Legal Research at Fullerton College Library

Fullerton College Library has legal resources in both print and electronic format.

Print: Primary and secondary print sources are shelved on the first floor in the Reference area. The reference book call numbers are provided below. If you need help locating these sources, please ask a librarian at the Reference Desk.

Electronic: Many of the print resources listed below can also be accessed through **NexisUni.** Our primary legal research database, it also contains news resources, journals, and much more. NexisUni can be accessed through the library website at **library.fullcoll.edu.** Click on the databases tab, and use the Select Database drop-down list to find NexisUni.

Online Legal Research Guide: For links to item records and online resources go to **https://fullcoll.libguides.com/legalresearch/home**

Primary Authority Sources

4 sources of law, from the 3 branches of government.

Constitutional Law

Federal - Constitution of the United States: Found in **US Code Annotated** REF KF62 1927 .W45 **(updated until mid-2011)**

State - Constitution of the State of California – Call# REF KFC30.5.D4 C665

Court-Made (or Common) Law – Cases from the courts of the Judicial Branch

Federal - Shepard's United States Citations – Call# REF KF 101.2.S54 (updated until mid-2011)
West's Supreme Court Reporter – Call# REF KF 101.S9 (updated until mid-2011)

State - West's California Reporter – Call# REF KFC47.C32 (updated until mid-2011)
West's California Digest – Call# REF KFC57.W47 (kept current)

Statutory Law – Statutes and Codes from the Legislative Branch

Federal - US Codes Annotated (USCA) Call# REF KF62 (updated until mid-2011)

State – Deering's Annotated California Codes – Call# REF KFC30.5 .D4 Z6 (updated until 2012)

Administrative Law – Regulations from the Administrative Branch

Federal – Code of Federal Regulations via GPO's tinyurl.com/hosp8c9

State – California Code of Regulations via Westlaw: tinyrul.com/htod7zb

Secondary Authority Sources

Works that describe and define the law.

Terminology – identify and define appropriate terms, keywords, and synonyms

Black's Law Dictionary – Call# REF KF156.B53
Burton's Legal Thesaurus – Call# REF KF156.B856

Legal Encyclopedias – find relevant cases on a subject

Federal – Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS) – Call# REF KF154.C56 (updated until mid-2011)
State – West's California Jurisprudence (CalJur) – Call# REF KFC80.C29

Treatises and Hornbooks – commentary and examinations of legal subjects
Witkin's *Summary of California Law* – Call# REF KFC80.W5 2005
Nutshell series – in Library Catalog, keyword search: "nutshell series" and Sort by: Title
Hornbook series - in Library Catalog, keyword search: "hornbook series" and Sort by: Title

Practice Guides
Continuing Legal Education (CEB) – Reserve Desk, 2 hour loan (under Dayton)
CA Forms of Pleading and Practice – Call# REF KFC1010.A65 C35

Jury Instructions
California Jury Instructions, Civil (CACI or BAJI) – Call# REF KFC1047.A65 C35

Other Legal Sources

Search the Library Catalog for books on the following subjects.
Go to: **Library.fullcoll.edu → Catalog** and change **Search Type** to **Subject Browse (pure)**

Constitutional Law → Search Terms: [Constitutional Law – United States]

Court-Made Law → Search Terms: [United States. Supreme Court]

Vocational Guidance Search Terms:
→ [Legal Assistants – Vocational Guidance – United States]
→ [Legal Assistants – United States – Periodicals]
→ [Law Enforcement – Vocational Guidance – United States]
→ [Civil Service Positions – United States]
→ [Police – Recruiting – United States]
→ [Criminal investigation – Vocational Guidance]
→ [Forensic Sciences – Vocational Guidance]

Personal Legal Research
101 Law Forms for Personal Use – Call# KF170.L46 2009 and in eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)
Finding the Answers to Legal Questions: A How-To-Do-It Manual – Call# KF240 .T83 2011
Legal Research: How to Find & Understand the Law – Call# KF242.A1 E43 2015 and in eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)
Nolo's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law – Call# KF387.N65 2011 and in eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)