



## Library Guide to Bankruptcy Law

This guide includes sources of information for primary and secondary resources to bankruptcy law. Both print and online resources are cited. There are websites provided for online access and call numbers for library resources in print.

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### Primary Sources

#### Bankruptcy Statutes

The United States Code contains the general and permanent laws of the United States. The statutes governing bankruptcy are located in Title 11 of the U.S. Code. The library has two annotated versions of the code in print. The code can also be found online and in both Lexis and Westlaw.

#### **In Print:**

##### *United States Code (U.S.C.)*

The Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives publishes the code in print every six years.

##### *United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.)*

The U.S.C.A. is published by Thomson West. It has the text of the U.S. Code along with relevant annotations including cases and historical notes. The U.S.C.A. is updated with annotated supplemental pamphlets and annual pocket parts.

##### *United States Code Service (U.S.C.S.)*

The U.S.C.S. is published by Lexis. It contains the text of the U.S. Code plus

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annotations to court cases, agency decisions, treatises and law review articles. The U.S.C.S. is updated with annotated supplements and annual pocket parts.

**Online:**

*[U.S. Government Printing Office](#)*

The Government Printing Office's website includes general information about the code and tips to search it online. There are links to titles, chapters and sections provided. This site includes the code from 1994 to 2006 and the annual supplements.

*[U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Law Revision Counsel](#)*

The Office of the Law Revision Counsel publishes the U.S. Code. Users can search the code on this site. Parts of the code are available for download in PDF format. There is also a Popular Names Tool for searching by the popular name of an act.

*[HeinOnline](#)*

HeinOnline provides the scanned image of the U.S. Code in print from the 2006 printing back to the 1925-1926 edition. There is also a search tool that allows searching by entering the title, section and edition. Users are also able to browse the code by editions and titles. HeinOnline is accessible to court employees from the circuit library [home page](#).

*[Cornell Legal Information Institute \(LII\)](#)*

On the LII website users can find U.S. Code parts by entering titles and section numbers or by browsing by title. Users can also search the code by title. On each results page there is a link with information regarding the currency of the code as provided.

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**Bankruptcy Rules**

**In Print:**

*Federal Rules of Bankruptcy*  
KF1510.99.B26

*United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.)*

The Bankruptcy rules are located in volumes following Title 11 in the U.S.C.A. set.

*United States Code Service (U.S.C.S.)*

All of the court rules are located in volumes following Title 50 in the UCSC.

*Local Rules of Bankruptcy*

KF1527.A22, volumes 1-11

Volume numbers correspond to circuit numbers.

*U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit Local Rules (effective May 1, 2010)*

Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

KF1527.A2 2010

*Norton Bankruptcy Rules*

Thomsen West

KF1510.99 .R85

**Online:**

[\*Local Rules of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Courts\*](#)

The U.S. Courts website includes an alphabetical list by state of bankruptcy courts with links to each district court's website.

[\*Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure\*](#)

Cornell University Law School Legal Information Institute (L.I.I.)

**Links to local rules online for the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts within the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit:**

[\*District of Colorado Local Rules of Bankruptcy\*](#)

[\*District of Kansas Local Rules of Bankruptcy\*](#)

[\*District of Oklahoma Local Rules of Bankruptcy\*](#)

[\*Eastern District of Oklahoma\*](#)

[\*Western District of Oklahoma\*](#)

[\*Northern District of Oklahoma\*](#)

[\*District of New Mexico Local Rules of Bankruptcy\*](#)

[\*District of Wyoming Local Rules of Bankruptcy\*](#)

[\*District of Utah Local Rules of Bankruptcy\*](#)

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## **Bankruptcy Regulations**

### **In Print:**

Bankruptcy regulations are published in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.). The Federal Register is published daily and includes rules, proposed rules, notices of federal agencies and departments, executive orders and other executive documents. The C.F.R. is the permanent collection of the federal regulations that have been published in the Federal Register by federal executive departments and agencies. The Federal Register and the C.F.R. are both available in print in the circuit libraries.

### **Online:**

*The Government Printing Office (GPO)*

The GPO has the [Federal Register](#) online from 1994-2010. It also has the [CFR](#) online from 1996 to the current year.

