

Weather and Climate Law: A Legal Research Guide

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- A **one-of-a-kind legal reference guide** on all primary state and federal weather-related issues
- A **must-have title** for all lawyers and laypeople addressing legal matters caused by extreme climate conditions
- Includes valuable **secondary sources** related to weather and climate



About This Title

Weather and law. These two matters may appear unrelated, but they're not. Peoples' problems caused by weather is where the law comes into play.

Take, for example, extreme hot or cold temperature conditions—the law might forbid eviction or place a moratorium on utility shut-offs for gas, electricity or water. Another example is road, highway, or sidewalk conditions where snow or ice have rendered roadways or walkways dangerous. Who is responsible for cleaning or de-icing, or if an accident happens? Laws, both statutory and case, address these matters.

In addition to state and local laws, federal laws also address weather-and climate-related matters, such as rebuilding after a weather disaster, and protecting health and welfare in the workplace, whether an employee is working inside a building without air conditioning on a hot day or working outdoors in sub-zero weather. Federal laws as well as federal agency regulations and policies protect peoples' lives during extreme weather events.

This guide surveys the laws, regulations, agencies, and organizations dealing with weather and sets out those resources required for the layperson and lawyer alike researching these issues pertaining to weather and the law.

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This title is Fichtelman's fifth volume in Hein's Legal Research Guides series. She's also written *Prisoners' Rights* (2017), *Right to Be Forgotten* (2018), *Drones* (2019), and *Campaign Finance Law* (2020)

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