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Administrative decisions

Decisions and opinions of administrative agencies. Reported and unreported court decisions, opinions, judgments, etc. are entered under Court decisions and opinions.

- UF Administrative agency decisions
 - Administrative opinions
 - Administrative rulings (Decisions)
 - Agency decisions
 - Decisions, Administrative
 - Opinions, Administrative
 - Regulatory agency decisions
 - Rulings, Administrative (Decisions)
- BT Law materials
- RT Court decisions and opinions

Example: Federal Communications Commission reports

Administrative regulations

- UF Administrative agency regulations
 - Administrative codes
 - Administrative rules (Regulations)
 - Codes, Administrative
 - Delegated legislation
 - Instruments, Statutory
 - Legislation, Subordinate
 - Legislation, Subsidiary
 - Quasi-legislation
 - Regulations, Administrative
 - Rules, Administrative (Regulations)
 - Rules and orders, Statutory
 - Statutory instruments
 - Statutory rules and orders
 - Subordinate legislation
 - Subsidiary legislation
- BT Law materials
- RT Executive orders
 - Statutes and codes

Example 1: Code of federal regulations

Example 2: Halsbury's statutory instruments

Affidavits

- BT Legal instruments

Attorneys general's opinions

- UF Attorney general opinions
 - Attorney generals' opinions
- BT Law materials

Bar Journals

- UF Bar association journals
 - Journals, Bar
 - Journals, Law society
 - Journals, Lawyers association
 - Law society journals
 - Lawyers association journals
 - State bar journals
- BT Law materials
 - Periodicals

By-laws

Rules or administrative provisions adopted by an organization for its internal governance and its external dealings. For by-laws established by cities, towns, or other local governmental entities see \$a Municipal ordinances.

- UF Bye-laws
- UF Bylaws
- BT Legal instruments

Casebooks

Law school textbooks containing leading court decisions in a particular field, together with commentary and other material useful for classroom discussion.

- BT Law materials
 - Textbooks

Charters and articles of incorporation

Instruments that establish bodies politic or other organizations, or that grant rights, liberties, or powers to their citizens or members and for the governing documents that set forth the basic terms of a corporation's existence.

- UF Articles of association
 - Articles of incorporation and charters
 - Articles of organization
 - Association, Articles of
 - Certificates of incorporation
 - Charters, Corporate
 - Charters, Municipal
 - Corporate charters
 - Incorporation, Articles of
 - Instruments of incorporation
 - Municipal charters
 - Organization, Articles of
- BT Legal instruments
- RT By-laws

Citators

Compiled lists of cases, statutes, and other legal sources showing the subsequent history and current precedential value of those sources.

- UF Citators, Legal
Legal citators
Noter-ups
- BT Law materials

Example 1: United States citations

Example 2: Halsbury's statutory instruments citator

Claims

Texts asserting existing rights to payments or to equitable remedies.

- BT Law materials

Codes (Jewish law)

Codifications of Jewish law compiled by individual authors, including restatements presented in a codified format.

- UF Restatements of Jewish law
- BT Law materials

Example: Emanuel Quint's Restatement of rabbinic civil law

Codices (Law)

Ancient or historical codes, Roman and Roman/Germanic codices, and the Codex Iuris Canonici.

- UF Codes (Ancient law)
Codes (Canon law)
Codes (Codices)
Codexes (Law)
- BT Law materials
- RT Statutes and codes

Collective labor agreements

- UF Agreements, Union
Bargaining agreements, Collective
Collective agreements (Labor)
Collective bargaining agreements
Labor agreements, Collective
Trade agreements (Labor)
Union agreements
Union contracts
- BT Contracts

Commercial arbitration agreements

Contracts between two or more parties to refer commercial disputes to arbitration.

- UF Arbitration agreements, Commercial
- BT Legal instruments

Concordats

Agreements between a government and the Roman Catholic Church.

BT Law materials

Consilia

Expert opinions and legal briefs addressing questions of law during litigations in 14th to 18th century Europe, prepared for a judge or a party by Roman law or canon law scholars. Jewish decisions are entered under Responsa (Jewish law)

UF Responsa

BT Law materials

RT Court decisions and opinions
Responsa (Jewish law)

Constitutional amendments

UF Amendments, Constitutional

BT Constitutions

Constitutional convention materials

BT Law materials

RT Constitutions

Constitutions

BT Law materials

RT Constitutional convention materials

NT Constitutional amendments

Contracts

UF Agreements (Contracts)

BT Legal instruments

NT Collective labor agreements
Deeds

Cooperative agreements

Agreements between a government at any level and a non-governmental corporate body.

