

Preface

The Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Committee on Public Access to Legal Information (PALI) presents the sixth edition of *Locating of Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians*.

Several substantive changes characterize the latest edition, which the Committee completed in August 2018. The Committee removed most of the subject-specific secondary source suggestions from [Chapter 6: Bibliography of California Resources](#) under the premise that most public libraries are unlikely to carry them. In place of those suggestions, the Committee substituted basic information about commonly used California secondary sources and ways to access them. Similarly, the guide no longer has a section on maintaining a print legal collection (formerly in Chapter 11: *Legal Collections*) under the theory that the average public library is more likely to rely on online legal resources rather than provide a print collection of legal titles.

Chapter 8: *Bibliography of Federal Law Resources* has been replaced with a chapter called *Citators*, with the goal of informing readers about an essential legal research tool that should be part of every serious legal research plan.

The Appendix on California county law libraries has been streamlined and now primarily consists of a list of the libraries and links to their Web sites. The Appendix on California law schools, which formerly listed each school's contact information, now links to the identical information provided online by The State Bar of California.

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The Committee offers this edition of *Locating the Law* in the hopes that it will provide guidance to librarians who serve patrons seeking legal information and bring legal researchers closer to the information they need.

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