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- US statutes (both code* & public law form)
- Federal case opinions*
- CFR & Federal Register*
- Court rules*

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- ALRs
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- PA verdicts & settlements
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- legal news publications

PA primary law

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- Laws of PA (the official version of the statutes)
- Reported appellate cases*
- Regulations (PA Code)*
- PA state court rules*
- PA local court rules*
- PA common pleas opinions

WV primary law

- WV annotated statutes*
- WV regulations (CSR)*
- Reported appellate cases*
- WV state court rules

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PA secondary law

- PBI CLE manuals, a.k.a. "yellow books"
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- Summary of PA Jurisprudence (encyclopedia of substantive law)
- Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia*
- West's PA Practice series
- Dunlap Hanna forms*
- Transaction Guide forms*
- Bisel treatises & practice materials
- LexisNexis/Matthew Bender PA publications
- Jury instructions civil & criminal*
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