

Quinney Quick Facts

The key to effective legal research is ensuring you find all relevant material. Changes in the law occur daily and it's important to ensure your research includes the most recent changes. Knowing how to find the most recent information may help you avoid costly research errors. This Quinney Reference Guide will teach you how to find the most current information when researching within primary law resources.

Advance Sheets

Advance sheets are published prior to the publication of a case reporter volume and represent the most recent cases for a reporter set. Periodically, the cases in advance sheets are collected and printed as a new volume. NOTE: Since judges can change their opinions before they appear in the printed volumes, minor textual differences may appear.

Pocket Parts

Pocket parts are small pamphlets placed in the back of resources such as digests and statutes. The name is derived from the stiff cardboard back that fits into a "pocket" in the back of the volume. Pocket parts are usually published annually and update the information contained in the physical volume.

Supplements

Similar to pocket parts; however, instead of being placed within the volume, supplements are placed immediately behind the volumes they are updating.

Later Case Services

Some annotated statutes, such as the U.S.C.A. and the U.S.C.S. publish a supplement to their annotated statutes which include recent cases and amendments and changes to statutes. These paperback volumes are placed at the end of the annotated code.

Citators

Citators, (Shepards' and KeyCite), can help you find the most current information on your case or statute. Citators will tell you if your case has been overturned or distinguished, and if your statute has been amended.

Shepards' and KeyCite are available to our public patrons who are on-site. Shepards' is found by going to our website, selecting Case Law or Statutes & Regulations, and then selecting LexisNexis Academic (Shepards' can be found under the US Legal tab). KeyCite can be found by going to our website and selecting KeyCite (under Case Validation).

