

Legal Resources

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Handy sources for quick legal reference:

- *Legal Research: How to Find & Understand the Law* REF KF242 .A1E43 2009
- *Black's Law Dictionary* Reference Desk KF156 .B53 2009
- *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* Reference Desk KF245 .U54
- *Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations* REF KF246 .B46 2001
- *National Survey of State Laws* Reference Desk KF386 .N38 (2008)
- *Shepard's Acts and Cases by Popular Name* REF KF90 .S52 2010 [supplements]
- *Major Acts of Congress* REF KF154 .M35 2004
- *South Carolina Legislative Manual* Reference Desk JK4271 .S72 / **online** www.scstatehouse.gov

Encyclopedias

- *American Jurisprudence* – **online** in LexisNexis
- *West's Encyclopedia of American Law* REF KF154 .W47 2005 / **online using library catalog**
- *South Carolina Jurisprudence* REF KFS1865 .S68 1991 [supplements]

Free Sources for Legal Materials: www.clemson.edu/library/allsubjects/law/lawweb.html

Legal materials in our collection, in print or with online equivalents

1. Statutes (laws as enacted, in order by date of passage) & Slip Laws (new laws in pamphlet form)
 - A. State

Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina
J87 .S72 (With a few gaps, these go back to 1791.)
Cited as: **2003 Act No. 241**
Online: www.scstatehouse.gov ; 1980-present, updated within days of passage
 - B. Federal

United States Statutes at Large KF50 .U5 (In print, 1893 - ; in microfiche in Federal Documents at GS4.111:, 1789-1931.) Slip "***Public Laws***" follow the set.
Cited as: **104 Stat. 327** and **PL 104-330**
Online in HeinOnline: United States Statutes at Large, 1789-2007; includes Confederate statutes
Online: <http://thomas.loc.gov> full-text Public Laws, 1973-present
2. Codes & Regulations (compilations of laws currently in force)
 - A. State

Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 (South Carolina laws currently in force) REF KFS1830 1976 .A2
Updated with ***Supplements***, sometimes called "Pocket Parts." ***Regulations*** are in the last volumes of this set, arranged by agency, with each having its own index. General index for set.
Library has older editions back to 1902, facsimiles back to 1692, at same call number on 1st floor
Cited as: **S.C. Code 1976 59-119-30**
Online: www.scstatehouse.gov updated through 2009 session; archives, 2000-2008
Online in LexisNexis: archive since 1991, updated monthly & annually
 - B. Federal

United States Code (laws currently in force in the United States). 1940-2006 editions. Not annotated.
Federal Documents Y1.2/5. Cumulative supplements follow the set.
Cited as: **17 USC 107**

Online in HeinOnline: United States Code, 1925-2006 editions
Online: <http://uscode.house.gov> 1988 - current edition
Online in LexisNexis: United States Code Service; current, updated monthly

Code of Federal Regulations (administrative side of federal law). REF KF70 .A3
Cited as: **50 CFR 17**

Online in HeinOnline: Code of Federal Regulations, 1938-2009 editions;
Online: www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html 1996-present, quarterly updates
Online in LexisNexis: current within 2 weeks of publication, weekly updates

Federal Register (updates the **CFR**) Federal Documents AE2.106: (current & previous year, delay in receipt of 2-3 weeks); bound volumes (1944-1963) at GS 4.107: Microfiche 1936-1985 at GS 4.107: 1985 - at AE2.106:

Cited as: **42 FR 31722**

Online in HeinOnline: Federal Register Library, 1936-present, updated daily;
Online: www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html 1994-present, updated daily
Online in LexisNexis: 1980-present, updated within one day of publication

C. Municipal (for cities & counties)

Clemson Code of Ordinances; Pickens County Code of Ordinances, etc.

Online: www.municode.com/library/library.aspx Municode Library

Online: www.sccounties.org/publications/ *Acts that Affect Counties*, by year (South Carolina Association of Counties)

3. Reporters (court decisions—cases-- in chronological order) & Slip Opinions

A. State

South Carolina Reports KFS1845 .A2 (1871- , with incomplete holdings before). Opinions (decisions) of the South Carolina State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of South Carolina.

Cited as: **228 SCar 336**

Online: www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexSCPub.cfm Supreme Court, 1997-present

Online: www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexCOAPub.cfm Court of Appeals, 1997-present

Online in LexisNexis: 1867-present (Supreme Court) & 1983-present (Court of Appeals)

B. Federal

United States Reports (Opinions of the United States Supreme Court). KF101 .A212 (1754...1781-). Paperbound preliminary prints follow the bound set.

Cited as: **410 U.S. 113**

Online in HeinOnline: U. S. Supreme Court Library, 1754-present

Online: www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/boundvolumes.aspx 1991-present

Online in LexisNexis: Lawyers' Edition, 1790-present

United States Courts of Appeals – South Carolina is part of the 4th Circuit

Cited as: **99-1234**

Online: <http://pacer.ca4.uscourts.gov/opinions/opinion.htm> 1996-present

Online in LexisNexis: dates unknown

United States District Court for the District of South Carolina

Cited as: **Civ. 4:95-337-22** or **3:04-CV-1045-N** or **03-CR-127-B**

Online: www.scd.uscourts.gov/index.asp via PACER system, 1990-present (civil), 1992-present (criminal)

Online in LexisNexis: combines states, dates unknown

C. Regional

West's South Eastern Reporter KF135 .S6 (1988-). Preceded by *South Eastern Reporter 2nd Series* (1919-1988). Decisions for state supreme courts and courts of appeals for South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia. Weekly supplements in Current Periodicals.

Cited as: **25 S.E. 2d 481**

Online in LexisNexis: individual state supreme court cases, dates vary

4. Attorney General's Opinions

A. State

Annual Report and Official Opinions of the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina

State Documents At855 1. (1929-1994).

Cited as: **1997 S.C. AG LEXIS 92**

Online: www.scattorneygeneral.org/opinions/index.html 2005-present

Online in LexisNexis: SC Attorney General Opinions, 1959-present

B. Federal

Opinions of the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice

Federal Documents J1.5/4: (1977-1996)

Cited as: **18 Op. O.L.C. 166**

Online: www.justice.gov/olc/opinionspage.htm 1992-present

Online in LexisNexis: US Attorney General Opinions, 1977-present

Preceded by ***Official Opinions of the Attorneys-General of the United States***

Federal Documents J1.5: (1898 –1982, incomplete)

Cited as: **42 Op. Atty Gen. 97**

Online in LexisNexis: US Attorney General Opinions, 1791-present

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