

## Kresge Law Library Government Documents Collection Development Policy:

### **Mission**

The government documents collection supports the legal research and teaching needs of the Kresge Law Library as well as the needs of the Michiana community.

### **History**

The Kresge Law Library has been an active selective depository since 1986. As a selective federal depository, the law library acquires publications produced by the Government Printing Office (GPO) that are relevant to legal research.

### **Scope**

The current selection rate of the Kresge Law Library is 12% of the total items offered through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The government documents collection focuses on the federal laws of the United States. The following primary source materials are acquired: Congressional Record, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Code, Supreme Court Decisions, and the Federal Register. Additional documents may be acquired if deemed appropriate by either the Government Documents Librarian or the Collection Development Librarian.

### **General Access**

Legal information is available in microform, print, and electronic formats. Some of the Kresge Library's government documents collection is non-circulating. However, the public may use the collection during regular business hours (M-F 8am-5pm). Government publications that do circulate may be checked out by university community members and the general public at the circulation desk. Access to electronic material is available via computer stations located on the second floor where there are also printers for the use of government documents patrons. Microfiche readers and a microform reader-printer are also available. Assistance with the government documents collection is provided by research librarians and library staff.

### **Internet Access**

Most current federal documents are available on the Internet, and may be accessed through the Kresge Law Library's online catalog. Quick links to selected documents and agency websites are also available from the law library's homepage.

### **Federal Depository Library**

The Kresge Law Library complies with the requirements of the FDLP as managed by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. Additional information about the FDLP may be found in the [Federal Depository Library Program website](#).

### **Collection Arrangement**

Print titles are assigned call numbers using the Library of Congress classification schedules in order to allow easy integration into the general collection. Microform is filed by SuDocs number and is stored in cabinets located on the lower level.

### **Selection Responsibility**

Selection of government publications from the [List of Classes of U.S. Government Publications](#) is overseen by Joe Thomas, Associate Director for Information Services.

### **Weeding and Maintenance**

Weeding of the collection will be performed as necessary from either changes in patron needs or for space considerations. Superseded titles in both tangible and electronic formats are withdrawn from the collection as instructed by the FDLP. Discard procedures established by the regional depository in Indianapolis are followed (see Indiana [Guidelines for Disposal of U.S. Government Depository](#)

[Documents](#)). The Kresge Law Library relies on the [Superseded List](#), which is provided by the FDLP, to inform collection maintenance decisions.