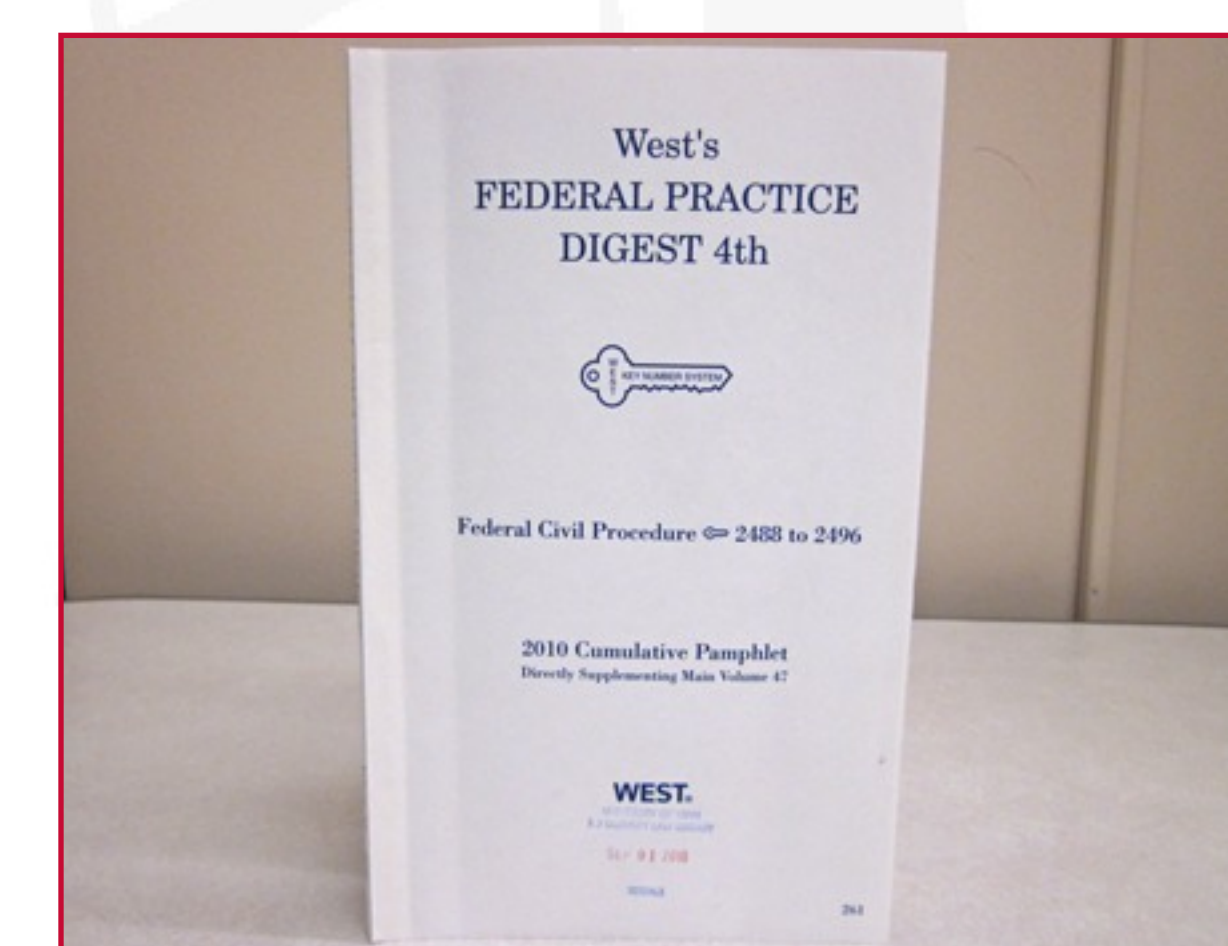
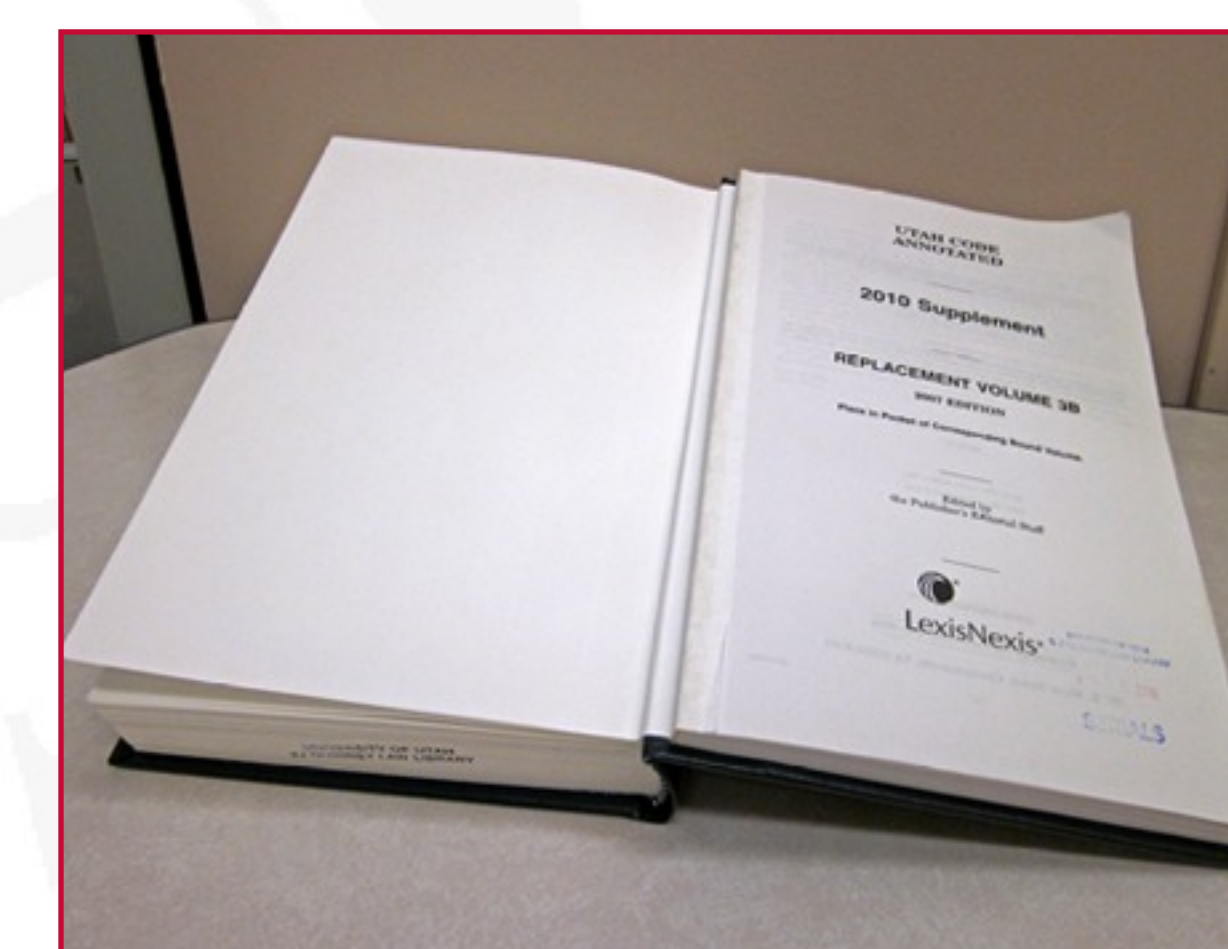
