

U.S. Constitution Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on the U.S. Constitution. A constitution is defined as the fundamental and organic law of a country or state that establishes the institutions and apparatus of government, defines the scope of governmental sovereign powers, and guarantees individual civil rights and civil liberties; a set of basic laws and principles that a country, state, or organization is governed by. (*Black's Law Dictionary, 11th 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: Unites States Bill of Rights, Texas Constitution, Texas Bill of Rights

Statutes and Codes

U.S. Constitution (Congress)
<https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/>

Secondary Resources in Print

Constitution of the United States of America KF 4527 .J39

Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States KF 4350 .A73

Modern Constitutional Law KF 4550 .A7RS

The Constitution and The Supreme Court KF 4550 .F64

Treatise on Constitutional Law KF 4550 .R63

A Commentary on the Constitution of The United States (Schwartz) KF 4550 .S3

American Constitutional Law KF 4550 .T785

Cooley's Constitutional Limitations KF 4600 .C6

Criminal Constitutional Law KF 9812 .A9R8

The General Principles of Constitutional Law in the United States of America KF 4550 C65

1757: Drafting the U.S. Constitution KF 4510 .A135

(Section KF 4500-4600 in the Law Library covers Constitutional Law broadly)

CLE Materials

Advanced Civil Trial Course KFT 1738. A2S73

- 2023 Ch. 13 Arguing The Texas and U.S. Constitutions in Ordinary, Non-Civil-Rights Civil Cases (*PDF only*)

Online Resources

The Constitution of the United States: A Transcription (National Archives)

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript>

Constitution of the United States (United States Senate)

https://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm

U.S. Constitution (Cornell Law School)
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/index.html>
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The Constitution (The White House)
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/our-government/the-constitution/>

The United States Constitution: Preamble (United States Courts)
<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/about-educational-outreach/activity-resources/us>

U.S. Constitution and Federal Statutes (Texas State Law Library)
<https://www.sll.texas.gov/law-legislation/federal/constitution-statutes/>

Constitution Text (American Bar Association)
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/programs/constitution_day/constitution-text/

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)