

# About the Companion Website, Other Search Options

## *The Companion Website*

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**Use of the companion websites with Internet Explorer requires Adobe Reader 7.0 or later or Adobe Acrobat 7.0 or later. Users of other browsers, or those experiencing problems with the websites, should download the latest version of the free Adobe Reader from Adobe's website at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).** A link to Adobe's site is provided on the NCLC companion website login page.

## Locating Documents on the Companion Website

The companion website provides three options to locate documents.

**1. The search page** (the home page) offers keyword searches to find documents—either full-text searches of all documents on the website or of only the documents' titles.

- Narrow the search to documents of a certain type (such as federal statutes or pleadings) by making a selection from the "Document Type" menu, and then perform a full text or document title search.
- If unsure of a keyword's spelling, type the first few letters and click "See choices."
- To locate a specific appendix section, select the appendix section number (e.g., A.2.3) or a partial identifier (e.g., A) in the search page's "Appendix" drop-down fields.
- Click Search Hints for a quick reference to special search operators, wildcards, shortcuts, and complex searches. Read this closely, as syntax and search operators may be slightly different from those of other websites.

**2. The contents page** (click on the “Contents” tab at the top of the page) is a traditional “branching” table of contents. Click a branch to expand it into a list of sub-branches or documents. Each document appears once on this contents tree.

**3. The pleading finder page** (click on the “Pleading Finder” tab at the top of the page, *if available*) allows pleadings to be located using one or more menus, such as “Type of Pleading” or “Subject.” **Select more than one item from a menu, or deselect items, by holding the Ctrl key while clicking.** For example, make one selection from “Type of Pleading—General,” one from “Subject,” and three from “Legal Claims” to locate all pleadings of that type and subject that contain one or more of the three legal claims selected. If this search produces insufficient results, simply broaden the search by deselecting “Subject” and/or “Legal Claims” to find pleadings of that type in any subject area or based upon any legal claim. This page also includes optional fields to specify terms to be found in the documents’ text or titles, to further narrow search results.

**Additional software, related websites, and other information** can be located by clicking on links found at the left hand toolbar or on the “Search” page. These links bring you to credit math software, search tips, other websites, tables of contents and indices of all NCLC publications, and other practice aids. Some companion websites have “Software” or “Links” tabs at the top of the page, where this material may also be found.

### Finding Word Versions of Website Documents

All documents on the website are in PDF format, and can be copied and pasted into a word processor. Pleadings and certain other documents also are available in Word format, facilitating the opening of entire documents in a word processor. After opening the selected PDF file, click at the top of the page on “Word Version, if available.” If a Word version is listed as available, click “DOC Download Document” to save the Word file to your computer.

### Documents Found on the Website

The companion website to *Consumer Arbitration Agreements* includes the Federal Arbitration Act and other federal and state statutes, plus many sample arbitration agreements, briefs, and other pleadings from the Public Justice Foundation. Numerous documents relating to AAA, NAF, and JAMS are also available on the site, including rules and procedures, tax returns, affidavits, depositions regarding business practices, and over 30 exhibits in a case regarding arbitration’s consumer impact.

### Locating Topics in This Treatise

Go to [www.nclc.org/keyword](http://www.nclc.org/keyword) to electronically search the full text of every chapter and appendix of this title. While the chapters’ complete text is not available online, this web-based search engine specifies each page of this title where a word or phrase is found. Select this title, enter a search term or combination of search terms—such as a case name, a regulation cite, or other keywords—and the page numbers containing those terms are listed. Search results are shown with the surrounding text (“hits in context”), facilitating selection of the most relevant pages.

### Locating Topics in Other NCLC Manuals or NCLC REPORTS

The full text of all NCLC treatises and supplements, *NCLC REPORTS*, and other publications can be electronically searched to locate relevant topics as described above. Go to [www.nclc.org/keyword](http://www.nclc.org/keyword), and enter a search term or combination of search terms in a similar fashion to performing a keyword search on one title.

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The Quick Reference at the back of this volume lets you pinpoint the correct treatise and treatise sections or appendices that discuss over 1000 different subject areas. These subject areas are listed in alphabetical order and can also be electronically searched at [www.nclc.org/qr](http://www.nclc.org/qr).

### Finding Pleadings

Pleadings relating to this title are found in PDF and Word format on the companion website; search options are discussed above at “Locating Documents on the Website.” Over 2000 pleadings are also available at NCLC’s *Consumer Law Pleadings* website using the same search techniques discussed above. Pleadings can also be located using *Consumer Law Pleadings*’ index guide, which organizes pleadings by type, subject area, legal claim, title, and other categories identical to those on the website.