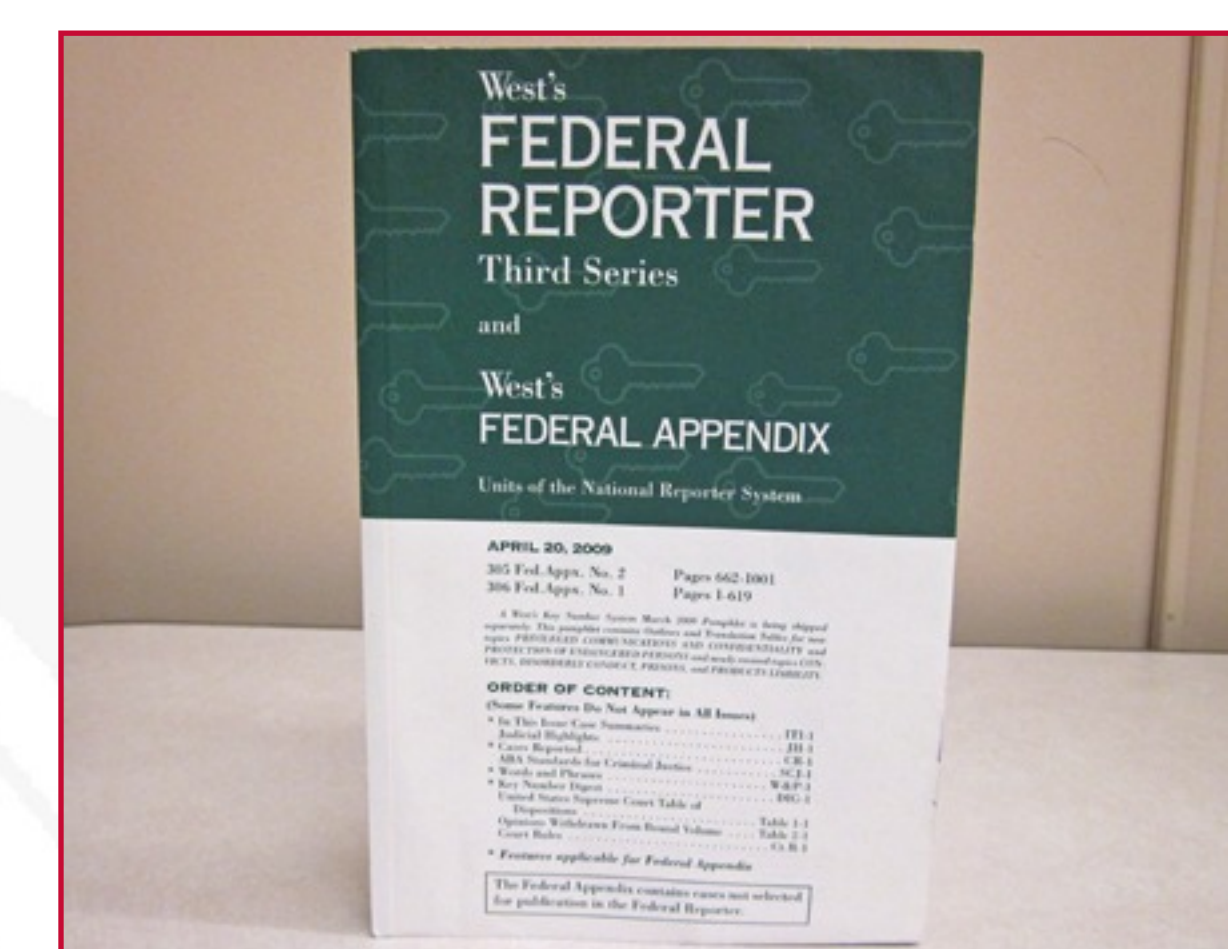
If you need help using Shepards' or KeyCite, please ask a reference librarian.

