

Legislature-made session law in  
Florida, organized chronologically

Legislature-made codified law in  
Florida, organized by topic

Agency-written rules, organized by  
topic/agency (codified version)

Agency-written rules and proposed rules; published every day M-F in Florida

Website containing local rules and ordinances, particularly the codified versions

Website containing official version of Florida Administrative Register and a version of the Florida Administrative Code. You can also comment on rules here.

Also called terms and connectors searching, this type of searching helps you to create more precise searches.

This type of searching mirrors the way you would ask a question of a friend or librarian and is more informal.

This type of Boolean connector helps you find connect words based on how near or far away they are from each other.

! added at the end of a partial word to allow you to look for all variations of that word. E.g. pan! = panning, panna, panic, etc.

A proposed law. Useful in legislative history research.

Quasi-legislative law, made by an agency, for the purpose of enforcing/clarifying a law.

The law as it is made by the law-making body; typically the official version that wins; organized chronologically

A snapshot of the law at a given point in time. Organized by topic/agency.

The law as organized by a committee or counsel's office; organized by topic; typically much easier to use. A snapshot.

The amount of time you should wait  
before asking for help with stalled  
research.

A way of searching that typically gives  
you the most options and the best  
possible control over your results.

A weekly publication, both online and in  
print, of Florida cases. Inexpensive.

The highest court in Florida. Cases and briefs of cases argued before the court are available here for free.

Curved fruit that helps you remember parentheses. Also high in potassium.

A method for evaluating how useful, current, and authoritative a source is.