UF Agreements, Cooperative
Compacts

BT Legal instruments

RT Intergovernmental agreements

Court decisions and opinions

Reported and unreported court decisions, opinions, judgments, etc. Decisions of administrative courts are entered under Administrative decisions.

UF Advisory opinions
Court opinions
Court reporters (Publications)
Court reports
Court rulings
Decisions, Judicial
Judgments
Judicial decisions

Court decisions and opinions (cont.)

- UF Judicial opinions
- Law reporters (Publications)
- Law reports
- Legal opinions
- Opinions, Advisory
- Opinions, Court
- Opinions, Judicial
- Opinions, Legal
- Opinions and decisions
- Reports, Court
- Reports, Law
- Rulings, Court
- BT Law materials
- RT Administrative decisions
- Consilia
- Responsa (Jewish law)
- Year books (English law reports)

Example 1: United States Supreme Court reports

Example 2: All England law reports

Court rules

- UF Rules of court
- BT Law materials

Example: McKinney's New York rules of court

Courtroom art

Artworks depicting courtroom scenes.

- UF Art, Courtroom
- Courtroom graphics
- Courtroom illustrations
- Graphics, Courtroom
- Illustrations, Courtroom
- BT Law materials

Coutumes

Compilations and collections of French medieval customary law.

- BT Customary laws

Customary laws

Compilations of written statements on established local or regional customs and practices that are accepted as binding rules of law through habit and common use.

- UF Consuetudinary laws
 Customaries (Law)
- BT Law materials
- RT Statutes and codes
- NT Coutumes
 Custumals
 Rechtsbücher

Custumals

Custumals or rentals relating to the 13th century English manorial system.

- BT Customary laws

Example: The custumals and rentals of Battle Abbey, 1283-1312

Deeds

- UF Indentures
- BT Contracts

Dockets

- UF Appearance dockets
 Judgment dockets
- BT Law materials

Executive orders

- UF Orders, Executive
- BT Law materials
- RT Administrative regulations
 Orders in council
 Proclamations

Fatwas

- UF Fatāwá
- BT Law materials
 Religious materials

Hornbooks (Law)

- BT Law materials

Indulgences (Canon law)

Texts granting remission by the Catholic Church of temporal punishment for sins that have been forgiven.

- BT Law materials

Intergovernmental agreements

Agreements between two or more jurisdictions below the national level, or between a national government and one or more jurisdictions that are not national governments.

- UF Agreements, Intergovernmental
- Agreements, Interlocal
- Compacts, Interstate
- Interagency service agreements
- Interjurisdictional agreements
- Interstate compacts
- Interlocal agreements
- BT Law materials
- RT Cooperative agreements

Example 1: Foster care agreement between the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Example 2: Agreement on Murray-Darling Basin Reform [between the Commonwealth of Australia, four state governments and the Australian Capital Territory]

Judicial statistics

- UF Court statistics
- Statistics, Court
- Statistics, Judicial
- BT Law materials

Jury instructions

- UF Instructions to juries
- BT Law materials

Law commentaries

Works that include systematic, article-by-article or section-by-section interpretation, analysis, and explanation of a legal document or collection of legal documents.

- UF Commentaries (Civil law systems) [Former heading]
- Commentaries (Law)
- Glosses (Law)
- Legal commentaries
- BT Law materials

Law digests

Systematically arranged compilations of brief summaries of statutes, regulations, court decisions, and administrative decisions.

- UF Case digests
- Digests, Law
- Legal digests
- BT Law materials

Law for laypersons

- UF Law for non-professionals
Laypersons, Legal guides for
Laypersons, Legal works for
Legal guides for non-professionals
Legal works for non-professionals
Legal guides for laypersons
Legal works for laypersons
Non-professionals, Law for
Non-professionals, Legal guides for
Non-professionals, Legal works for
Popular works (Law)
- BT Law materials

Law materials

Collections of law materials that are composed of multiple genres and/or forms to which more specific headings such as Law reviews or Municipal ordinances cannot be applied.

- NT Administrative decisions
Administrative regulations
Attorneys general's opinions
Bar journals
Casebooks
Citators
Claims
Codes (Jewish law)
Codices (Law)
Concordats
Consilia
Constitutional convention materials
Constitutions
Court decisions and opinions
Court rules
Courtroom art
Customary laws
Dockets
Executive orders
Hornbooks (Law)
Indulgences (Canon law)
Intergovernmental agreements
Judicial statistics
Jury instructions
Law commentaries
Law digests
Law for laypersons
Law reviews
Legal forms
Legal instruments
Legal maxims
Legislative histories
Legislative materials

Law materials (cont.)

