

Current Sources for Federal Court Decisions

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Level of Court	Name of Court	Print Source	Westlaw*	LexisNexis*	Internet
TRIAL	District Court (e.g., S.D. Ill.)	Federal Supplement , 1932 to date (F. Supp., F. Supp. 2d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dist. Court Cases—after 1944 •Dist. Court Cases—by circuit •Dist Court Cases—by state/territory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •US Dist. Court Cases, Combined •Dist. Court Cases—by circuit •Dist. Court Cases—by state 	U.S. Court Links (can select by type of court & location) http://www.uscourts.gov/courtlinks/
		Federal Rules Decisions , 1938 to date (F.R.D.)			
	Bankruptcy Court	Bankruptcy Reporter , 1979 to date (B.R.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bankruptcy Cases—by circuit •Bankruptcy Courts 	US Bankruptcy Court Cases	U.S. Court Links (can select by type of court & location) http://www.uscourts.gov/courtlinks/
INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE	Courts of Appeals (e.g., 7th Cir., D.C. Cir.) [formerly Circuit Courts of Appeals]	Federal Reporter , 1891 to date (F., F.2d, F.3d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •US Courts of Appeals Cases •Courts of Appeals Cases—by circuit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •US Courts of Appeals Cases, Combined •Circuit Court Cases—by circuit 	U.S. Court Links (can select by type of court & location) http://www.uscourts.gov/courtlinks/
		Federal Appendix , 2001 to date (F. App'x)	US Courts of Appeals Cases, Unreported		
HIGHEST APPELLATE	Supreme Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •United States Reports, 1790 to date (U.S.) •Supreme Court Reporter, 1882 to date (S. Ct.) •United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers' Edition, 1790 to date (L. Ed., L. Ed. 2d) 	All US Supreme Court Cases	US Supreme Court Cases, Lawyers' Edition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Supreme Court of the United States, 1991–present, http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/opinions.html •HeinOnline, vol. 1-present (subscription electronic resource)

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