

# U.S. Bill of Rights Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on the U.S. Bill of Rights. The U.S. Bill of Rights is a section or addendum defining the situations in which a politically organized society will permit free, spontaneous, and individual activity, and guaranteeing that governmental powers will not be used in certain ways; especially the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. (*Black's Law Dictionary, 11<sup>th</sup> edition*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related guides: United States Constitution, Texas Constitution, Texas Bill of Rights*

## Statutes and Codes

U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights (Congress)  
<https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**The Bill of Rights: Its Impact on the American People** KF 4749 .F7

**The Bill of Rights: A Documentary History** KF 4744 S3

## CLE Materials

**Bill of Rights Course** KF 4744 .S7

- Years 2024, 2023, 2021, 2020 (*PDF only*)
- Years 2015-2007 on shelf

## Online Resources

The Bill of Rights: A Transcription (National Archives)  
<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/bill-of-rights-transcript>

U.S. Bill of Rights (Cornell Law School)  
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/billofrights>

Bill of Rights Institute  
<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/primary-sources/bill-of-rights>

U.S. Bill of Rights (U.S. History.org, owned by the Independence Hall Association in Philadelphia)  
<https://www.ushistory.org/us/18a.asp>

Bill of Rights Overview (National Constitution Center)  
<https://constitutioncenter.org/education/classroom-resources-by-topic/bill-of-rights-overview>

U.S. Bill of Rights (Library of Congress)  
<https://www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.24404400/?st=ext>

U.S. Bill of Rights (United States Courts)  
<https://www.uscourts.gov/news/2019/12/12/now-cherished-bill-rights-spent-century-obscurity>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral  
Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)**