*The e-CFR*

The GPO provides daily electronic updates to the CFR online.

*HeinOnline*

Available only to court employees, HeinOnline provides access to both the Federal Register and the C.F.R. HeinOnline is accessible from the circuit court library's home page. It has the Federal Register back from 1936 to 2010 and the C.F.R. from 1958 to 2009. It also provides access to the List of Sections Affected or (LISA). From the [circuit library's home page](#). Click on the HeinOnline link on the left side of the page.

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## **Bankruptcy Cases**

### **In Print:**

*West's Federal Practice Digest*

Users of this digest can find cases decided in the federal courts including the bankruptcy courts. Easy access is through the Descriptive Word Index volumes. The digest entries include head notes summarizing key holdings in the case and reference to secondary sources. Each digest edition corresponds to a range of years. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition includes notes of cases from 1984. Earlier editions correspond to prior years. The digests can be found in Range 68-69 in the Denver library.

*West's Bankruptcy Digest*

KF1515.3.W48

This digest contains head notes for the decisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, the bankruptcy decisions for the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. The digest is updated through pocket parts and supplements. The Descriptive Word Index provides easy access using bankruptcy terms. There is also a table of bankruptcy statutes and rules.

*West's Bankruptcy Reporter*

KF1515.A2 E47

*Collier Bankruptcy Cases, Second Series*

KF1515.A.2 C61 1979

*Bankruptcy Law Reporter*

KF1520.C65 1979

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**Secondary Sources**

*Collier on Bankruptcy*

William Miller Collier (1867-1956)

Alan N. Resnick, Henry J. Sommer, Editors-in-Chief

KF1524.C66

*Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*

KF1524.N69

Norton is also available on Westlaw for users with Westlaw passwords.

*The New Bankruptcy Code: Cases, Developments, and Practice Insights since BAPCPA*

By Sally McDonald Henry

KF1524 .H42 2007

*The Portable Bankruptcy Code and Rules*

By Sally McDonald Henry

KF1511.99 .P67 2006

*Principles of Bankruptcy Law*  
David G. Epstein and Steve H. Nickles  
KF1524.3 .E67 2007

*Bankruptcy*  
David G. Epstein, Steve H. Nickles and James J. White  
KF1524 .E64 1993

*Bankruptcy Law and Practice*  
Daniel Cowans.  
KF1524 .C64[4]

*Norton Bankruptcy Code*  
William L. Norton  
KF1510.99.B35 2009-2010

*The Portable Bankruptcy Code and Rules, 2007*  
Sally M. Henry  
KF1510.99 .P67 2007

*Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Forms*  
West Publishing Company  
KF1510.99.B38 2010

*Bankruptcy Reform Amendments: A Legislative History of the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, Public Law 98-353*  
Bernard D. Reams  
KF1511.58 .A15 1992

*Federal Bankruptcy Law: A Legislative History of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, Public Law No. 103-394, 108 Stat. 4106, including the National Bankruptcy Commission Act and other Bankruptcy Code Amendments (1987-1993)*  
Bernard D. Reams  
KF1511.59 .A15 1998

*Bankruptcy Court Decisions*  
KF1515.A2.B34

*Collier Bankruptcy Cases*  
KF1515.A2 C61 1979

*Bankruptcy Service, Lawyers Edition*  
KF1520.B36

*CCH Bankruptcy Law Reporter*  
KF1520.C65

*Bankruptcy Forms Manual*  
KF1521.U55

*Collier Bankruptcy Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*  
KF1524.C62 1997

*Bankruptcy*  
Epstein, Nickles and White  
KF1524.E64 1993

*Bankruptcy and the Supreme Court*  
Kenneth L. Klee  
KF1524.K54 2008

*Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser*  
KF1524.N71

*Environmental Obligations in Bankruptcy*  
Kathryn R. Heidt  
KF1526.H44

*The ABCs of the UCC: Related Insolvency Law*  
Frederick H. Miller  
KF1526.M55 2006

*Bankruptcy Overview: Issues, Law and Policy, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.*  
Margaret Howard  
KF1524.3.H64 2002

