Secondary Sources - Treatises

A legal treatise is a book providing comprehensive coverage of a topical area of law.

Most legal treatises are available both in print and online on platforms such as Lexis or Westlaw.

Finding a comprehensive, well-written treatise can be a problem for newer researchers, so the Georgetown Law Librarians have created treatise finders.

On the Library’s home page, select Research on the left-hand sidebar, then select “Treatise Finders.” Georgetown librarians have selected some of the preeminent treatises for each of these legal subjects. A few study aids, such as Nutshells, are also included. You can either click on the Disability Law link, or use the search bar to search for topics.

The Disability Law Treatise Finder would be a good starting point for identifying major treatises on laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Preeminent treatises are identified with a gold medal, while a light bulb icon signifies treatises that contain overviews of the topic, making them excellent study aids.

If you want to work with print resources, the call numbers are linked to the catalog record, so you can click to find out the location of each treatise in the library’s collection. We have also identified treatises which are available on Lexis and Westlaw.

There are over 60 treatise finders on Georgetown Law Library’s website, which makes it a great place to start researching a new area of law.

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