

## **Connecticut Legal Research, 2nd Edition.**

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**Subject:** State-specific legal research: Connecticut

**Useful for:** Useful for new legal researchers who want to focus on the laws and legal resources of Connecticut.

**Format:** Chapters with index.

### **Reviewer's Comments:**

*Connecticut Legal Research* is part of a series of guides for legal researchers in individual states. The second edition of the series' Connecticut volume is completely revised from the first edition and has different authors. The authors have the goal of explaining the sources of Connecticut law and the process of conducting legal research effectively, not only in the context of Connecticut, but more generally with federal and national resources. They succeed in that goal, giving detailed information about Connecticut law and resources for research, as well as extensive discussion of the legal research process overall.

This book provides instruction for law students and other people who are new to legal research, with a focus on Connecticut laws, resources, and issues. The structure of the book is similar to that of a legal research course, starting with an overview of the United States and Connecticut legal systems and structures, primary sources of law, and secondary sources. The initial chapters go over secondary sources, statutes, legislative history, regulations and administrative decisions, and judicial opinions. Throughout the book, the authors point out where the reader can find the general and Connecticut-specific resources discussed, whether in print or electronically. They provide numerous URLs and as well as advice for how to use electronic resources. In addition, there are bibliographic lists of secondary sources at the end of certain chapters.

The last chapter is devoted to insurance law research, because the insurance industry is important in Connecticut, so this will be a major area for researchers dealing with Connecticut law.

This book will be useful for two groups of researchers: people who are learning how to conduct legal research for the first time, and people seeking specific information about

Connecticut law and resources. The clear and detailed explanations for how to find information make *Connecticut Legal Research* a very useful volume.

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