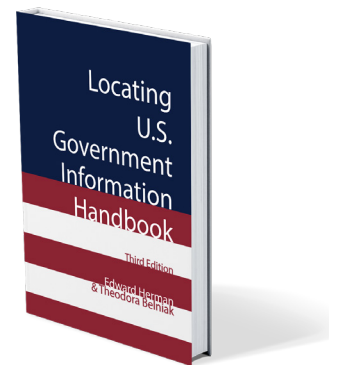


Locating U.S. Government Information Handbook

Third Edition

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The best guide available for anyone who needs to locate government information for personal, educational or professional purposes



This handbook will help users learn how to do legal research in the wider and sometimes confusing world of government documents, and is organized intuitively to help the novice. It can be used as a quick reference tool to navigate the citation formats and unique government information portals, to aid in understanding the material, to find non-government resources, and to answer some subject based questions about the availability of government documents. The text includes reproductions of indexes, examples of searches, and illustrative charts that are extremely helpful to researcher. Each chapter begins with general questions that guide readers through the information, but that is different from the questions and answers in previous editions.

This book is a must-have for any researcher looking for government information, including practicing librarians and library school students; college and university students and faculty; attorneys; business persons, market researchers, journalists, and other professionals; and citizens who want to keep better tabs on their government.

This guide also includes numerous screen shots of web pages. Dates indicate when the information was consulted. Given the changing nature of the Internet, details of selected pages may change, but the ideas and concepts emphasized in the illustrations will not.

What's new in the third edition

Numerous changes in government information have occurred since the second edition was published in 1999, the most prominent being the availability of free government documents online. Government portals such as USA.gov and FDSys were launched after the release of the second edition, which means you have access to more material than ever before, making finding government documents much easier!

Because many government documents are available freely online, this book is designed to be used in tandem with Internet resources. It offers you information on basic online research skills and outlines search strategies using both government and non-government information portals. It also includes a chart to help you navigate different search engines while looking for government documents.

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Designed to make your research easier:

The Appendixes cover often-used document numbers and citations, an explanation of the Freedom of Information Act and how to use it to find government documents, and further information and training resources. There are four Quick Reference Appendixes included:

Appendix 1: List of often-used government document numbers and citations.

Appendix 2: Explains the Freedom of Information Act and how you can use it to find government documents.

Appendix 3: Provides further information and training resources.

Appendix 4: Lists selected commercial resources for government information.

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