*Principles of Bankruptcy*  
David G. Epstein  
KF1524.3.E67 2007

*Fundamentals of Bankruptcy*  
David L. Buchbinder  
KF1524.3.B79 1991

*The New Bankruptcy Code. Cases, Development and Practice Insights Since BAPCPA*  
Sally M. Henry  
KF1524.H42 2007

*A Guide to the Judicial Management of Bankruptcy Mega-Cases, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*  
Federal Judicial Center  
KF1527.G52 2009

*Judicial Management of Mass Tort Bankruptcy Cases*  
Federal Judicial Center  
KF1527.G54 2005

*Alternative Structures for Bankruptcy Appeals*  
Federal Judicial Center  
KF1527.M25 2000

*Bankruptcy Evidence Manual*  
KF1530.E87 2009-2010

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### **Additional Internet Sources**

#### [U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit \(BAP\)](#)

The website for the BAP for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit includes information about the BAP, forms, rules and decisions. Includes the local rules in PDF format.

#### [U.S. Bankruptcy Courts](#)

This website provides information on bankruptcy and the bankruptcy courts. Included are forms, rules and information about bankruptcy in general.

#### [U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Trustee Program](#)

The U.S. Trustee Program website explains the trustee program and many of the issues surrounding bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Abuse and Prevention and Consumer Protection Act ([BAPCPA](#)) is explained on the U.S. Trustee's site.

#### [American Bankruptcy Institute \(ABI\)](#)

The ABI is an organization devoted to the issues of insolvency and the practitioners that work in the field. On the ABI's website is the latest bankruptcy news, links to

publications, links to other sources and information on events and symposia in the insolvency field.

#### *Bankruptcy Basics from the U.S. Courts*

The U.S. Courts website provides basic information about bankruptcy and links to information by bankruptcy chapter of the U.S. Code. On each subsequent chapter page that particular type of bankruptcy is detailed with further links to forms and other information.

#### *Internal Revenue Service (IRS)*

The IRS website describes the tax obligations for individuals filing for bankruptcy. There is a link to [Publication 908](#) which is the Bankruptcy Tax Guide.

#### *The Bankruptcy Database Project at Harvard*

The Bankruptcy Database Project uses open court records to compile different types of data, including the number of petitions filed and by whom.

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### **Keeping Current**

The library has a few ways that can be used to keep up with developing issues in the insolvency area and bankruptcy. There are presently two email subscription services that the library has created. They are listed below.

#### *Bankruptcy in the News*

This service provides bankruptcy news, including items from major newspapers and blog postings on current national bankruptcy issues.

#### *Bankruptcy in the News (limited to the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit)*

This services provides bankruptcy news items from the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

To receive email updates from the above 2 services please send an email stating your interest in to the library email box at:

[Library@ca10.uscourts.gov](mailto:Library@ca10.uscourts.gov)

#### *Westlaw Westclip*

Westclips can be set up to be alerted to new legislation, Bankruptcy news, and developments. After signing on to Westlaw click on the “Alert Center” link to create a Westclip. Please call the library if instructions are needed.

### *LexisNexis Alerts*

Alerts can be set up on LexisNexis to keep up to date on developments in bankruptcy law, news and legislation. To set up an alert first run a search, then click on the “Save as Alert” button located on the results page.

### *LexisNexis Practice Centers*

Also available on LexisNexis is the Practice Center for bankruptcy. To find the bankruptcy practice center first click on the “Transactional Advisor” tab on the main LexisNexis research page. On the Practice Center page please select Bankruptcy from the list. The resulting page will allow the user to keep up to date on current and emerging issues in bankruptcy as well as a number of other tasks associated with handling a bankruptcy case.

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### **Popular Bankruptcy Blogs**

[Wall Street Journal Blogs: Bankruptcy Beat](#)

[Bankruptcy Law Network](#)

[Bankruptcy Case Blog](#)

[Credit Slips](#)

[In the Red: The Business Bankruptcy Blog](#)

[The Bankruptcy Litigation Blog](#)

[The Bankruptcy Lawyer’s Blog](#)

[Nolo’s Bankruptcy and Foreclosure Blog](#)



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