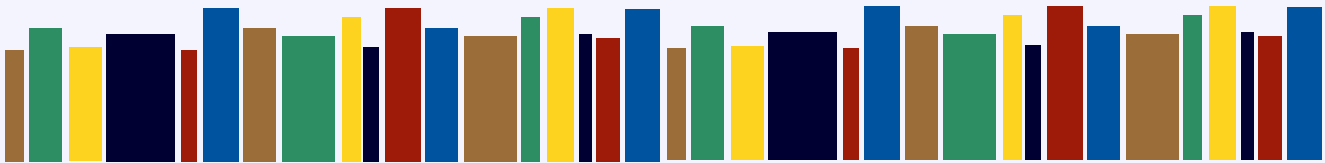




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Types of Resources

Primary sources:

- case law
- statutes
- regulations
- historical materials

Secondary sources:

- finding aids
- treatises
- law journals
- legal dictionaries
- legal encyclopedias

Fifth Circuit Libraries Open to the Public

The Fifth Circuit has nine libraries located within the circuit and a select few are open to the public. Reference librarians are available to assist patrons with locating materials in the library, accessing the online catalog and public computers, and using materials like microfiche. Reference librarians can also give basic guidance on how to use the materials within the collection. However, the librarians cannot give legal advice, interpret any laws or legal documents, or perform legal research for the public.

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New Orleans Headquarters Library

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Houston Branch Library

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