

Florida Research Guide

Cases, Statutes, and Regulations

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Florida Courts and Cases:

Library of Congress Subject Heading: Law Reports, Digests, etc. -- Florida.
Law Reports, Digests, etc. -- Southern States.
Law Reports, Digests, etc. -- United States.

Florida Courts: Florida Supreme Court, Florida District Court of Appeals (5), Florida Circuit Courts (20) and Florida County Courts (67 - one for each county.) See maps and charts at

http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/bin/dca_map.jpg; http://www.flcourts.org/courts/circuit/cir_dist.shtml
http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/CourtDiagram.pdf;
<http://www.flcourts.org/courts/circuit/circuit.shtml>.

Federal Courts for Cases Originating in Florida: United States Supreme Court, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal District Courts (Southern, Middle and Northern Districts in Florida). Each of the three Federal Districts in Florida has a specialized Bankruptcy Court to handle bankruptcy cases.

See maps <http://www.uscourts.gov/courtlinks/> and <http://www.fedstats.gov/mapstats/fjd/12fjd.html>.

Florida State Cases: Florida state cases at the trial level are usually not published. For these cases contact the court clerk with the case name or docket number. The webpage with the directory to all Florida Court Clerks is http://www.flclerks.com/Clerk_webs.html. Florida District Court of Appeals and Florida Supreme Court cases are published in the *Florida Cases Reporter* and the *Southern Reporter 2d*. (Use the *West's Digest System to locate cases, see research guide, "Locating Cases Using Digests"*).

Florida Cases KFF45 .F5 Regional Collection - 3rd Floor
Southern Reporter 2d KF135.S8 S612 State and Regional Reporters - 1st Floor

Florida cases may also be located in *Florida Law Weekly* covering Florida Supreme Court and Florida District Courts of Appeal and *Florida Law Weekly Supplement* (replaces *Florida Supplement 1952-1981*) covering Florida Circuit Court and Florida County Court decisions.

Florida Law Weekly KFF47.1 .F57 Regional Collection - 3rd Floor
Florida Law Weekly Supplement KFF51 .F56 Regional Collection - 3rd Floor
Florida Supplement 1952-1981 KFF51 .A3 Regional Collection - 1st Floor

Federal Cases Originating in Florida: At the trial level, Florida has three Federal general trial courts, the Southern, Middle and Northern Federal District Courts. Only about 10 percent of these cases are published and can be found in the *Federal Supplement*. The appellate level Federal Circuit Court for Florida is the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and opinions are published in the *Federal Reporter*.

Federal Supplement 2d KF120 .F421 Federal Reporters - 1st Floor
Federal Reporter 3d KF105 .F432 Federal Reporters - 1st Floor

Federal cases originating in Florida may also be found in *Florida Law Weekly Federal* covering the United States Supreme Court, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal District Court and the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Florida and in the *West's Bankruptcy Reporter*.

Florida Law Weekly Federal KFF47 .F58 Regional Reporters - 1st Floor
West's Bankruptcy Reporter KF1515 .A2 W47 General Collection - 2nd Floor

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Reference Desk 680.7612*

Free Internet Sources:

Florida State Courts: <http://www.flcourts.org/>

Florida Supreme Court: <http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/>

Florida Federal Courts:

http://www.constructionweblinks.com/Organizations/Courts/Federal_Courts/District_Court_Federal_Courts/Florida_Federal_District_Cour/florida_federal_district_cour.html

United States District Court Southern District of Florida: <http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/>

United States District Court Middle District of Florida: <http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/>

United States District Court Northern District of Florida: <http://www.flnd.uscourts.gov/>

United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit: <http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/>

United States Courts: <http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts.html>

Florida Statutes and Regulations:

Library of Congress Subject Headings:

Law -- Florida.

Delegated Legislation – Florida

Florida Statutes: Florida statutes may be located by using *West's Florida Statutes Annotated*, *LexisNexis Florida Annotated Statutes*, *Florida Statutes*, *Laws of Florida*. The commercially produced annotated statutes and the Florida Statutes contain all of the state laws organized by subject area into a code made up of titles, parts, and sections. The annotated statutes published by West and LexisNexis provide annotations based on Florida cases and Federal Cases arising from Florida. West includes annual cumulative supplements and pocket parts as well as the Florida Constitution and Florida Rules of Procedure including Civil, Criminal, Family and Bar and Judicial rules. *Laws of Florida* are a compilation of all the laws, resolutions, and memorials passed during the legislative session divided into General Laws and Special Laws. They are published chronologically.

West's Florida Statutes Annotated

KFF30 1941 .A43 Regional Collection – 3rd Floor

LexisNexis Florida Annotated Statutes

KFF29 .49 2006 Regional Collection – 3rd Floor

Florida Statutes

KFF29 .F56 Regional Collection – 3rd Floor

Laws of Florida

KFF25 .A24 Regional Collection – 3rd Floor

Florida Regulations: Florida regulations may be located by using *Florida Administrative Weekly*, and *Florida Administrative Code Annotated*. The *Florida Administrative Code Annotated* is the official compilation of the rules and regulations of Florida Regulatory Agencies and is published by the Florida Department of State. This code includes annotations construing the rules of the Florida Administrative Code from *Florida Cases*, *United States Reports*, *Federal Reporter*, *Federal Supplement*, *Opinions of the Attorney General* as well as other primary and secondary sources. *Florida Administrative Weekly* is also published by the Florida Department of State. *Florida Administrative Weekly* gives citizens direct access to proposed rules and regulations that could affect all citizens as well as notice of changes, corrections and withdrawals of regulations.

Florida Administrative Weekly

KFF36 .F55 Regional Collection – 3rd Floor

Florida Administrative Code Annotated

KFF35 1986 .A22 Regional Collection – 3rd Floor

Free Internet Sources:

Online Sunshine: Official Internet site of the Florida Legislature:

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?Tab=statutes&submenu=1>

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?Mode=Laws%20of%20Florida&Submenu=4&Tab=statutes&CFID=21783115&CFTOKEN=90010828>

Florida Department of State: State Library and Archives of Florida: <https://www.flrules.org/Default.asp>

Division of Elections: Florida Department of State: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/>

Florida Senate: <http://www.flsenate.gov/Welcome/index.cfm?CFID=44562725&CFTOKEN=13219596>

Florida House of Representatives: <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>