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## REAL ESTATE LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE (FIN344, 410)

### INTRODUCTION

Real estate law is concerned with all aspects of buying, selling, and renting real estate, including brokerage, appraisal, real estate consulting, and management. Legal Aspects of Real Estate (FIN 344) course of Department of Finance, Economics and Accounting provides legal aspects related to estate in land, purchase and sales contracts, conveyances, mortgages and trust deed transactions, property taxes, landlord and tenant, wills and inheritance. Most print sources (such as books, periodicals) related to Real Estate Law are located on 10<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> floor in Houston Cole Library. Electronic sources (such as databases) can be accessed via computer stations on each floor.

### PRINT SOURCES

Books are important sources of basic information on a topic, providing necessary definitions, background information, and historical information. Books provide a foundation for research which can be supplemented by more current information from periodical articles. Books may also contain useful bibliographies which may lead to additional sources of research. When looking for books, consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings to select the proper term(s) to use as subjects under "Find Books (Library Catalog <http://library.jsu.edu/>)." The following table shows real estate law in the Library of Congress System:

KF560-720	Property, Real and Personal	KF746-750	Estate Planning
KF812-959	Contracts	KF966-1032	Banks and Banking
KF1039-1040	Consumer Credit	KF1355-1480	Business Law and Associations
KF1601	Consumer Protection	KF5691-5710	Land-use Planning (Housing and Zoning)
KF6571-6594	Estate and Gift Taxation	KF8810	Forms
KFA	Alabama Law		

Other subject headings can be: Estate planning United States, Estates (Law), Insurance, Tax planning, Trusts and trustees and etc. Some related books are:  
Real Estate Settlement Procedure Act of 1974 (RESPA) (12 U.S.A.C. §2601 et seq., Call Number: REF KF 62 1927 W25).  
26 C.F.R (*Code of Federal Regulations*, Call Number: KF 70.A3)

JSU students can also use ALLIES (Alabama Libraries Exchange Services, <http://library.jsu.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=dbPage>) to borrow circulating books from UAB Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, either on-site with the student ID or by requesting the items through the library catalog.

### ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Current print issues of periodicals to which the Library subscribes can be found at the Current Periodical Section on 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Older print issues of magazines and journals, usually bound into complete years or volume numbers, are located in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor Bound Periodical Section. You can also use Library subscribed electronic databases (<http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/>) to identify

articles on particular topics in magazines, journals, and newspapers. The following are commonly used databases for real estate law:

Database Title	Description	Full Text?
Academic Search Elite	Journal articles in all subject areas.	Yes
Business Source Premier	Journal articles in business, management, economics, finance, banking, and accounting.	Yes
CQ Researcher	Social sciences, economics, and political science.	Yes
Expanded Academic ASAP	Scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers	Yes
Business Full Text	Journal articles in business.	Yes
LegalTrac	Articles in all major law reviews, law journals, specialty law and bar association journals and legal newspapers.	Yes
ProQuest Databases	U.S. and international news sources.	Yes
Campus Research (Westlaw)	Federal and state statutes, administrative codes, cases, encyclopedias, law reviews	Yes
CCH Tax Research Network	Tax, accounting, federal, state, international and financial content.	Yes
Emerald Fulltext	Journal articles related to management issues in a variety of subject areas.	Yes
Omini File	Full text articles, page images, article abstracts, and citations from over 4,000 journals.	Yes

## OTHER SOURCES

Estate Planning: An Overview ([http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/estate\\_planning.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/estate_planning.html)): An overview on estate planning with links to laws, regulations, and cases.

US. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (<http://www.hud.gov/>): HUD News, and information on homes, communities, with resources and tools.

Survey of Real Estate Trends (<http://www.fdic.gov/bank/analytical/survey/>) & FDIC Real Estate Retrieval System (<http://www4.fdic.gov/DRRORE/>): Survey statistics and properties retrieving from Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

FreeAdvice (<http://real-estate-law.freeadvice.com>): Helps the public to understand their legal rights.

Real Estate Law, IRED (<http://www.ired.com/law/library.htm>): Resources for U.S. Reality, International Reality, Agents, and consumer service.

Internet Law Library: Land use, zoning, real property, and historical preservation law (<http://www.lawguru.com/ilawlib/106.htm>): Was originally provided to the public courtesy of the United States House of Representatives Law Revision Counsel Office. Part of the Counsel's mission is to make the law (particularly the U.S. Code) available to the public.

ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (<http://www.abanet.org/rppt/home.html>): General information on section activities, committees, events and publications.

National Landlord Tenant Guide (<http://rentlaw.com/>): Information for landlords, tenants and investors.

Real Estate Forms (<http://kaktus.com/>): Provides access to most Legal Forms needed by landlords, tenants and property owners. We hope your search is over.