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OVERVIEW

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- Other Key Online Resources
  - Research & Reports (http://www.loc.gov/law/help/)
  - Current Legal Topics (www.loc.gov/law/help/current-topics.php)
  - Global Legal Monitor (http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news?home)
  - In Custodia Legis (http://blogs.loc.gov/law)
  - Congress.gov (http://www.congress.gov)
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Three most recent articles:

Switzerland: Voters Reject Popular Initiative on Giving Swiss Constitution Explicit Precedence over International Law
GUIDE TO LAW ONLINE

- Legal Portal of over 9,000 links
  - Annotated compilation of Internet links
  - Organized by jurisdiction and topic
  - Multinational, international, U.S., and state materials
  - Full text of laws, regulations, and cases
  - Legal commentary
  - Indigenous Law Portal – includes links to American Indian constitutions and legal materials
District of Columbia

Executive

- District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and Register
  - District of Columbia Register Table of Contents, 1998-2003 (B. Flowers)
    - Table of Contents v. 45, no. 27-v. 50, no. 6 (July 3, 1998-February 3, 2003)
    - DC Register Index - Table of Contents Vol. 45-48 (1995-2001)
- District of Columbia Mayor
- District of Columbia Council
- District of Columbia Directory of Agencies and Services
- District of Columbia Board of Elections
- District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General (formerly the Office of Corporation Council)
- Decisions of the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation of the District of Columbia (Georgetown University Law Library)

Judicial

- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
  - Opinions August 1998-
Legal Guides

- Cornell Legal Information Institute: District of Columbia
- DC Historic Preservation Law Project *(Georgetown University Law Library)*
- District of Columbia Bar
  - Legal Ethics Committee Opinions
  - Rules of Professional Conduct
- FindLaw: District of Columbia
- Forms: U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- Georgetown University Law Library: District of Columbia
- How a Bill Becomes Law *(DC City Council)*
- Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC

Law Schools:
- American University Washington College of Law - Library and Catalog
- Catholic University of America School of Law - Library and Catalog
- George Washington University Law School - Library and Catalog
- Georgetown University Law Center - Library and Catalog
- Howard University School of Law - Library and Catalog
- University of the District of Columbia School of Law - Library and Catalog

Legal Research:
- District of Columbia Research Guide *(Georgetown University Law Library)*
- Legalese *(DC Council Office of the General Counsel)* newsletter; Vol. 1, no. 1 (September 1995-
- LLSDC Legislative Source Book: District of Columbia
Here, find links to several helpful online resources:

- **Commemorative Observances**
  - Provides the legal background to several national observances and commemorative months

- **Digitized Material**
  - *Federal Register* (1936-1993)
  - *United States Statutes at Large* (1789-1950)
  - *United States Treaties and International Agreements*, compiled by Charles I. Bevans (1776-1949)
  - American Indian Constitutions and Legal Materials

- **Legal Research Guides**
  - Contains links to several link-rich legal research guides, as well as recorded webinars conducted by Law Library staff regarding legal research
**Current Legal Topics**

- Current international issues
- In-depth legal commentary and comparison of international laws
- Bibliographic resources

**Global Legal Monitor**

- Worldwide Legal News
- Frequently updated
- May be searched by topic, country, keyword, author, date, etc.
- Persistent URLs

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http://www.loc.gov/law/help/current-topics.php

http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news?home
The Law Library of Congress produces reports primarily for members of Congress. The legal research reports listed below by topic provide commentary and recommended resources on issues and events. These reports are provided for reference purposes only and do not constitute legal advice. The information provided reflects research undertaken as of the date of writing, which has not been updated unless specifically noted.

This page highlights the most recent reports. See the Comprehensive Index of Legal Reports for our complete list of reports.

