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CHAPTER 5. Law Services

- 5-1 LAW COLLECTION. The law collection consists of Federal and State statutory and administrative materials, court reporters, digests, looseleaf services, treatises, law reviews, and important secondary sources and finding aids. The Library maintains complete sets of the National Reporter System, all State codes, the United States Code and United States Code Annotated, the Federal Register, and the current Code of Federal Regulations. These are supported with the appropriate finding tools, indexes, digests, and Shepard's citators. The Congressional Record from 1873 to date is available (in microfiche format from 1873 to 1933, and in hard copy thereafter). In addition, selected Congressional documents are available in hard copy from 1969 and in microfiche format from 1979 to date.
- 5-2 LAW FINDER. The Law Finder lists major law sets, legislative histories, and legal periodicals in the Library's collection. It includes the location of materials in the stacks. The Law Finder may be consulted in the Headquarters Library.
- 5-3 LAW REFERENCE ASSISTANCE. Reference and research assistance is provided to HUD attorneys, to other Headquarters staff, and to Field Office personnel. Such assistance may include locating or verifying legal citations, legislative histories, the text of court decisions, and the status of current or older legislation, or assisting patrons in the use of the Library's legal tools and finding aids.
- 5-4 COMPUTER-ASSISTED LEGAL RESEARCH. Full-text, computer-assisted legal research systems are available in the Library where librarians can perform online searches of these and other bibliographic and textual databases for official use. (See paragraph 2-3).