

## Finding New York Statutes by Citation

Note: Westlaw and Lexis Advance research service examples are illustrated below.

For convenience, legal materials often abbreviate long titles such as Civil Procedure Law and Rules to CPLR, Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law to RPAPL, Family Court Act to FCA, etc. Frequently, the abbreviation is not an official abbreviation or given in a format not recognized by Westlaw or Lexis Advance. If you know the code section you want to retrieve from one of the over 100 New York Code titles, you can pull up a template from Westlaw and Lexis Advance, find the title in either system's approved format, and then enter the code section. These templates save you trying to enter an abbreviation (which may not be recognized by the system) in the general query box.

*New York Law Reports Style Manual*, Appendix Four, lists the New York State Code titles and their official abbreviations.

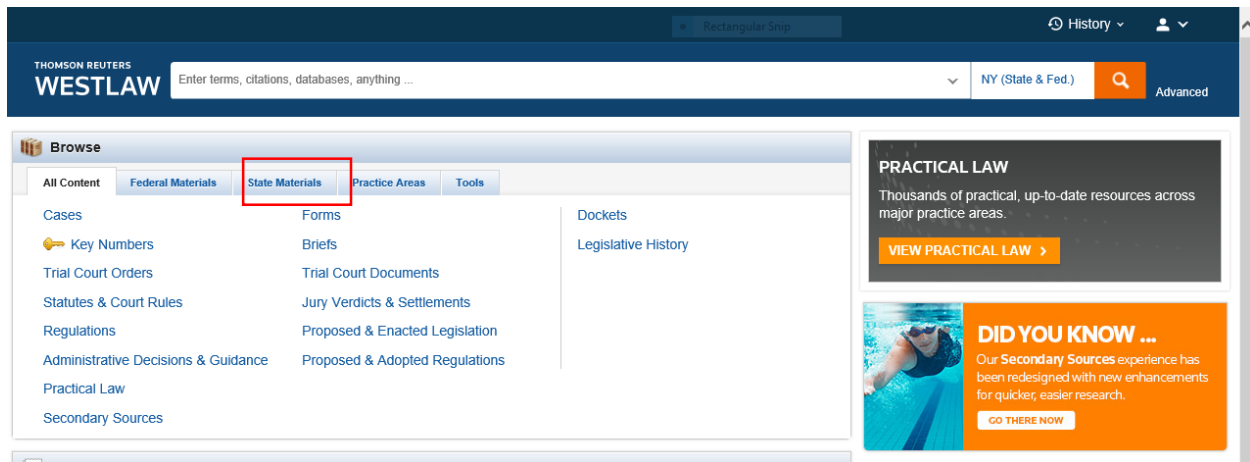
## Statutes

### Westlaw

The Westlaw template is located on the Statutes & Court Rules' Tool and Resources Navigation Bar. Follow these steps to find that template.

Westlaw > State Materials > New York > Statutes & Court Rules > Tools & Resources (right-hand navigation bar) > New York Statutes Find Template

#### 1 Westlaw Home Page – Select State Materials



The screenshot displays the Westlaw Home Page interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Enter terms, citations, databases, anything ..." and a dropdown menu set to "NY (State & Fed.)". Below the search bar, the "Browse" section is visible, featuring a navigation bar with tabs for "All Content", "Federal Materials", "State Materials", "Practice Areas", and "Tools". The "State Materials" tab is highlighted with a red box. Underneath, a grid of categories is shown, including "Cases", "Key Numbers", "Trial Court Orders", "Statutes & Court Rules", "Regulations", "Administrative Decisions & Guidance", "Practical Law", and "Secondary Sources". To the right of the "State Materials" tab, there are sub-categories: "Forms", "Briefs", "Trial Court Documents", "Jury Verdicts & Settlements", "Proposed & Enacted Legislation", and "Proposed & Adopted Regulations". Further right, there are "Dockets" and "Legislative History". On the right side of the page, there are two promotional banners: "PRACTICAL LAW" with a "VIEW PRACTICAL LAW" button, and "DID YOU KNOW ..." with a "GO THERE NOW" button.