Adoption, Custody, and Parentage

Provisions on Child Abduction in Non-Hague Countries

This report covers laws on parental child abduction and the legal aid that may be available to parents of abducted children in 38
Right to Peaceful Assembly: Selected Foreign Jurisdictions

France
I. Right to Peaceably Assemble and Notification Requirement
Whereas the preamble of the French Constitution protects the right to strike [1], there is no explicit protection of the right to peaceably assemble. The right to peaceably assemble can be inferred, however, from the 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, which is incorporated into the current French Constitution. Article 10 of the Declaration states that "no one should be bothered for his opinions, even religious ones, so long as their manifestation does not disturb the public order established by Law". Furthermore, the right to peaceably assemble is guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, to which France is a party [2].

Since 1935, the right to assemble in a public space has been contingent on prior notification. [4] Notification must be given to the local prefecture or to the town hall (mairie) of the town(s) where the demonstration or assembly is supposed to take place, at least three days, and no more than fifteen days, before the date of the demonstration or assembly. [5]

II. Authority to Prohibit Demonstrations
The authorities (the prefect or the mayor) may prohibit a demonstration if they believe that it would disturb public order. [6] Peaceful demonstrations must generally be allowed. If a demonstration is prohibited, the organizers may challenge the decision before an administrative judge, who will verify whether such a prohibition is necessary to protect public order and security. [7]
From the homepage of GLM, you can:
(1) Choose to do a keyword search of the GLM archive;
(2) Browse all topics and/or jurisdictions for a subject of interest; and
(3) Set up a GLM RSS feed, so you are alerted to new GLM articles as they are released.
You can search for GLM articles by topic, jurisdiction, author, keyword, and/or date.
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Posts cover:

- Research Guides;
- Current legal trends;
- Information about additions and changes to Congress.gov;
- International law developments, written by our foreign legal specialists;
- Interviews of Library staff, interns, and researchers;
- Legal history and arcana (inspired by items in our collection);
- And much more!
It is very easy to find resources on *In Custodia Legis*—simply perform a keyword search in the box at the top-left hand side of the screen, or filter by category or date in the menus below.
Legislative Resources

- Bills and Resolutions
- Legislative History
- Public Laws
- United States Code
Content:

- **Bill text**: 1989 to the present (1993 to the present in PDF)
- **Bill summaries**: 1973 to the present
- **Congressional Record**: 1995 to the present in PDF
- **Congressional Committee Reports**: 1995 to the present in PDF
- **Member Profiles**: 1973 to the present
- **Nominations**: 1981 to the present
- **Appropriations Table**: Fiscal Year 1993 to the present

For the most up-to-date coverage information, visit https://www.congress.gov/about/coverage-dates
NEW - Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports - https://crsreports.congress.gov/

Founding Documents Resources - https://www.congress.gov/founding-documents

Resources A to Z (includes legislative glossary) - https://www.congress.gov/resources/display/content/Resources+A+to+Z


Accounts – users can save searches and download search results

Alerts – users can set up e-mail alerts for:
  - Saved searches
  - New legislation sponsored or cosponsored by a Member of Congress
  - Actions taken on a specific bill or resolution
  - Updates to the Congressional Record
Use the filters on the left-hand side of the page to refine your results.

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Users can filter by topic, author, date of report, and status of report.

Perform a keyword search on the CRS Reports homepage to determine whether there is a report on your topic.

If you want to see all the reports available in the database, click the search button without entering a search term.
To search for bills and resolutions, select “All Legislation” from the pull-down menu.

Then enter a bill number, short title, or keyword of interest into the search box and hit enter.
If you would like to save this search, set up an account and click “Save this Search.”

You can also download a list of your search results.

Select the Congress in which the bill was introduced on the results page.

Click a bill number to open up the bill’s “Bill Summary and Status” page.
On the Bill Summary and Status page, select the “Text” tab to find copies of all the versions of the bill as it moved through Congress, using the dropdown menu.

Bill text is available in TXT and PDF formats.
If you select the "Actions" tab, then the "All Actions" radio button, you will get a listing of everything that happened to the bill as it moved through Congress.

In addition, links to the Congressional Record pages on which these actions are noted are provided (where available)—indicated by "CR".

