

## RESEARCH ON THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

**Overview:** Agencies have probably been promulgating "rules" since the creation of the Babylon Tower Authority. But in the United States the modern concept of a standardized code of regulations, along with the concept of setting up standard procedures for agency rule adoption, dates back to the mid 1930's. However current regulations that appear to have been adopted in the 1930's may in fact trace back agency "rules" that predate the creation of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Research Protocol:** The primary source of information on the intent of Federal regulations is the Federal Register. A preliminary review of the Code of Federal Regulations will provide annotations to the Federal Register where the regulation was adopted. The adopting agency publications in the Federal Register normally contain substantive discussion of the background and purpose of the regulation, and may provide clues to other Federal Register publications discussing the particular proposal.

**Document sources:** The Federal Register is available online at [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html) for years since 1994. Prior to 1994 you must go to the collections at a Federal depository library. Most County and law school law libraries are Federal Depository libraries with relatively complete collections of the Federal Register, either in hard copy or on microfilm. As you go further back in time it becomes more likely the indexing and discussion in the Federal Register will not reveal all the publications on topic, so you may have to do a volume-by-volume search of the Federal Register (typically 52 volumes per year) to insure you locate all the publications pertinent to your topic.

### Professional Services:

Research into provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations will be quoted within a fee range, the particular range depends on how many sections are involved and the time we have to do the work. To the extent CFR Sections share history – i.e. were adopted in the same regulatory adoptions, they will be treated as one Section. The guidelines set forth below we use as a not to exceed fee, the actual fee we quote may be less in any particular case. Our guidelines are:

- 2 to 4 week turnaround - \$150 for the first regulatory adoption plus \$60 per additional adoption
- 1 to 2 week turnaround - \$200 for the first regulatory adoption plus \$80 per additional adoption
- 5 working day turnaround = \$230 for the first regulatory adoption plus \$90 per additional adoption
- 3 working days = \$260 for the first regulatory adoption plus \$110 per additional adoption
- 2 working days = \$290 for the first regulatory adoption plus \$130 per additional adoption
- ASAP = \$330 for the first regulatory adoption plus \$150 per additional adoption

These fees cover the research and the documents will normally be delivered digitally in PDF format accompanied by an report to orient you and provide information necessary to make sense of the documents (delivery by Fax or hard copy by Fed-x is available upon request). If you need the documents authenticated an authenticating declaration will be an additional fee of \$75 if we have 2 to 4 weeks to do the declaration, and \$125 if we have less than two weeks. The authenticating declaration can be requested before or after you have reviewed our report. We also add costs incurred, which are typically predominantly photocopy costs.