

Federal primary law

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

Great secondary materials:

- ALRs
- AmJur 2d, Am Jur Trials, Proof of Facts
- Causes of Action
- Federal jury instructions
- Extensive law reviews online*
- Forms
- Legislative history
- National Consumer Law Center publications
- National treatises on contracts, trusts, insurance, property, bankruptcy, civil rights, oil & gas, federal procedure, evidence, criminal law, medical jurisprudence, *and more.*
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Searches in specialized databases

- newspaper & magazine articles
- PA verdicts & settlements
- ready made legislative histories
- legal news publications

PA primary law

- PA annotated statutes, current* & historical
- 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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Uncertain whether your issue requires case law, statutes, regulations, or some combination? Start with a legal encyclopedia or other secondary overview!

PA secondary law

- PBI CLE manuals, a.k.a. "yellow books"
- Standard PA Practice (encyclopedia of procedural law)
- 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*
- Assorted PA-specific treatises
- County historical materials and maps useful in title searching
- Appellate briefs for PA reported opinions

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