Research Guide:  
PA Constitutional Law

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Primary Sources

Constitution of Pennsylvania of 1968

*Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes*, Harrisburg: PA Legislative Reference Bureau, 1975-.

The looseleaf service has the official, unannotated version of the current Pennsylvania Constitution.

*Purdon’s Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated*, West Pub. Co., 1930-.

There are three volumes for the Constitution in an annotated format similar to U.S.C.A.


Contains the five versions of the Pennsylvania Constitution (1776, 1790, 1838, 1874, and 1968).

For the text of all constitutions, conventions, and other primary sources, see below, Pennsylvania Constitution Web Site.

Bibliography

There is no single bibliography of Pennsylvania constitutional law, though there is a bibliography in the back of Friesen’s *State Constitutional Law* and Gormley et al., *The Pennsylvania Constitution*.

Extensive bibliographies can be found in the decennial bibliographies published in *Rutgers Law Journal*:


Encyclopedias


Vols. 10 and 11 contain the topic, Constitutional Law Vols. 10-11.

Treatises

Treatises (Continued)

Constitutional Law Conclave. PBI, 1997-. KFP400 C66
Though cataloged with Pennsylvania, many of the contents deals with federal constitutional law.


Available online at: http://library.law.duq.edu/record=b176664~S3


Web Sites

Pennsylvania Constitution Web Site, at http://www.duq.edu/law/pa-constitution/
Prof. Bruce Ledewitz and Dr. Joel Fishman, Co-Editors. This comprehensive site contains all versions of the Pennsylvania constitutions along with their constitutional convention materials, new cases, newspaper accounts, bibliography, treatises, attorneys-general opinions, and legislative histories.

LEXISNEXIS

Pennsylvania Constitution (PACNST)
Pennsylvania Statutes, Annotated by Lexis (Code)
Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia (PLE)

WESTLAW

The General Assembly Web Site, provides a link to the unannotated Purdon’s Pennsylvania Statutes. The Constitution is located at the end of the statutory titles.

Pennsylvania Statutes Unannotated (PA-ST)
Pennsylvania Legislative Service (PA-LEGIS)
Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated (PA-ST-ANN)