## 2 State Materials– Select New York

The screenshot shows the Westlaw website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Thomson Reuters logo and the word 'WESTLAW'. A search bar contains the text 'Enter terms, citations, databases, anything ...'. To the right of the search bar, it says 'NY (State & Fed.)' and 'Advanced'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Browse' section with tabs for 'All Content', 'Federal Materials', 'State Materials', 'Practice Areas', and 'Tools'. The 'State Materials' tab is selected, and a list of states is displayed in a grid. The state 'New York' is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the state list, there are two promotional banners. The top banner is titled 'PRACTICAL LAW' and says 'Thousands of practical, up-to-date resources across major practice areas.' with a 'VIEW PRACTICAL LAW >' button. The bottom banner is titled 'DID YOU KNOW ...' and says 'Our Secondary Sources experience has been redesigned with new enhancements for quicker, easier research.' with a 'GO THERE NOW' button.

All Content	Federal Materials	State Materials	Practice Areas	Tools
Alabama		Kentucky		Ohio
Alaska		Louisiana		Oklahoma
Arizona		Maine		Oregon
Arkansas		Maryland		Pennsylvania
California		Massachusetts		Puerto Rico
Colorado		Michigan		Rhode Island
Connecticut		Minnesota		South Carolina
Delaware		Mississippi		South Dakota
District of Columbia		Missouri		Tennessee
Florida		Montana		Texas
Georgia		Nebraska		Utah
Guam/Northern Mariana Islands		Nevada		Vermont
Hawaii		New Hampshire		Virgin Islands
Idaho		New Jersey		Virginia
Illinois		New Mexico		Washington
Indiana		<b>New York</b>		West Virginia
Iowa		North Carolina		Wisconsin
Kansas		North Dakota		Wyoming

### 3 New York Page – Select New York Statutes & Court Rules

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**WESTLAW** New York Search New York NY (State & Fed.) Advanced

Home  
**New York**  
Search all New York content above or navigate to specific content below.

Search all content  Specify content to search

**Cases**

All New York State & Federal Cases  
All New York State Cases  
New York Court of Appeals  
New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division  
New York Trial Courts

All New York Federal Cases  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Second Circuit Court of Appeals  
New York Federal District Court  
New York Bankruptcy Courts

**New York Official Reports**  
New York Official Reports

**Key Numbers**  
Key Numbers

**Trial Court Orders**  
New York Trial Court Orders

**Statutes & Court Rules**  
New York Statutes & Court Rules  
Civil Practice Law & Rules (CPLR)  
Multistate New York Rules of Court

United States Code Annotated (USCA)  
New York Federal Court Rules

**TOOLS & RESOURCES**  
New York Case Summaries  
New York State Dockets  
New York City Municipal Materials  
New York Legislative History  
New York Official Reports Materials  
Drafting Assistant Essential

**PRACTICE CENTERS**  
New York Estate Planning  
New York Family Law  
New York Real Property

4 New York Statutes & Court Rules -- Select New York Statutes Find Template on the right-hand navigation bar under Tools & Resources

The screenshot displays the Thomson Reuters Westlaw interface for New York Statutes & Court Rules. The top navigation bar includes the Westlaw logo, a search bar with the text "New York Statutes &...", and a search button. Below the search bar, the page title "New York Statutes & Court Rules" is shown, along with a sub-header "Includes current version of New York statutes, constitution & court rules. Browse Table of Contents below or search above." and an "Effective Date" dropdown set to "03/17/2017".

The main content area on the left lists various legal topics under the heading "Statutes", including "Constitution of the State of New York", "Abandoned Property Law", "Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Law", "Agriculture and Markets Law", "Alcoholic Beverage Control Law", "Alternative County Government Law", "Arts and Cultural Affairs Law", "Banking Law", "Benevolent Orders Law", "Business Corporation Law", "Canal Law", "Civil Practice Law and Rules", "Civil Rights Law", "Civil Service Law", "Cooperative Corporations Law", "Correction Law", "County Law", "Criminal Procedure Law", "Debtor and Creditor Law", "Domestic Relations Law", "Economic Development Law", "Education Law", "Eminent Domain Procedure Law", "Elder Law", "Election Law", "Energy Law", and "Environmental Conservation Law".

