ask at Reference Desk
KF156 .B53 2004

A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Reference Stacks
KF156 .G367 2001

Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations Reversed: A Dictionary of Terms and Titles With Their Abbreviations. Igor I. Kavass. Buffalo, NY: W.S. Hein, 1994.

Reference Stacks
K89 .K37 1994

Legal Thesaurus

Burton's Legal Thesaurus. 4th ed. William C. Burton. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Reference Stacks
KF156 .B856 2007

Paralegal Sources

Legal Research and Writing for Paralegals. Ellyn Moscowitz. Cincinnati: Anderson Pub. Co., 1994.

Reference Stacks
KF240 .M67 1994

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Legal Research

Finding the Law. 12th ed. Robert C. Berring. St. Paul, MN: Thomson/West, 2005.

Reference Stacks
KF240 .B45 2005

Fundamentals of Legal Research. J. Myron Jacobstein. Westbury, NY: Foundation Press, 1998.

Reference Stacks
KF240 .J32 1998

LARMAC Consolidated Index to the Constitution and Laws of California. San Francisco: Recorder Pub. Co., 1935-

Ask at Reference Desk
KFC40 .L3

Law Directories

Congressional Staff Directory. Indianapolis, IN: Bobbs-Merrill Co.

Ask at Reference Desk
JK1012 .C65

California Lawyers. Los Angeles, CA: Daily Journal Corp., 1990-

Ask at Reference Desk
KF192.C3 C325

Parker Directory of California Attorneys. Los Angeles, CA.: Parker and Sons Publications.

Ask at Reference Desk
KF192 .C3 P35

Supreme Court

Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court. 3rd ed. Joan Biskupic and Elder Witt. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1997.

Reference Stacks
KF8742 .W567 1997

Leading Constitutional Decisions. 17th ed. Robert F. Cushman. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1987.

Ask at Reference Desk
KF4549 .C83 1987

Abortion Decisions of the Supreme Court, 1973 Through 1989: A Comprehensive Review With Historical Commentary. Dan Drucker. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Co., 1990.

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Reference Stacks
KF3771 .A7 D78 1990

Mass Media and the Constitution: An Encyclopedia of Supreme Court Decisions. Richard F. Hixson. New York: Garland Pub., 1989.

Reference Stacks
KF2750 .A59 H58 1989

Environment

California Environmental Law Handbook. Rockville, MD: Government Institutes.

Reference Stacks
KFC610 .C35 1997

Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Berkeley, CA: Solano Press, 1987-.

Reference Stacks
KFC610 .G85

Constitution

Federal Civil Rights Acts. 3rd ed. Rodney A. Smolla. Deerfield, IL.: Clark Boardman Callaghan, 1994-.

Reference Stacks
KF4749 .A7452

Federal Civil Rights Acts: Civil Practice. 2d ed. Chester J. Antieau. Rochester, NY: Lawyers Co-operative Pub.. Co., 1980.

South Stacks
KF4749 .A745 1980

The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation; Annotations of Cases Decided by the Supreme Court of the United States to June 22, 1964. Washington, U.S. GPO, 1964.

Reference Stacks
JK14 1964

Roots of the Bill of Rights. Bernard Schwartz. New York: Chelsea House, 1980.

Reference Stacks
KF4744 1980

Bill of Rights Reader; Leading Constitutional Cases. 5th ed., rev. Milton R. Konvitz. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press 1973.

Reference Stacks
KF4748 .K6 1973

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The Founders' Constitution. Philip B. Kurland. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987.

Reference Stacks
KF4502 .F68 1987

Sources of Our Liberties; Documentary Origins of Individual Liberties in the United States Constitution and Bill of rights. Richard L. Perry. Chicago: American Bar Foundation, 1959.

Reference Stacks
KF4744 1959

Self Help Law Guides

U.S. Immigration Made Easy. Ilona M. Bray. Berkeley, CA: Nolo,

On Order

Nolo's Simple Will Book. Denis Clifford. Berkeley, CA: Nolo Press, 2007.

Reference Stacks
KF755.Z9 C54 2007

Social Security, Medicare, and Government Pensions. Joseph L. Matthews. Berkeley, CA: Nolo, 2008.

Reference Stacks
KF3650 .M37 2008

Patent It Yourself. David Pressman. Berkeley, CA: Nolo Press, 2002.

Reference Stacks
KF3114.6 .P74 2002

Legal Periodicals in the Cerritos College Library

ABA Journal
California Lawyer
Facts and Findings: The Official Publication of the National Association of Legal Assistants
Law Library Journal
Legal Assistant Today
Los Angeles Daily Journal and the Los Angeles News
National Paralegal Reporter

Miscellaneous Legal Materials

California Style Manual: A Handbook of Legal Style for California Courts and Lawyers. Edward W. Jessen. San Francisco: West Group, 2000.

Reference Stacks
KFC75 .F67 2000

LEGAL RESOURCES

The Oxford Book of Legal Anecdotes. Michael Gilbert. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Reference Stacks
K183 .O95 1986

Selected Subject Headings

Law reports, digests, etc. -- California.
Law reports, digests, etc. -- California -- Los Angeles County.
Law reports, digests, etc. -- United States.
Law -- California.
Law -- California -- Forms.
Law -- California -- Indexes.
Law -- California -- Periodicals.
Legal composition.
Printing -- Style manuals.
Appellate procedure -- California.
Annotations and citations (Law) --California.
Law -- United States -- Cases
Law -- United States -- Encyclopedias
Justice, Administration of -- United States -- Encyclopedias