



# GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT & MEDIA

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Read an overview, find definitions and key cases, and focus your topic with these resources:

[West's Encyclopedia of American Law](#). (online)

[Black's Law Dictionary](#) (print) Ref KF 156 B53

[Oxford Reference: Law](#) (online)

## SECONDARY LAW

**Books: "Search Catalog" on the Library's homepage**

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Try searching the following subjects:

[Broadcasting Law](#)

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[Mass Media Law](#)

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**Articles: find these under "Search a Specific Database" on the Library's homepage**

[LexisNexis Legal Tab](#) (in the red banner); *the default is to law reviews*

[Communication and Mass Media Complete](#)

[Academic Source Premier](#)

[Business Source Premier](#)

**PRIMARY SOURCE** NOTE: Both the Government Printing Office (*GPO Access*) & *LexisNexis* offer codes & regulations. In *LexisNexis* you must search. *GPO Access* allows you to browse. Either resource will do depending if you prefer searching or browsing. *LexisNexis* is better for searching law reviews and case law. *LexisNexis* has "added value" information such as annotations and is updated more frequently than the government documents.

### Cases

[LexisNexis](#) Legal Tab: Legal Searches (menu to the right) > Federal & State Cases

[Court Opinions from the FCC](#) (free online) from 1996-present.

[Media Law Reporter](#) (print) REF KF 2750 A513 (1977 to present)

[Digestible Law: Perkins Coie's Internet Case Digest](#) (free online)

### Codes

[LexisNexis](#) (USCS) Legal Tab: Legal Searches > Federal & State Codes > Select Sources

[Public Laws](#) (free online) (ex. PL 104-104) Available from *Thomas Legislative*

[U.S. Code](#) (USC) *GPO Access*

[U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News](#) (print) REF: KF48 .U58

*Provides the legislative history of the law.*

### Regulations

[LexisNexis](#) Legal Tab: Legal Searches > Federal & State Codes > Select Sources

[Federal Register](#) The *Federal Register* updates the CFR, below

[Code of Federal Regulations](#) (CFR)

*Title 16 Commercial Practices (FTC)*

*Title 47 Telecommunications (FCC)*