The right-hand navigation bar, titled "TOOLS & RESOURCES", contains several links. The link "New York Statutes Find Template" is highlighted with a red box. Other links include "McKinney's New York Rules of Court", "New York Statutes Annotated - Historical", "New York Statutes Index", "New York Statutes Popular Name Table", "New York City Municipal Materials", "New York Rules Update Orders", "New York Enacted Legislation (Session Laws)", "New York Proposed Legislation (Bills)", "New York Historical Proposed Legislation (Bills)", "New York Statutes - Unannotated", "New York Bill Tracking", "New York Federal Court Rules", "New York Legislative History", and "New York Bill Jackets". Below these links is a "Title Search" section with a search input field and a "Search" button.

5 Scroll through the New York Statutes Find Template list to find the pertinent code title, then enter the section number in the data box.

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### New York Statutes Find Template

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TOOLS & RESOURCES

- [New York Constitution Find Template](#)
- [New York Court Rules Find Template](#)

## Lexis Advance

Lexis Advance Advance Summary has a template for retrieving citations under the Get a Doc Assistance link

Lexis Advance Home Page > Get A Doc Assistance > By Citation > Citation Formats > Jurisdiction > Template options > Title > Title section query box

- 1 From the Lexis Advance Home page, select Get A Doc Assistance



## 2 After selecting Get a Doc Assistance, you select options from the drop-down options for Content Type and Jurisdiction

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**By Citation** Cases by Party Name Cases by Docket Number

Citation Formats

Content Type  
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Jurisdiction  
Select a Jurisdiction

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Select a content type and jurisdiction to view the citation formats



3 After selecting Statutory Codes and New York from the By Citation Tab, scroll through the list to find your code title and click on the blue colored abbreviation.

The screenshot shows the Lexis Advance web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Lexis Advance® Research' and 'Client: -None-'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Get a Doc Assistance'. The main heading is 'Get a Doc Assistance' with an 'Actions' dropdown. A tab labeled 'By Citation' is selected, and below it are two sub-tabs: 'Cases by Party Name' and 'Cases by Docket Number'. The 'Citation Formats' section is active, showing a 'Content Type' dropdown set to 'Statutory Codes' and a 'Jurisdiction' dropdown set to 'New York' with a 'Clear Jurisdiction' link. Below this is a table with two columns: 'Sources' and 'Citation Formats'. The table lists various New York legal sources and their corresponding abbreviations.

Sources	Citation Formats
New York City Administrative Code, Charter and Rules - City Charter [NY]	<a href="#">N.Y. City Charter @</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Abandoned Property Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Aband. Prop. Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Agricultural and Markets Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Agric. &amp; Mkts. Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Alcoholic Beverage Control Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Alco. Bev. Cont. Law Sec.</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Alternative County Government Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Alt. County Gov't Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Arts and Cultural Affairs Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Arts &amp; Cult. Aff. Law Sec.</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Banking Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Banking Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Benevolent Orders Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Ben. Ord. Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Business Corporation Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Bus. Corp. Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Canal Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Canal Law</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Civil Practice Law & Rules [NY]	<a href="#">NY CLS CPLR Sec.</a>
New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Civil Rights Law	<a href="#">N.Y. Civ. Rights Law</a>

4 After clicking on the blue text, a template appears. Enter a code section number in the box and click on Get Document

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**Get a Doc Assistance** Actions

By Citation Cases by Party Name Cases by Docket Number

New York Statutes: NY Consolidated Laws Service, Surrogate's Court Procedure Act

[Back to citation formats](#)

Citation

N.Y. Surr. Ct. Proc. Act Law

Example: N.Y. Surr. Ct. Proc. Act Law SEC. 4980A

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5 Lexis Advance then retrieves SCPA 315.

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**Document: NY CLS SCPA § 315** Actions

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**NY CLS SCPA § 315**

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[New York Consolidated Laws Service](#) > [Surrogate's Court Procedure Act](#) > [Article 3 Proceedings, Pleadings and Process](#)

**§ 315. Joinder and representation of persons interested in estates**

1 The provisions of this section shall apply in any proceeding in which all persons interested in the estate are required to be served with

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