



# How to Research and Compile Legislative History

## Searching for Legislative Intent

*Learn how to research, compile and analyze the legislative history of federal laws and statutes*

This course is for staff whose work requires that they efficiently locate, compile and analyze legislative histories of federal laws.

This program will focus on how to find and use the different types of documents (enacted laws, bills and resolutions, floor debates, committee reports and documents) needed to research and compile legislative histories (the focus will be federal, not state, legislative history research methodologies)

The fastest ways to find and use these documents-in print and online.

Our expert faculty share their secrets and tips

- Thomas P. Carr is an analyst with the Government and Finance Division of the Congressional Research Service. His prior experience includes more than 20 years as a legal and legislative research specialist with the American Law Division of CRS.
- Robert N. Gee is Chief of Public Services for the Law Library of Congress. He provided legal research and reference assistance to the Law Library's congressional and public clients as a legal reference specialist for ten years before assuming the management of the Law Library's public service operations in 1994. Since 1989 he has instructed seminars on legal research and legislative history research for congressional staff. He holds a BA in political science and a JD from the University of Oklahoma, and a Masters of Law degree (LLM) from George Washington University.

“Very well done. **Case studies and examples helpful.**”

“This was **definitely a useful course.** It will be an excellent resource when I am called upon to do this kind of work.”

“Historical research outlines clarify where to find what.”

### Sample Agenda

9:00 Introduction and Overview  
 9:30 Enacted and Codified Laws  
 10:15 Break  
 10:30 Bills and Resolutions  
 11:15 Committee Reports  
 12:00 Lunch on your own  
 1:00 Floor Debates

2:15 Break  
 2:30 Committee Documents and Prints  
 3:00 Presidential Documents  
 3:30 House and Senate Calendars, Journals, etc.  
 4:00 Case Studies - Working Examples  
 4:45 Conclusion, questions and evaluations  
 5:00 Complete Evaluations and Conference Concludes

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**Sample Agendas:** See how others have used our training. Selected sample agendas from actual programs designed for previous clients are on our web site at [www.SampleAgendas.com](http://www.SampleAgendas.com)

*Customization provides confidentiality and allows organization-specific issues to be addressed by the instructors.*

**Faculty:** Our primary instructors for this course each have more than ten year’s experience finding researching legislative history and share their secrets and tips during this program.

**When:** Requires six to eight hours

**Questions:** For more information and to get a custom program quote and date availability, call 202-678-1600.



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