



Researching New York Legislative / Regulatory History and Bill / Regulation Tracking

Statutes

Legislative History - Recommended process:

1. Identify relevant chapters (“Credits” or “History” of statute section)
2. Locate New York Bill jackets
 - a. Westlaw – Legislative History for your section (NY Educ 3012-c)
 - i. Check Editor’s and Revisor’s Notes to determine which chapters you need to research
 - ii. With chapter numbers (and corresponding years), check Legislative History Materials for bill jackets
 - b. Bill jackets also available at N.Y. State Library - for chapters enacted 1995-2013 - <http://tinyurl.com/NYbilljackets>
 - c. Check McKinney’s Session Laws and NY Legislative Annual – print publications in Library Reading Room – for chapter
3. Look for Legislative Reports and Journals – for limited code sections, only
 - a. may be referenced in McKinneys (on Westlaw under Editor’s and Revisor’s Notes)
 - b. See <http://assembly.state.ny.us/Reports/>
 - c. Site search for Senate - Google site search - *site:https://www.nysenate.gov/ reports*
 - d. New York Law Revision Commission - <https://lawrevision.state.ny.us/>
 - e. Senate and Assembly Journals available in print

Bill Tracking:

1. To determine if any new amendments have been proposed for statute section of interest – check proposed or pending legislation on KeyCite (Westlaw) or Shepard’s (Lexis)
2. To receive notice of proposed new amendments for a section of interest, set up KeyCite or Shepard’s alert
3. For possible new sections, set up alerts for *"annual professional performance review" APPR* – NYLJ, NYT, WSJ, Statutes, Google- <https://www.google.com/alerts>
4. To determine status of a bill:
 - a. NY Bill Search - NY legislative info - <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/> - e.g. S2006, A3006, S5954
 - b. Also <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/> , Lexis or Westlaw bill tracking
5. Recordings of Assembly Hearings - <http://nyassembly.gov/> > Live coverage of proceedings



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Regulations

“Regulatory History”

1. Identify dates (from NY Register) in parenthetical after the text of the section
2. View regulation section on Westlaw > History tab
3. Investigate administrative department decisions / guidance on web site
 - NY State Education Department - <http://www.nysed.gov/>
 - Guidance on APPR - <https://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-new-york-s-annual-professional-performance-review-law-and-regulations>
 - Engage NY FAQ - <https://www.engageny.org/frequently-asked-questions>
 - Engage NY Teacher Effectiveness Library - <https://www.engageny.org/tle-library>
 - Engage NY > Teacher/Leader Effectiveness>Evaluation - <https://www.engageny.org/>

Regulation Tracking

1. To determine if any changes have been proposed for a regulation section of interest – check KeyCite (Westlaw) ; set up alert to track proposed changes to rule section
2. Set up Shepards or KeyCite alerts for searches for topic (“*annual professional performance review*”); suggest NY Register, NY Law Journal, NY Times, Wall St. Journal
3. Google alerts - <https://www.google.com/alerts> - for “*annual professional performance review*”

Useful sites and concepts for regulatory research

1. May be useful to follow Regulation ID No. – eg. EDU-52-15-00017E
 - EDU – abbreviation of adopting agency
 - 52 – NY Register issue number
 - 15 – year (2015)
 - 0001 – number assigned by NY Dept. of State
 - E – Emergency Rule Making – (may also see A=adoption ; P=Proposed Rule ; RP= Revised Rule ; EP=Emergency and Proposed Rule; EA=Emergency Rule that is permanent)
2. NY Register available
 - a. searchable on Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg
 - b. PDF at Dept. of State - <http://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm> and HeinOnline.