

UCC ARTICLE 2 RESEARCH TIPS FOR THE BUG-OFF PROBLEM

This handout is designed to assist you with Uniform Commercial Code research. These sources are some of the more widely used sources in this area. When doing research on the UCC there are four main tools to use: the Code itself; Official Comments of the Code editors; cases interpreting the Code; and treatises, journal articles, and other secondary sources. Secondary sources are always a good place to start when you are looking for background and explanation.

Code and Official Comments

Selected Commercial Statutes (West 2004 ed.) – on reserve at KF 879 .A15 S45.

Commercial and Debtor-Creditor Law: Selected Statutes (Found. Press 2004 ed.) – on reserve at KF 879 .A15 C66.

Case Law

Uniform Laws Annotated (West, Supp. 2004) – on reserve at KF 165 .A5 1968.

Includes the text of most of the uniform laws in the United States. Volumes 1 through 5 include the latest UCC official text and comments, an editorial section, cross references, state variations, **citations to cases** and law reviews, and forms (vol. 4). Be sure to check the pocket part or supplement. Available on Westlaw (ULA).

Ronald A. Anderson, *Anderson on the Uniform Commercial Code* (3d ed., West 1981 & Supp. 2004) – KF 879.514 .A53 1981.

Includes UCC text and official comments, local statutory citations and variations, and commentary **with citation to cases in footnotes**. Available on Westlaw (ANDR-UCC).

Uniform Commercial Code Case Digest (West, Supp. 2004) – KF 880.3 .P5.

Includes **case annotations arranged by UCC section**. Has separate volume of Finding Aids.

Bender's Uniform Commercial Code Service (LexisNexis, Supp. 2005) - KF 889 .A1 B4.

Volumes 6B through 6R have **case annotations arranged by UCC section**. Available on Lexis (UCC Reporter – Digest).

Uniform Commercial Code Reporting Service (West, Supp. 2005) – KF 885 .P5.

Includes **cases**, attorney general opinions, and commentary indexed by UCC section. At the end of the set are Code volumes, which include Code text and Official Comments; State Correlation Tables and State Variations volumes; and a Findex/PEB Commentaries volume. Read “How to Use This Service” at the beginning of the Findex volume. Available on Westlaw (UCC-CS+).

Thomas M. Quinn, Quinn's *Uniform Commercial Code Commentary and Law Digest* (2d ed., West 1991 & Supp. 2004) – KF 879.528 Q56 1991.

Includes official code text, editorial commentary, **case annotations**, and code cross-references arranged by UCC section.

Online Databases

Both Lexis and Westlaw include specialized databases on commercial law. On the Lexis Legal Sources page, click on Area of Law – By Topic, then choose Commercial Law (UCC). In the Westlaw Directory, click on Topical Materials by Area of Practice, then choose Commercial Law & Contracts, and then choose Uniform Commercial Code.

Treatises, Journals Articles, and Other Secondary Sources

James J. White & Robert S. Summers, *Uniform Commercial Code* (5th ed., West 2002 & Supp. 2005) – on reserve at KF 890 .W458 2002: Practitioner Treatise Series four volume set; Article 2 is covered in Vol. 1.

Bradford Stone, *Uniform Commercial Code in a Nutshell* (6th ed., West 2005) – on reserve at KF 889.3 .S68 2005.

William D. Hawkland, *Uniform Commercial Code Series* (West 1982 & Supp. 2004) – available in print at KF 879.527 H38 and on Westlaw as HAWKLAND.

Barkley Clark & Christopher Smith, *The Law of Product Warranties* (2nd ed., West 2002 & Supp. 2004) - available in print at KF919.C6 C5 2002 and on Westlaw as PRODWARR.

This is a comprehensive treatise that analyzes in detail all elements of a warranty problem, with an emphasis on drafting techniques and litigation strategies. This treatise suggests ways for drafters to minimize their exposure to warranty claims and it includes an annotated commercial warranty form.

To find journal and law review articles, use any of the following indexes available in the law library:

Current Law Index – available in print at K 33 .C87, on the Web via the Library home page as LegalTrac, on Westlaw as LRI, and on Lexis as Legal Resources Index;

Index to Legal Periodicals – available in print at K 33 .I52 and on the Web via the Library home page.

Most of the journals and law reviews you will find in the above indexes are available in the law library. Use NuCat, the online library catalog located throughout the library, to obtain the call number for a specific journal or law review. Lexis and Westlaw have selective full-text coverage of journal and law review articles.

Citing the UCC

To find the appropriate citation form for the Code and cases use the ALWD Citation Manual - KF245 .A45 2003 (on reserve).