

Litigation Resources on Practical Law

Below is a list of essential Practical Law resources to help clinical students and young associates get up to speed on the basics of litigation procedure in federal court. Our Toolkits include resources such as:

- **Practice Notes**, which are plain-English, how-to guides.
- **Standard Documents**, which are sample templates of pleadings, motions, and other documents that may need to be served or filed in a case.
- **Checklists and Flowcharts**, which provide a quick overview of required steps for various procedures.

COMMENCING A FEDERAL LAWSUIT TOOLKIT

This Toolkit has resources that explain issues to consider before bringing a suit, how to draft a complaint and other case-initiating documents, how to file a complaint with the court, and when and how to serve process on domestic and international defendants. Examples of these resources include:

- [Initial Stages of Federal Litigation: Overview](#)
- [Pre-Suit Notice Letter](#)
- [Complaint \(Federal\)](#)
- [Commencing a Federal Lawsuit: Filing and Serving the Complaint Checklist](#)

RESPONDING TO A COMPLAINT TOOLKIT

This Toolkit has a variety of resources on when and how to respond to a complaint in federal court, including resources on responsive pleadings and motions to dismiss, such as:

- [Computing and Extending Time in Federal Litigation](#)
- [Motion to Dismiss: Overview](#)
- [Answer and Counterclaims \(Federal\)](#)
- [Initial Pleadings and Motions Flowchart](#)

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND WORK PRODUCT DOCTRINE TOOLKIT

This Toolkit has resources to help understand and navigate the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine in federal litigation, such as:

- [Attorney-Client Privilege: Ensuring Confidentiality](#)
- [Work Product Doctrine: Basic Principles](#)
- [Privilege Log](#)
- [Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Doctrine Comparison Chart](#)

DISCOVERY RESOURCES

Practical Law has extensive resources on discovery in federal court. These resources address a range of topics, including preparing, serving, and responding to written discovery, taking and defending depositions, and reviewing, processing, and producing electronically stored information (ESI). Many of these resources are collected in the following:

- [Document Requests and Subpoenas in Federal Court Toolkit](#)

- [E-Discovery Toolkit](#)
- [Deposition Toolkit](#)
- [Requests for Admission in Federal Court Toolkit](#)
- [Interrogatories in Federal Court Toolkit](#)

[FEDERAL TRIAL TOOLKIT](#)

This Toolkit has resources on the nuts and bolts of preparing for and litigating a federal trial, such as:

- [Evidence in Federal Court: Basic Principles](#)
- [Jury Selection in Federal Court](#)
- [Motion in Limine: Motion or Notice of Motion \(Federal\)](#)

[APPELLATE RESOURCES](#)

Practical Law has appellate resources specific to various federal circuit courts of appeal, as well as general appellate resources, such as:

- [Appellate Oral Argument Outline](#)
- [Amicus Briefs: What Are They and When Should a Company File One?](#)
- [Issue Preservation Checklist](#)

[STATE-SPECIFIC RESOURCES](#)

Practical Law has hundreds of state resources online, and is continually growing its jurisdiction-specific content. These resources are available through the Jurisdictions tab on Practical Law Litigation's [landing page](#).

Practical Law's [State Q&A Comparison Tool](#) also allows a quick and easy comparison of state laws on a variety of topics, such as Litigation Overview (which covers each state's court structure, procedural rules, and the attorney admissions process) and Statutes of Limitation.

[OTHER HELPFUL TOOLS](#)

In addition to core resources, Practical Law has a variety of useful tools for students and newer attorneys, such as:

- [Court Filing Checklists](#), which set out the requirements for filing documents in specific federal appellate and district courts.
- [Brief Bank](#), which is a searchable database of summaries and examples of recently filed federal court documents that reflect the formatting and content requirements of various courts.

[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION](#)

If you are interested in learning more about how Practical Law can help your students get the necessary know-how, please reach out to your Academic Account Manager and find Practical Law resources on www.lawschool.westlaw.com.