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## **Community Development Clinic Resources**

### **D.C. Law and U.S. Law**

- Use annotated codes for additional research resources, e.g., *West's Official Code of D.C.*, *U.S.C.A.* and *U.S.C.S.*, include
  - Citations to cases that cite the statutes, and sometimes explain or analyze the statutes.
  - Some legislative history, including citation to the Public Law Number and *Statutes-at-Large* citation.
  - Citations to articles and other secondary resources.
- Use official websites for pending legislation and some legislative history.
  - D.C. Legislative Information Management System, at About Thomas, <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/lims/default.asp>
    - *How a [D.C.] Bill Becomes Law*, at <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/howabillbecomeslaw>
    - *D.C. Home Rule Act*, at <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/homeruleact>
  - United States Congress Legislative Information site, Thomas, at <http://thomas.loc.gov> and [http://thomas.loc.gov/home/abt\\_thom.html](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/abt_thom.html).
    - *Bills and Resolutions*, at [http://thomas.loc.gov/home/bills\\_res.html](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/bills_res.html)
    - *The Legislative Process*, at [http://thomas.loc.gov/home/laws\\_made.html](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/laws_made.html).
- Use the Print edition of the *Code of D.C. Municipal Regulations* (Weil edition)
  - Online versions are very difficult to search by keyword.
  - The *Code of D.C. Municipal Regulations* is in the States Collection, row. 3.
  - The *Code* is updated regularly, but for most recent changes, call the D.C. Council Library or D.C. Council offices, (202) 724-8000.

### **Government Business Websites**

- D.C. Council, <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/>.
- D.C. Bar, <http://www.dcbar.org/>.
- D.C. Business Resource Center, [http://brc.dc.gov/index.asp?portal\\_link=hr](http://brc.dc.gov/index.asp?portal_link=hr).
- D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue, <http://otr.cfo.dc.gov/otr/site/default.asp>.
- U.S. Small Business Administration, <http://www.sba.gov/>.
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service, <http://www.irs.gov/>.
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, <http://www.uspto.gov/>.