



# Edicts of Government: Copyright in State Legal Materials

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# Long standing public policy

- Compendium – As a matter of long standing public policy the U.S. Copyright Office will not register a government edict that has been issued by any state ... including legislative enactments, judicial decisions, administrative rulings ....

# Edicts of Government

- Federal Materials
  - Case law and statutory history
  - Printing Act of 1895, 1909 Copyright Act, 1976 Copyright Act Section 105
- “Long standing public policy” on State Materials
  - Case Law
  - Statutory history

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- Presentation Outline
  - Recent case decisions
  - Current issues - focus
  - Discussion
  - Recommendations

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- Recent case decisions
  - Public.Resource.Org– Georgia case
  - Fastcase
  - Code cases

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- **Focus**
  - Public Access – what is access?
    - Access to Justice
  - Authorship
  - Privatization
  - Copyrightability – Facts - Authentication
  - Others?

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- **Recommendations**

- Federal Law

- State Action

- State responsibility

- Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA)

- Others