- NT Loose-leaf services
- Military regulations
- Model acts
- Official gazettes
- Orders in council
- Privileges and immunities
- Proclamations
- Records and briefs
- Repertories (Law)
- Resolutions (Law)
- Responsa (Jewish law)
- Restatements of the law
- Statutes and codes
- Travaux préparatoires (Treaties)
- Treaties
- Trial and arbitral proceedings
- Uniform laws
- Year books (English law reports)

Law reviews

Scholarly periodical publications that emanate from law schools.

- UF Law journals
- BT Law materials
- Periodicals

Legal forms

- UF Form books
- Formbooks
- Formularies, Legal
- Legal formularies
- BT Blank forms
- Law materials

Legal instruments

- UF Legal documents
- BT Law materials
- NT Affidavits
- By-laws
- Charters and articles of incorporation
- Commercial arbitration agreements
- Contracts
- Cooperative agreements
- Legal memorandums
- Legal petitions
- Patents
- Wills
- Writs

Legal maxims

Compiled statements of established principles of law.

- UF Legal proverbs
 Maxims, Legal
 Proverbs, Legal
- BT Law materials
 Sayings

Legal memorandums

Documents discussing in detail the legal issues of a case.

- UF Legal memoranda
 Legal memorials
 Legal memos
 Memoranda, Legal
 Memorandums, Legal
 Memorials, Legal
- BT Legal instruments

Legal petitions

Formal written requests presented to a court, a legislative body, or a sovereign.

- UF Parliamentary petitions
 Petitions, Legal
 Petitions, Parliamentary
 Petitions, Royal
 Royal petitions
- BT Legal instruments
- NT Remonstrances

Legislative bills

Drafts of proposed legislation considered by a legislature before enactment.

- UF Bills, Legislative
- BT Legislative histories
 Legislative materials
- RT Statutes and codes

Legislative hearings

- UF Congressional hearings
 Hearings, Congressional
 Hearings, Legislative
 Hearings, Parliamentary
 Parliamentary hearings
- BT Legislative materials

Legislative histories

Compilations of texts (committee hearings, reports, debates, etc.) that document the process of enacting a particular law or a group of laws.

BT Law materials

RT Legislative materials

NT Legislative bills

Example: Seidman's legislative history of federal income tax laws

Legislative materials

UF Committee prints

Congressional reports

Digests, Legislative

Documents, Legislative

Journals, Legislative

Legislative digests

Legislative documents

Legislative journals

Legislative prints

Legislative proceedings

Legislative proposals

Legislative reports

Prints, Committee

Prints, Legislative

Proceedings, Legislative

Proposals, Legislative

Reports, Congressional

Reports, Legislative

BT Law materials

RT Legislative histories

NT Legislative bills

Legislative hearings

Loose-leaf services

Legal publications that bring together primary and secondary materials pertaining to a particular field or topic, and that are issued in binders and updated with replacement pages, sequential newsletters, or both.

UF Looseleaf services

BT Law materials

Example 1: Standard federal tax reporter published by Commerce Clearing House (CCH)

Example 2: U.S. law week published by the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA)

Example 3: United States tax reporter published by the Research Institute of America (RIA)

Military regulations

UF Regulations, Military

BT Law materials

Model acts

Draft acts that are rarely uniformly adopted in their entirety by state legislatures but are proposed as guideline legislation for the states.

BT Law materials

RT Uniform laws

Municipal ordinances

Laws established by cities, towns, or other local governmental entities. For rules or administrative provisions adopted by an organization for its internal governance and its external dealings see By-laws.

UF City codes

City laws

City ordinances

Municipal by-laws

Municipal codes

Ordinances, City

Ordinances, Municipal

BT Statutes and codes

Example: General orders and ordinances of the Board of Supervisors, city and county of San Francisco

Official gazettes

Official journals that promulgate laws and that often include regulations, public notices, and other official announcements.

UF Gazettes, Government

Gazettes, Legal

Gazettes, Official

Government gazettes

Journals, Official

Legal gazettes

Official journals

BT Law materials

Example: Colombia's Diario official

Orders in council

British royal orders issued by and with the advice of a privy council.

UF Council, Orders in

BT Law materials

RT Executive orders

Patents

Documents that grant sets of exclusive rights by a government to inventors or their assignees for limited periods of time in exchange for disclosures of inventions.

BT Legal instruments

Privileges and immunities

Texts granting special legal rights, exemptions, or immunities to persons or classes of persons.

UF Immunities and privileges

BT Law materials

Proclamations

Formal public announcements made by a government.

