FEDERAL REGULATION RESEARCH

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STEP 1
Find relevant title & section of CFR.

NOTE: You may need to use the cumulative index published monthly in the Federal Register if CFR Index is not up to date.

Index Vol.

CFR cite in anno. code

Some CFR titles correspond with U.S. Code titles.

STEP 2
Find reg. in current CFR title.

STEP 3
Check LSA’s from date of the CFR.

Check the date on the front cover of the particular CFR volume.

Each LSA is published monthly.

STEP 4
Check latest issue of Federal Register CFR parts affected.

May need to check previous month.

STEP 5
Consult Federal Register Daily for CFR parts affected.

KEYCITE - Does indicate changes.

STEP 6
Shepardize CFR title and section.

NOTE: Shepardizing will help you find federal and state court decisions, law review articles, & ALR articles that cite a CFR title and section. IT DOES NOT INDICATE CHANGES TO REGS BY NEW REGS.

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FEDERAL REGULATION HISTORY

STEP 1
Use regulation in the CFR.

STEP 2
Find Federal Register Citations at each end of each CFR code section or part.

STEP 3
Look at each citation and find it in the Federal Register.

NOTE: Regent Law Library has the Federal Register in paper from 1991 to present. For older issues use HeinOnline or microfiche/film.

Start from the first citation given and track changes up to the current language.

With each final rule there should be a preamble that explains the changes. Read the preamble for each rule.

WARNING: A preamble may explain many regs at once.

STEP 4
Find the legislative authority for the regulation at the beginning of the final rule.

WARNING: The original code section may have changed over time.

STEP 5
Look up the legislative authority in the U.S. Code.

STEP 6
Use the Federal Register annual index to find notices and proposed rules for each final rule.

TIP: To find notices and proposed rules for a final rule in 1998 for example, use the 1998 Federal Register annual index. WARNING – You may need to use the previous year’s annual index depending on when a rule was proposed or notice given.