

QUICK GUIDE TO USING ALR'S (AMERICAN LAW REPORTS)

Step 1 -- INDEX

Start your descriptive word search in the *Index to Annotations* (for 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th, and Fed series) or the Quick Index for A.L.R. (first series). Once you find an Annotation cite(s) to your topic, proceed to step 2.

Step 2 -- UPDATING YOUR ANNOTATION(S)

Check the Annotation History Table (in the Tables Volume of the *Index to Annotations*) to see if your Annotation cite(s) has been superseded or supplemented. If **superseded**, ignore the original Annotation, note the cite to the superseding Annotation(s), and proceed to step 3. If your Annotation **does not** appear in the Annotation History Table, it may still be current; proceed to step 3.

Step 3 -- CHECKING FOR LATER CASES TO YOUR ANNOTATION(S)

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- 1) A.L.R. (first series) -- cases keep current with **A.L.R. Blue Book of Supplemental Decisions**. The Blue Book consists of 6 non-cumulative volumes with an annual paper volume. **Each** volume must be checked.
- 2) A.L.R. 2d -- cases keep current with the 27 volume *Later Case Service*. Always consult the Case Service after reading an original A.L.R. 2d Annotation. Updated with annual pocket parts.
- 3) A.L.R. 3d, 4th, 5th and Federal -- keep current with pocket parts in each individual volume.

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- Begin your search for an Annotation in the more modern series first and work backwards.
- When you do find a cite to an Annotation, **always do a quick update search first** to avoid reading an Annotation that is superseded.

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