Category

Research

Skill Level

Basic



Failure to check the pocket part or supplement may result in the dismissal of your case or, if you're an attorney, a bar complaint or judicial sanctions.

Cases

- ▶ For the most recent cases in the reporter volume set, check the advance sheets at the end of the reporter series.
- ▶ For newer Utah cases, you can check the Utah Index and the Utah Advance Reports, located on the apron table containing the Utah codes.
- ▶ In the alternative, you find an electronic copy of the case on LexisNexis Academic Universe.

For the most current Utah cases check www.utcourts.gov

Digests

- ▶ Check the pocket part at the end of digest volume, or the supplement immediately following the digest volume.
- ▶ If the digest has a quarterly supplement (e.g. the Federal Digest), check that. This will be at the end of the digest set.
- ▶ The reporters (e.g. Pacific Reporter) have mini-digests at the back of each reporter volume that annotate the cases in that volume.

Federal Statutes

- ▶ Do not use the United States Code (U.S.C.) as it's outdated.
- ▶ To update the U.S.C.S. and U.S.C.A., check the pocket part at the end of the code volume, and the Later Case Service at the end of the annotated code.
- ▶ Check for amendments and current cases citations by using either the KeyCite or Shepards' (found in LexisNexis Academic Universe) citators.
- ▶ Check the statute on LexisNexis Academic Universe for the latest amendments and annotations.

For a searchable electronic version of the United States Code go to: www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/

Utah Statutes

- ▶ Check the pocket part of the particular volume of the Code for updates in the statute or annotations. This may be a softbound supplement placed directly behind the volume.
- ▶ Check the Advanced Code Service or the Interim Update pamphlet at the end of the Code.
- ▶ You can also check for amendments and current cases citations by using either the KeyCite or Shepards' (found in LexisNexis Academic Universe) citators.

An electronic version of the Utah Code can be found at: le.utah.gov/Documents/code_const.htm

Code of Federal Regulations

- ▶ The CFR is printed annually in four parts. Each year the CFR is printed in a different color.
- ▶ Check the List of CFR Sections Affected (LSA) - located at the end of the CFR - to see if the regulation has been updated or amended.
- ▶ The easiest way to determine if your regulation has been changed is to check the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations or the e-CFR on the GPO (Government Printing Office) Access website at ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=%2Findex.tpl.

Utah Administrative Code

- ▶ The UAC is reprinted annually and includes regulations through January 1st of that year.
- ▶ The semi-annual supplement includes regulations added through July 1st of that year.
- ▶ The most current version of the Utah Administrative Code can be found at the Utah Division of Administrative Rules website at www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code.htm.