Note the "Bill History" link, which will take you to an itemized list of links to CR pages on which the bill was mentioned in Congress.
To get e-mail alerts for a specific bill in the current Congress, simply select “Get Alerts” under the bill name on the Bill Summary and Status page.

To view any previously-set alerts or saved searches, click the down arrow next to your account name at the top of the screen.
When you search for topics in the Congressional Record, you can now limit to comments made by specific Members of Congress, and you can save and set up alerts on your searches.
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Content Highlights (in PDF):

- **Public Laws**: 1951 to the present
- **Congressional Reports** (selected): 1995 to the present
- **Congressional Hearings** (selected): 1995 to the present
- **Congressional Record**: 1994 to the present (Daily Ed.); 1873-2001, 2005-2008 (Bound Ed.)
- **United States Code**: 1994 to the present
- **Code of Federal Regulations**: 1996 to the present
govinfo provides multiple ways to find the documents you seek.

Users can search using keywords or citation information.

Users can also browse documents by title, category, date, and author.
As seen here, these legislative history document collections are typically laid out by Congress/date, then by type of document, then by document citation or page number.
To do an advanced search, simply input a date range, select a collection (or collections—you can select more than one collection to search at once), and add your keywords to the “Search In” box.
The Office of Law Revision Counsel (OLRC) is the organization that prepares and publishes the official version of the *U.S. Code*

- **Coverage** - 1994 edition to the present
- **Frequent updates** – typically updated within a week of a public law’s passage
- **Easy to navigate** – can find the Code section you need by:
  - Keyword Search
  - Title Browse
  - Popular Name Table
  - “Jump to” and “Cite Checker” citation features
  - Statutes at Large “Title III” Tool
The Popular Name Tool enables you to search or browse the United States Code Table of Acts Cited by Popular Name. For printing purposes, the PDF file is recommended. A detailed explanation of the Table is located here.

1950 Amendment to Public Law 38
Short title, see 26 U.S.C. 1 note

1951 Amendments to the Universal Military Training and Service Act
June 19, 1951, ch. 144, title I, 65 Stat. 75
Short title, see 50 U.S.C. App. 451 note

1955 Amendments to the Universal Military Training and Service Act
June 30, 1955, ch. 250, 69 Stat. 223

1959 Amendment to the Texas City Disaster Relief Act

1964 Amendments to the Alaska Omnibus Act

1979 White House Conference on the Arts Act

1979 White House Conference on the Humanities Act

1984 Act to Combat International Terrorism
Short title, see 18 U.S.C. 3071 note

1984 Olympic Commemorative Coin Act
See Olympic Commemorative Coin Act

1988 Olympic Commemorative Coin Act
The new OLRC U.S. Code website includes helpful information about each U.S. Code section, including a source credit and explanatory notes regarding amendments, textual references, codification, etc.
HISTORICAL RESOURCES

- **A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation**
  - [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html)
  - Contains selected congressional documents from 1774-1875

- **Avalon Project**
  - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu](http://avalon.law.yale.edu)
  - Not limited to U.S. documents
  - Contains important “documents in law, history and diplomacy,” like treaties, state charters, and legislation (4000 BCE to present)
JUDICIAL RESOURCES

- Opinions
- Citators
- Records and Briefs
Content:

- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1791 to present
- U.S. Federal District, Appellate, Tax, and Bankruptcy Court Opinions – 1923 to present
- U.S. State Appellate and Supreme Court Opinions – 1950 to present
- Scholarly articles, papers, and reports
- Patents
  - U.S. Patents – 1790 to present

Google Scholar
http://scholar.google.com
To do a case law search (of state and federal cases) in Google Scholar, simply select the “Case law” radio button, enter your keyword(s) into the search box, and click enter.

If you would like to specify which courts to search, click the “Select courts” link.
Use the facets on the left-hand side to narrow your search by court and by date. You can also choose to sort your search results by date rather than by relevance.

Click “Create alert” to set up a Google email alert for your keyword search.

