Find and Update Federal Statutes Using Westlaw

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Find a Federal Statute by Citation on Westlaw

- When you are researching you may come across a statute in a journal, case law, or a secondary source.
- Remember, Federal Statute Code is divided into Titles and each Title addresses a different subject area. Each Title is subdivided into sections. Each section is further subdivided into subsections.
- A Federal Statute Code section is usually cited using the Title, Section number in parentheses.
- Westlaw has a U.S.C. an annotated version of the U.S.C., but the title, chapter, and section are the same.
- Enter the citation into "Find by Citation" box
Find a Federal Statute by Topic on Westlaw

- Westlaw provides a detailed subject index for the U.S.C.A.
- From the Law School tab scroll down to Statutes and click on "Statutes Index."
- This will bring you to the subject index for the U.S.C.A.

Browse terms alphabetically or search for terms.
Find a Federal Statute using the TOC on Westlaw

If you know which Title you need and just want to browse the Table of Contents of the U.S.C.A., from the Law School Lab, scroll down to Statutes and click on "Table of Contents."

Updating the Federal Code Using Westlaw

- The easiest way to update a specific code section is to use Keycite.
- Keycite will indicate if there is any proposed legislation that affects the code section you are researching.
- Also use Keycite to determine if any case law affects the code section you are researching.