

# Financial Crisis Resources

The tabbed Financial Crisis page on Westlaw consolidates resources for legal and financial professionals who are involved with issues surrounding the subprime mortgage lending controversy, financial institution failures, and related issues. At the Financial Crisis page, a variety of essential materials—including recent developments, pending legislation, securities statutes and regulations, company information, special reports, trial filings, and analytical materials—are gathered in one place.

In addition, the page offers easy access to

- the table of contents of more than 80 major federal statutes and regulations governing financial institutions
- more than 50 surveys that compare—on a state-by-state basis—statutes and regulations affecting financial transactions
- due diligence reports for specific companies
- articles from Andrews litigation reporters and other current awareness materials

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## Westlaw Resources

### Recent Developments

Stay informed on recent developments regarding the financial crisis with quick access to details of news-making events.

### Administrative Materials

Access up-to-date administrative materials and other documents such as fact sheets, section-by-section analysis of legislation, notices of proposed rulemaking, and frequently asked questions documents from legislative and regulatory bodies, including the U.S. Treasury Department, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. These and other materials can be found in the Financial Crisis–Administrative Materials (FC-ADMIN) and Financial Crisis–Miscellaneous Documents (FC-MISC) databases.

### Current Legal Analysis

Monitor laws related to the financial crisis. To follow current litigation developments, search the Financial Crisis–Andrews Articles database (FC-ANDREWS), which combines articles from various Andrews reporters related to the subprime mortgage lending controversy and financial crisis. Also helpful is the expert commentary on the legal, governmental, and economic ramifications of the crisis found in the Financial Crisis–Aspatore Special Reports database (FC-ASPSR).

### Statutes and Regulations

Quickly go to where a specific act—such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act—is codified in the *United States Code Annotated*<sup>®</sup> by selecting the name of the act from the *Tables of Contents* drop-down list in the left frame and clicking **Go**.

To help stay on top of developments in Washington, search the full text of bills and resolutions introduced in Congress in the Financial Crisis–Pending Federal Legislation database (FC-BILLTXT) and documents from the *Federal Register* in the Financial Crisis–Federal Register database (FC-FR).

### Cases

Efficiently search relevant case law in the Financial Crisis–Cases database (FC-CS).

### News, Journals, and Law Reviews

Read the latest news regarding the financial crisis and subprime mortgage lending controversy in the Financial Crisis–News database (FC-NEWS), which includes articles from daily newspapers such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post*, as well as financial news sources such as *American Banker*, the *Asset Securitization Report*, and *Mortgage Servicing News*.

In addition to these news media, the Financial Crisis–Journals and Law Reviews database (FC-LAWREVPRO) combines relevant articles from the *Mortgage and Real Estate Executives Report* and the *Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report*, as well as from various law reviews and bar journals.

### Public Records

Check public information—such as abstracts of real property tax rolls, transaction records, and final judgments of foreclosure—when investigating specific individuals or real property parcels.

### Trial Filings and Appellate Briefs

Keep apprised of current litigation and developing legal arguments by searching motions, memoranda, pleadings, and other trial filings in the Financial Crisis–Trial Filings database (FC-FILING).

### Subprime Resources

Quickly access resources related to the subprime mortgage lending controversy.

### Easy Searching

You can easily search an individual resource by clicking its link while viewing the Financial Crisis page. For example, click **Financial Crisis News** in the *News, Journals, and Law Reviews* section to access the FC-NEWS database and run your search.

You can also click **More Sources** under this heading to view a Search page that allows you to search multiple databases simultaneously. At the Search page, type a search in the *Search* text box, select the check boxes for up to 10 databases, and click **Search Westlaw**. Your search result is displayed in one combined list, ranked first by document type and then by date or publication order.

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