Activating the “My Library” feature will allow for you to save cases and articles for easy retrieval.
Where possible, opinions on Google Scholar will also include page citation information.

When a case that is also in the Google Scholar database is cited, a hyperlink to that case will be available in the opinion.

Summary judgment was granted for the employer, so we must take the facts alleged by the employee to be true. United States v. Diebold, Inc., 360 U.S. 654, 655 (1962) (per curiam). The employer is Burlington Industries, the petitioner. The employee is...
If you click the “How cited” link at the top of the opinion page, you will see a listing of other cases in the Google Scholar database that either cite your case or are related to your case.

The How Cited feature also provides examples of how these other cases have dealt with your case.
Content:

- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1791 to present
- Federal Court of Appeals and District Court Opinions – 1800s to present (depending on circuit)
- State Supreme and Appellate Court Opinions – 1800s to present (depending on state)
- U.S. Code and Code of Federal Regulations – current editions

Casetext has several features which used to be free offerings, but recently became subscription-only resources, including:

- Citing Cases – citator-like feature
- Summaries - Uses quotes from other opinions in the Casetext database to summarize the case at hand
- CARA - allows users to upload a document, and suggests “cases of interest” pertinent to the cases in the document that are not cited within the document
Some aspects of Casetext are still free, but accessing these free options has become more difficult.

Users are required to create an account to view cases, which they can do via the “Sign In” button at the top right hand side of the page.
Users can:

1. narrow their search by adding additional terms;
2. change the way the results are sorted (by relevance, date, or number of times cited);
3. filter by jurisdiction; and
4. change what type of result they would like to see (cases, statutes, analyses).

Previews regarding where keywords appear in the results are included.
"Analyses," found in the top left-hand corner of the screen, provides a listing of secondary sources (typically blog posts from practitioners) in the Casetext database have been found to cite to or be related to the current case.

While helpful features like “How Cited,” “Summaries” and the citation heatmap have largely disappeared behind a paywall, users can still apparently see citation signals that show the treatment of this case by other courts.

Cases also include star pagination and links to cases cited that are also included in the Casetext database.
Content:

- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1793 to the present
- Federal Court of Appeals Opinions - 1995 to the present (may be expanded, depending on the court)
- U.S. Code – current edition
- U.S. Constitution
- Wex Legal Encyclopedia
- LII Supreme Court Bulletin Previews
- Provides links to official websites and other information about Federal and State Courts
The Legal Information Institute (LII) provides the ability to search its large collection of resources by keyword from the search box on the homepage. Additionally, if you know what specific resource you need, you can select that resource from the list on the homepage.
Searches in LII can be easily limited by content type.

Note, however, that a search done in the new search box will not search within your results, but will instead perform a new search of the entire database.
VANCE v. BALL STATE UNIV.

Syllabus

VANCE v. BALL STATE UNIV., Nos. 11-547, 646 F. 3d 461, affirmed.

- Syllabus [HTML] [PDF]
- Opinion, Alito [HTML] [PDF]
- Concurrence, Thomas [HTML] [PDF]
- Dissent, Ginsburg [HTML] [PDF]

NOTE: Where it is feasible, a syllabus (headnote) will be released, as is being done in connection with this case, at the time the opinion is issued. The syllabus constitutes no part of the opinion of the Court but has been prepared by the Reporter of Decisions for the convenience of the reader. See United States v. Detroit Timber & Lumber Co., 200 U.S. 321.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Syllabus

VANCE v. BALL STATE UNIVERSITY et al.

certiorari to the united states court of appeals for the seventh circuit

No. 11-556. Argued November 26, 2012—Decided June 24, 2013

Under Title VII, an employer’s liability for workplace harassment may depend on the status of the harasser. If the harassing employee is the victim’s co-worker, the employer is liable only if it was negligent in controlling working conditions. In cases in which the harasser is a "supervisor," however, different rules apply. If the supervisor’s harassment culminates in a tangible employment action (i.e., a "significant change in employment status, such as hiring, firing, failing to promote, reassignment with significantly different responsibilities, or a decision causing a significant change in benefits" Burlington Industries, Inc. v. Ellerth, 517 U.S. 593), the employer is strictly liable

