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# 6 The U.S. Supreme Court



Article III, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution provides that the “judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court.” Created in accordance with this provision and by authority of the Judiciary Act of 1789 (1 Stat. 73), the Supreme Court convened for the first time on Feb. 2, 1790. The Court, which holds a continuous annual term commencing on the first Monday in October (28 U.S.C. §2), consists of the Chief Justice and eight associate Justices.

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### **SUBJECT HEADINGS**

The law library has an extensive collection of primary and secondary sources on the U.S. Supreme Court. The following subject headings can be used to search the online catalog for materials on the Court and biographies of individual justices.

- United States. Supreme Court
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### **BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

Supreme Court of the United States: A Bibliography (KF 8741 A1R88)

Bibliographic citations to articles, audio-visual materials, books, manuscripts and Web sites on the Supreme Court. Includes chapters on the history of the Court, the judicial process and the separation of powers, and author, subject and title indexes.

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### **ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

Encyclopedia of Supreme Court Quotations (KF 8742 A35E53)

Contains 1,500 quotes from more than 1,000 Supreme Court decisions. Typically arranged, each entry includes the quote, name of the case, primary citation and type of decision (concurring, dissenting or opinion for the Court).

The Supreme Court A to Z: A Ready Reference Encyclopedia (KF 8742 A35S8)

Covers the history, powers and operations of the Supreme Court. Includes brief biographical sketches, important legal decisions, a series of essays that give overviews of constitutional issues, a selected bibliography and a detailed index.

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### **GUIDES**

Congressional Quarterly’s Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court (KF 8742 W56)

Comprehensive reference work on every aspect of the Supreme Court, including the origins and the development of the Court, the Court and the federal system and the Court and the individual. Includes biographical sketches, detailed case and subject indexes and a selected bibliography.

How to Research the Supreme Court (KF 8741 A1M36)

Introduction to the basic research resources on the Supreme Court. Covers primary and secondary sources and the tools used to locate them. Includes almanacs, bibliographies, biographical directories, databases, dictionaries, indexes and newspapers.

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### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

LexisNexis / Westlaw

Subscription-based databases include briefs, court rules, decisions back to 1790, petitions and transcripts of oral arguments.

SCOTUSblog

[www.goldsteinhowe.com/blog/](http://www.goldsteinhowe.com/blog/)

Blog prepared by a Washington, D.C., law firm

specializing in litigation before the Supreme Court.

#### Supreme Court Historical Society

[www.supremecourthistory.org/](http://www.supremecourthistory.org/)

The Supreme Court Historical Society is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the collection and preservation of the history of the Court. Its Web site includes a historical timeline of the Court, a description of how the Court works, biographies of individual justices and links to society publications.

#### Supreme Court of the United States

[www.supremecourtus.gov/](http://www.supremecourtus.gov/)

Official Web site of the U.S. Supreme Court. Includes a brief overview of the Court, casehandling guides, court rules, slip opinions, the full text of Supreme Court opinions of bound volumes 502 *et seq.* and transcripts of oral arguments.

#### U.S. Supreme Court

[www.law.duke.edu/lib/ResearchGuides/supremeCt/supCt.pdf](http://www.law.duke.edu/lib/ResearchGuides/supremeCt/supCt.pdf)

Detailed guide to electronic and print resources used to research the Court. Describes sources and coverage of briefs, Court rules, docket information, opinions, oral arguments, orders and secondary sources.

#### Web Guide to U.S. Supreme Court Research

[www.llrx.com/features/supremectwebguide.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/supremectwebguide.htm)

Annotated links to Web sites.

### **PERIODICALS**

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#### Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases (KF 4547.8 P7)

In-depth analysis of cases pending before the Supreme Court.

#### Supreme Court Review (KF 4546 S9)

Annual book of articles analyzing Supreme Court decisions.

### **PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

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#### Supreme Court Practice: for Practice in the Supreme Court of the United States

(KF 9057 S74)

Authoritative guide on practice and procedure before the Court. Includes casehandling guides, recommendations for drafting briefs and certiorari petitions and techniques for presenting effective oral arguments.

### **RECORDS AND BRIEFS**

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#### U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs

Records and briefs allow in-depth study of the facts of a case and document the arguments advanced by each party to a case. The law library has records and briefs on microfilm (1832-1899) and microfiche (1900 - present) in the AV Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor.

### **REPORTERS**

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#### United States Law Week (KF 101 A15U5)

Includes summaries of cases pending before the Court and the full text of recent decisions.

#### United States Reports (KF 101 A2)

Official reports of the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### United States Supreme Court Report: Lawyers' Edition (KF 101 A3)

Includes annotations, headnotes, memorandum cases, summaries of briefs, a table of cases and the full text of opinions and orders.

#### West's Supreme Court Reporter (KF 101 A32)

Includes headnotes, a key number digest, memorandum decisions, a table of cases and the full text of Court opinions.

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