Library Guide to Bankruptcy Law

This guide includes sources of information for primary and secondary sources for researching bankruptcy law. Both print and online resources are included. There are websites provided for online access and call numbers for library resources in print.

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### Primary Sources

#### Bankruptcy Statutes

The United States Code contains the general and permanent laws of the United States. The statutes governing bankruptcy are located in Title 11 of the U.S. Code. The library has two annotated versions of the code in print. The code can also be found online and in both LexisNexis and Westlaw.

**In Print:**

**United States Code (U.S.C.)**
The Office of the Law Revision Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives publishes the code in print every six years.

The U.S.C.A. is published by Thomson Reuters. It has the text of the U.S. Code along with relevant annotations including cases and historical notes. The U.S.C.A. is updated with annotated supplemental pamphlets and annual pocket parts.

**United States Code Service (U.S.C.A)**
Online:

**The United State Government Printing Office**

FDsys.gov

The Government Printing Office's website includes general information about the U.S. Code and tips to search it online. There are links to titles, chapters and sections provided. This site included the code from 1994 to 2006 and the annual supplements.

**U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Law Revisions Counsel**

The [Office of the Law Revision Counsel](https://www.congress.gov/) publishes the U.S. Code. Users can search the code on this website. Parts of the code are available for download in PDF format. There is also a Popular Names Tool for searching by the popular name of an act.

**Cornell Legal information Institute (LII)**

On the [LII website](https://www.law.cornell.edu/) users can find U.S. Code parts by entering titles and section numbers or by browsing by title. Users can also search the code title. On each results page there is a link with information regarding the currency of the code as provided.

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**Bankruptcy Rules**

In Print:

**Bankruptcy Code and Rules**

KF1510.99 B26


The Bankruptcy rules are located in volumes following Title 11 in the U.S.C.A. set. Published by Thomson Reuters. Located in range 65 in the library


All of the court rules are located in volumes following Title 50 in the U.S.C.S. Published by Lexis. Located in range 65 in the library.

**Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Courts**

KF1527.A22, volumes 1-11

The volume numbers in this set correspond to circuit numbers.
U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit Local Rules (effective May 1, 2010)
KF1527.A2 2010
Available online.

Norton Bankruptcy Rules
KF1510.99. R85

Online:

District of Colorado Local Rules of Bankruptcy
District of Kansas Local Rules of Bankruptcy
Eastern District of Oklahoma Local Rules of Bankruptcy
Northern District of Oklahoma Local Rules of Bankruptcy
Western District of Oklahoma Local Rules of Bankruptcy
District of New Mexico Local Rules of Bankruptcy
District of Wyoming Local Rules of Bankruptcy
District of Utah Local Rules of Bankruptcy

In Print:

West's Federal Practice Digest
Users of this digest can find cases decided in the federal courts including the bankruptcy courts. Easy access is thought the Descriptive Word Index volumes. The digest entries include head notes summarizing key holdings in the case and reference to secondary sources. Each digest edition corresponds to a range of years. The 4th edition includes notes of cases beginning from 1984. Earlier editions correspond to prior years. The digests can be found in Range 68-69 in the Denver library.
West's Bankruptcy Digest
KF1515.3.W48
The subscription for this digest has been cancelled. This digest contains head notes for the decisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, the bankruptcy decisions for the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. The digest is updated through pocket parts and supplements. The Descriptive Word Index provides easy access using bankruptcy terms. There is also a table of bankruptcy statutes and rules.

West's Bankruptcy Reporter
KF1515.A2 W47

Collier Bankruptcy Cases, Second Series
KF1515.A2 C61 1979
Bankruptcy Law Reporter
KF1520.C65 1979

Secondary Sources

Treatises

Collier on Bankruptcy
William Miller Collier (1867-1956)
by Alan N. Resnick, Henry J. Summers, Editors-in-Chief
KF1524.C66
Available in the Denver, Albuquerque, Cheyenne, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City, and Wichita libraries.

Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice
KF1524.N69
Available in the Denver library.

The New Bankruptcy Code: Cases, Developments, and Practice Insights since BAPCPA
by Sally McDonald Henry
KF1524.H42 2007
Available in the Denver library.

Principles of Bankruptcy Law
by David G. Epstein and Steve H. Nickles
Available in the Denver library.

**Norton Bankruptcy Code** William L. Norton

KF1510.99.B35

Available in the Denver, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Tulsa and Wichita libraries.

**Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Forms West Publishing Company**

KF1510.99.B38

Available in the Denver, Albuquerque, and Wichita libraries.

**Bankruptcy Reform Amendments: A Legislative History of the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, Public Law 98-353**

by Bernard D. Reams

KF1511.58.A15 1992

Available in the Denver library.


By Bernard D. Reams

KF1511.59.A15 1998

Available in the Denver library.

**Bankruptcy Court Decisions**

KF1515.A2.B34

Available in the Tulsa library.

**Collier Bankruptcy Cases**

KF1515.A2 C61 1979

Available in the Denver and Tulsa libraries.

**Bankruptcy Service, Lawyers Edition**

KF1520.B36

Available in the Denver library.

**CCH Bankruptcy Law Reporter**

KF1520.C65

Available in the Denver library.

**Collier Bankruptcy Manual, 4th Ed.**
KF1524.C62 2010
Available in the Denver, Albuquerque, Oklahoma City, and Wichita libraries.

Bankruptcy and the Supreme Court
by Kenneth L. Klee
KF1524.K54 2008
Available in the Denver, Albuquerque, Denver Appellate, Cheyenne, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City, Tulsa and Wichita libraries.

The ABCs of the UCC: Related Insolvency Law
by Frederick H. Miller
KF1526.M55 2006
Available in the Denver library.

Bankruptcy Overview: Issues, Law and Policy, 4th Ed.
by Margaret Howard
KF1524.3H64 2002
Available in the Denver library.

Bankruptcy Evidence Manual
KF1530.E87 R87
Available in the Denver.

Additional internet Sources

U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the 10th Circuit (BAP)
The website for the BAP for the 10th Circuit includes information about the BAP, forms, rules and decisions. Includes the local rules in PDF format.

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts
This website provides the information on bankruptcy and bankruptcy courts. Included are forms, rules, and information about bankruptcy in general.
U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Trustee Program
The U.S. Trustee Program website explains the trustee program and many of the issues surrounding Bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Abuse and Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) is explained on this site.

American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)
The ABI is an organization devoted to the issues of insolvency and the practitioners that work in the field. On the ABI's website is the latest bankruptcy news, links to publications, links to other sources and information on events and symposia in the insolvency field.

Bankruptcy Basics from the U.S. Courts
The U.S. Courts website provides basic information about bankruptcy and links to information by bankruptcy chapter of the U.S. Code. On each subsequent chapter page that particular type of bankruptcy is detailed with further links to forms and other information.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
The IRS website describes the tax obligations for individuals filing for bankruptcy. There is a link to Publication 908 which is the Bankruptcy Tax Guide.

The Bankruptcy Database Project at Harvard
The Bankruptcy Database Project uses open court records to compile different types of data, including the number of petitions filed and by whom.