Where possible, LII provides a link to a PDF copy of the syllabus, opinion, concurrence(s), and dissent(s) of U.S. Supreme Court cases.
CourtListener
https://www.courtlistener.com/

- Operated by the Free Law Project, a non-profit group striving to “provide free access to primary legal materials”

- **Content** ([https://www.courtlistener.com/coverage/](https://www.courtlistener.com/coverage/)):
  - U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1791 to the present
  - U.S. Federal Appellate Court Opinions – 1920s to the present for most circuits
  - U.S. Federal District Court and Bankruptcy Court Opinions – coverage dependent on district
  - U.S. State Supreme and Appellate Court Opinions – coverage dependent on state

- **Features**:
  - “Cited By” citator-like feature
  - Open source and open access – allows users bulk downloads of the cases on the site
  - **RECAP Archive** – contains documents from PACER, collected from users who use PACER while utilizing the RECAP Extensions for Firefox and Chrome
  - **Oral arguments** included for certain courts
    - Currently the U.S. Supreme Court and most Federal Appellate Courts
    - Coverage is largely 2013 to present
The results page allows for several limiting options, including jurisdiction, the precedential status of the source, filing date, judge, case name, citation, docket number, etc.
The “Cited By” feature provides links to other opinions available on CourtListener that cite to the opinion you are currently viewing, arranged by number of times those opinions are cited.

Opinions provide pagination information and a table of linked authorities.
As described on the RECAP Archive page, users can search for and access dockets and documents filed in federal court cases (for free!) These items are downloaded from the PACER service by other users who did so while using the RECAP Archive extensions for Firefox or Chrome.
Public Library of Law

http://www.plol.org/

- Created by the same organization that owns Fastcase
- Content:
  - U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1791 to the present
  - U.S. Federal Appellate Court Opinions – 1950 to the present
  - U.S. State Supreme and Appellate Court Opinions – 1997 to the present
- Provides links to official websites for the following:
  - Federal and State Court Rules
  - U.S. Code (links to ORLC U.S. Code page)
  - Code of Federal Regulations and Federal Register (links to FDSys)
  - State Statutes and Regulations
- Offers a set of helpful tutorials, user guides, and factsheets
- Case law results are organized by percentage relevancy
- Users can access cases in the database after creating an account on the site
PLoL offers a set of tutorials, user guides, and factsheets to help researchers navigate the site.

Researchers can perform a keyword search of PLoL’s entire collection of court opinions from the front page.

To limit results by year or by jurisdiction, use the “Advanced Options” tab under the search box.
Case law results are organized by relevancy, with a relevancy percentage applied.

The results list also provides date and citation information, as well as a preview of where the search terms appear in the decision.
Users can access cases in the PLOL database after creating an account on the site. Registration is free.
JUSTIA

http://www.justia.com/

**Content:**
- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1791 to the present
- U.S. Federal Appellate & District Court Opinions – 1924 to present (may be expanded, based on the court)
- Selected U.S. Federal Appellate & District Court dockets and orders – 2004 to present (may be expanded, based on the court)
- U.S. State Supreme & Appellate Court Opinions – 1992 to the present (may be expanded, based on the court)
- Selected State Statutes
- Current Law-Related News Stories
- **Accounts** – allows users to attach annotations to cases of interest
- **Case opinions** – include a summary of the opinion and a downloadable PDF of the opinion as initially released by the court (where available)
This sample search shows the breadth of resources that can be returned from a simple keyword search on the Justia homepage—the top results include a state statute, a proposed federal rule, a scholarly review of a section of the federal constitution, and a Supreme Court opinion.

At this point, there are no facets to limit your search to a specific type of resource.
A case opinion in Justia will contain, where available, both a summary of the opinion and a downloadable PDF of the opinion as it was initially released by the court.

