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I wrote this book because West Virginia matters. Though I was not born in this state, I have grown to love it over the last 15 years of teaching at West Virginia University College of Law. I didn't want the Carolina Academic Press series on state law research to be missing a title devoted to the legal research process in West Virginia, my adopted "home among the hills."

This book is intended to benefit a broad audience. I hope law students and other novice researchers will benefit from its detailed explanation of the research process. I hope experienced researchers will enjoy a text that pulls together the best of print and online sources available for West Virginia legal research. I hope citizens of the state who are seeking to conduct research on their own will find what they need in this concise guide.

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