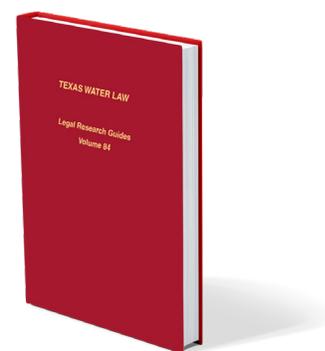


# Texas Water Law: A Legal Research Guide

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- A **one-of-a-kind tool** for researching print and online sources pertaining to Texas water law.
- Discover the roles and functions that various government bodies play in regulating Texas water use.
- **A must-have title** for all attorneys and students researching Texas environmental laws.



### About This Title

Understanding water law in Texas is essential due to the continued decline of available resources and climate change. It is certain that conflicts and litigation over the rights to and usage of water are going to increase in the coming years. This guide introduces researchers to the basic concepts and resources (both print and online) needed to research water law issues in Texas; explains the identity, function and publications of the various government bodies involved; and provides researchers starting points when conducting historical research on Texas water law.

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