Also, Justia’s accounts feature allows users to attach annotations to cases of interest.
Content:

- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions – 1791 to the present
  - U.S. Supreme Court Center (http://supreme.findlaw.com) - includes selected briefs (for 1999-2007 terms), Court opinions, and a blog regarding recent Supreme Court events
- U.S. Federal Appellate Court Opinions – 1995 to the present (may be expanded, based on the circuit)
- U.S. State Supreme, Appellate and Trial Court Opinions – 1997 to the present (may differ, based on the jurisdiction)
- U.S. Code – current edition
- Selected State Statutes – current editions
- Current Law-Related News Stories

On the home page, you can:

- Search for summaries of opinions by topic and by court
- Find links for court opinions, statutes, and regulations by state

Text of opinions are basic, with no pagination or linking information
On the home page, you can search for summaries of opinions by topic and by court. Scroll down to find links to federal statutes, court opinions, etc.

Select the state in which you would like to focus your research to find links for court opinions, statutes, and regulations of that state.
On the Case Search page, you can search by party name, by keyword ("Free Text Search"), or by Docket Number.

You can also browse opinions by date.
If you perform a search using the box at the top of the screen, the search results are sorted by relevance. Related search terms are suggested in the margin of the search results screen.
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

Hugh HARDAGE, Plaintiff-Appellant, v. CBS BROADCASTING INC., a New York Corporation; Viacom Television Stations Inc., a Delaware Corporation; Viacom Broadcasting of Seattle Inc., a Delaware Corporation; Kathy Sparks, an individual, Defendants-Appellees.

No. 03-35906.

Decided: November 1, 2005


The district court entered summary judgment dismissing Hardage’s sexual harassment and retaliation claims against CBS Broadcasting Inc., Viacom Television Stations Inc., and Viacom Broadcasting of Seattle Inc. (collectively, CBS), pursuant to Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Washington Law Against Discrimination (WLAD). The district court concluded that CBS was entitled to assert an affirmative defense to liability based on the Supreme Court’s decisions in Burlington Industries, Inc. v. Ellerth, 524 U.S. 742, 118 S.Ct. 2257, 141 L.Ed.2d 633 (1998) and Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, 524 U.S. 775, 118 S.Ct. 2275, 141 L.Ed.2d 662 (1998), and it accordingly denied Hardage’s motion for partial summary judgment on that issue. In addition, the court declined to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Hardage’s WLAD claims against Kathy Sparks (the alleged harasser) and dismissed those claims without prejudice. See 28 U.S.C. § 1367(c). The court also dismissed Hardage’s Title VII claims against Sparks with prejudice, and Hardage does not appeal this portion of the court’s judgment. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we affirm.
Features

- Provides links to other cases & codes in Ravel’s database cited in current case
- Offers helpful training videos and FAQs regarding how to use Ravel

Content depends on level of subscription

- Free users have access to:
  - U.S. Supreme Court Opinions (1791 to the present)
  - Federal Court of Appeals and District Court Opinions (coverage dependent on district)
  - State Court Opinions (coverage dependent on state)
  - Current edition of the *U.S. Code*

- Paid subscriptions include:
  - *Interactive Visual Map* that shows the comparative relevance of cases and their relationships to each other
  - *Opinion History* and *Page Citation* graphs, showing how other cases have cited to the case as a whole, and individual pages within a case
  - Case, judge, firm, and court analytics, which help attorneys draw inferences based on prior decisions and rulings
CITATORS

- **Free Options?** Unfortunately, only *incomplete* citation tools available
  - How Cited (Google)
  - Cases Cited (Casetext)
  - Cited By (CourtListener)

- **Subscription Options:**
  - LexisNexis (Shepard's)
  - Westlaw (KeyCite)
  - Bloomberg (BCite)
  - Fastcase (Bad Law Bot)

