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This sixth edition of *Oregon Legal Research* teaches law students, paralegals, and other newcomers the sources, processes, and strategies for conducting research in Oregon law. As with prior editions, librarians and other expert researchers should find the book a useful reference to Oregon legal resources and research strategies.

This edition emphasizes a user-friendly, process-oriented approach to Oregon legal research, with significant additions of checklists and summaries to provide easy, efficient access to important information. The organization of chapters follows steps in the research process but reflects recent law student and professor feedback on how readers are using this book. The first chapter focuses on the interwoven skills of research, analysis, and strategic reading. The second chapter delves into research strategies, including an introduction to researching with generative AI tools. New chapters cover local and tribal law, as these topics may be important aspects of thorough research in the state. Each chapter on primary sources integrates relevant information on updating the law. While the book continues to emphasize Westlaw and Lexis, it also explains the use of freely available sources, as they are becoming more plentiful and robust. As always, we acknowledge the permission of publishers that allow us to illustrate their products to readers.

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