

Dear reader,

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The chart below (↓) has links to two sets of slides (**Federal** and **State**) that tell oversimplified stories of how the law is created and published at the federal and state levels of government. We use these stories to provide students with a basic framework that we will develop into a more nuanced understanding of legal research by the end of the course.

Although created to support particular learning outcomes, we hope that you will find them of interest.

Sincerely,

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# **THERE ARE 4 SOURCES OF LAW,** **AND THERE ARE 3 LEVELS OF** **GOVERNMENT**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Constitution</b>	<b>Legislative Branch</b>	<b>Executive Branch</b>	<b>Judicial Branch</b>
<b><u>Federal</u></b>	U.S. Const.	U.S. Congress	Head is President	U.S. Courts
<b><u>State (California)</u></b>	State Const.	State Congress	Head is Governor	State Courts
Local	City Charter	City Council	Head is Mayor	Local Courts