

Start with State or Federal or Both?

For a quick start, this is a rough guide to “where to look first” for legal information. Answers to specific or complex legal questions might be found in unlikely places, even if there’s no checkmark below. If both “State” and “Federal” are checked, librarians should consider making patrons aware of *both* state and federal resources from the start, unless details from the reference interview rule out one or the other.

	State	Federal
Bankruptcy Law		✓
Business Law	✓	
Children’s Law	✓	
Consumer Law	✓	✓
Copyright Law for Librarians		✓
Criminal Law	✓	
Education Law	✓	✓
Employment & Labor Law	✓	✓
Family Law	✓	
Immigration Law		✓
Landlord & Tenant Law	✓	
Legal Research & Citation	✓	✓
Neighbor Law	✓	
Personal Injury Law	✓	
Property Law	✓	
Traffic Law & Automobile Insurance	✓	
Trial Preparation & Appeals	✓	✓
Veterans’ Resources		✓
Wills, Trusts, Estates, & Elder Law	✓	
Workers Compensation Law	✓	

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