- **Low-Cost Options:**
  - Some *public law libraries* offer access to online subscription citators and print copies of Shepard’s
  - Some *Bar Associations* provide free access to a subscription database as a part of membership
Records and Briefs

- **Free Resources**
  - U.S. Supreme Court
    - ABA Preview ([http://www.americanbar.org/publications/preview_home.html](http://www.americanbar.org/publications/preview_home.html)) – 2004 to the present
  - Other Courts
    - Check your local court’s website for records, briefs, and opinions
- **Low-Cost Options**
    - Records and briefs for federal appellate, district and bankruptcy courts
    - Charges $0.10 per page retrieved and a cap of $3 per document
  - Clerk of Court – copying costs are typically cents per page
EXECUTIVE RESOURCES

• PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS
• REGULATIONS
THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY PROJECT (APP)
http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/

- A “non-profit and non-partisan” source for presidential documents, hosted by the University of California, Santa Barbara

- Content:
  - Executive Orders – 1826 to the present
  - Proclamations - 1789 to the present
  - Presidential Signing Statements – 1929 to the present
  - Public Papers of the Presidents (statements, speeches, news conference remarks, etc.) –1929 (approx.) to the present
  - Messages and Papers of the Presidents – 1789 to 1913
  - State of the Union Addresses – 1790 to the present
  - Assorted documents relating to presidential elections
If you know the type of document you seek, as well as when it was created, you can browse by selecting the “Documents” link.

If you would like to perform a keyword search, however, click the new “Search” button at the top of the page.

The American Presidency Project, non-profit and non-partisan, is the leading source of presidential documents on the internet. Our rapidly-growing collection is hosted at the University of California,
The advanced search feature allows for a keyword search, with limiters like date, President, and document category. Note that the keyword search is case sensitive!
Each document page will provide information about the document title, the President that issued the document, and the date on which it was issued.
Content (selected documents from late 1800s to present):
- Proposed and Final Regulations
- Supporting and Related Materials
- Notices
- Scientific and Technical Findings
- Guidance
- Adjudications
- The Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan

Other Features
- Ability to provide public comment via the website
- Ability to see comments submitted by other members of the public
Use the tabs to navigate:
(1) Search – to allow for keyword searching of documents;
(2) Browse – to see regulations by topic; and
(3) Learn – to find information about the rulemaking process.

You can perform a site-wide search here, or use the “Advanced Search” link for more control over your search.
Use the facets on the left-hand side of the screen to narrow your results by several features, like: whether the comment period is still open, the document type, the agency, the subject, and many more.
On the right-hand side of the page, you can:

- Click the “Comment Now!” button to make a comment;
- Download a PDF copy of the Federal Register pages;
- Find out more information about the rule/proposed rule;
- Check others’ comments; and
- Learn more about related documents.
Often the most current version of the CFR found in a free resource – updated daily

It is “not an official legal edition of the CFR,” so use only for reference purposes, not in a court filing

Simply navigate by selecting title and section range

Can also use keyword searching via left-hand menu
OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

• ANALYSIS
• ARTICLES
LexisWeb
http://www.lexisweb.com

- Perform a broad search on the homepage, and on the results page, limit by:
  - Type of document/site
  - Topic
  - Legal citations included
  - Jurisdiction
  - Practice Area

- Focus is on articles written by legal practitioners, but LexisWeb also links to products in the Lexis database
HG.org provides links to:

- Research Guides on certain areas of law (see “Learn About the Law”)
- Articles written by legal practitioners (see “Articles” and “Publications”)

To search HG.org’s resources, use the search box at the top right of the homepage.
If you are seeking case law, statutes, or regulations from a specific jurisdiction, look to see if there are judicial or governmental websites offering free resources.

Utilizing a search engine’s advanced search allows for more search limiters.

Example - Google Advanced Search (http://www.google.com/advanced_search)

In addition, there may be subject-specific websites to help with different practice areas.


To find links to some of these resources, visit our website:


In Custodia Legis: http://blogs.loc.gov/law/
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• Contact the Law Library Reference Desk
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