BT Law materials

RT Executive orders

NT Royal ordinances

Rechtsbücher

Compilations of, and commentaries on, common (civil, criminal, and procedural) law and feudal (constitutional) law of the Holy Roman Empire composed in German prose.

UF Gewohnheiten (Rechtsbücher)

Landrechtsbücher

Richtsteige (Rechtsbücher)

Spiegel (Rechtsbücher)

Stadtrechtsbücher

BT Customary laws

Example: Sachsenspiegel (a private account of Imperial laws that gained the status of Imperial law itself and served as a model for a large number of noted Rechtsbücher to the end of the 19th century)

Records and briefs

Documents representing the arguments of one or more parties and other documents submitted to, or generated by, a court in a particular case.

UF Briefs, Legal

Briefs and records

Court records

Legal briefs

Records, Court

BT Law materials

Remonstrances

Formal documents stating reasons for opposition or grievances.

BT Legal petitions

Repertories (Law)

Encyclopedic arrangements of brief comments, citations, or digests to an author's works or to a branch of law.

UF Legal repertories

BT Law materials

Resolutions (Law)

- UF Declarations (Law)
- Legislative resolutions
- Resolutions (Law materials) [Former heading]
- Resolves (Law)
- BT Law materials

Responsa (Jewish law)

Collections of decisions in Jewish law. Expert opinions prepared by Roman or canon law scholars are entered under Consilia.

- BT Law materials
- RT Consilia
- Court decisions and opinions

Restatements of the law

- BT Law materials

Example: American Law Institute's Restatement of the law of torts

Royal ordinances

- UF Declarations du roy
- Edits du roy
- Ordinances, Royal
- Ordonnances royales
- Proclamations du roy
- Royal declarations
- Royal edicts
- Royal proclamations
- BT Proclamations

Session laws

Laws enacted by a legislature during a particular session or sessions. Texts of individual laws as well as codes and compilations of laws passed by a legislature are entered under Statutes and codes.

- UF Acts, Legislative session
- Laws, Session
- Legislative session acts
- BT Statutes and codes

Example: Acts and resolves passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island

Statutes and codes

Texts of individual laws as well as codes and compilations of laws passed by a legislature. For laws enacted by a legislature during a particular session or sessions see Session laws.

- UF Acts, Legislative
 - Amendments, Legislative
 - By-laws, Tribal
 - Codes and statutes
 - Compiled legislation
 - Compiled statutes
 - Consolidated laws
 - Directives (European Union)
 - Enactments
 - Laws
 - Laws, Consolidated
 - Legislation, Compiled
 - Legislative acts
- Statutes and codes (cont.)**
- UF Legislative amendments
 - Ordinances, Tribal
 - Revised statutes
 - Statutes, Compiled
 - Statutes, Revised
 - Tribal ordinances
 - Tribal by-laws
- BT Informational works
 - Law materials
- RT Administrative regulations
 - Codices (Law)
 - Customary laws
 - Legislative bills
- NT Municipal ordinances
 - Session laws

Example 1: France's Code civil

Example 2: Oregon revised statutes annotated

Travaux préparatoires (Treaties)

Compilations of texts that document the process of drafting and negotiating a treaty or convention, and for texts prepared during the process of drafting and negotiating a treaty or convention.

- UF Drafting histories (Treaties)
 - Negotiating histories (Treaties)
 - Legislative histories (Treaties)
 - Preliminary documents (Treaties)
- BT Law materials
- RT Treaties

Treaties

Texts of individual agreements or collections of agreements between two or more states, including protocols, supplements, amendments, etc.

- UF Accords (Law)
Agreements, International
Concords (Law)
Conventions (Law)
Final acts (Treaties)
International agreements
Pacts (Law)
Protocols (Law)
- BT Law materials
- RT Travaux préparatoires (Treaties)

Trial and arbitral proceedings

- UF Arbitral and trial proceedings
Arbitration proceedings
Arbitration transcripts
Court proceedings
Court proceedings, International
International court proceedings
Proceedings, Arbitration
Proceedings, Court
Proceedings, Trial and arbitral
Proceedings, Tribunal
Transcripts, Arbitration
Transcripts, Trial
Trial transcripts
Trials
Tribunal proceedings
- BT Law materials

Uniform laws

Unofficial individual or collected laws proposed as legislation for adoption to promote greater consistency of laws among states or nations.

- BT Law materials
- RT Model acts

Example: Uniform commercial code

Wills

- UF Codicils
- BT Legal instruments

Writs

Written orders of courts, in the name of the state or other legal authority, commanding the addressees to do or refrain from doing specified acts.

- BT Legal instruments

Year books (English law reports)

English law reports ca. 1280-1535.

BT Law materials

RT Court decisions and opinions