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This presentation will show you how to find and update federal statutes using WestlawNext.

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When you are researching you may come across a citation providing a case, law, or a secondary source.

Remember that the United States Code is divided into 51 titles and each title addresses a different subject area. Each title is subdivided into chapters, each chapter is further subdivided into sections.

A United States Code section is usually cited using the Title, section number, and year:


Westlaw has the U.S.C.A. an annotated version of the U.S.C., but the title, chapter, and section are the same.

Enter the citation in the search box and click "SEARCH".
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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.

Use KeyCite to determine if any case law affects the code section you are researching.