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Judiciary (Federal	Supreme Court	Number	Volume number
court system)	(subordinate bureau within	designating the title	
(issuing agency)	the issuing agency)		

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A	Agriculture Department	L	Labor Department	
AE	National Archives and Records	LC	Library of Congress	
	Administration		National Labor Relations Board	
В	US Agency for Global Media	MS	Merit Systems Protection Board	
С	Commerce Department		National Aeronautics and Space	
CC	Federal Communications Commission		Administration	
CR	Civil Rights Commission	NC	National Capital Planning Commission	
D	Defense Department	NCU	National Credit Union Administration	
E	Energy Department	NF	National Foundation on the Arts and	
ED	Education Department		the Humanities	
EP	Environmental Protection Agency	NMB	National Mediation Board	
FA	Fine Arts Commission	NS	National Science Foundation	
FCA	Farm Credit Administration	P	United States Postal Service	
FHF	Federal Housing Finance Agency	PE	Peace Corps	
FM	Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service	PM	Personnel Management Office	
FMC	Federal Maritime Commission	PR	President of the United States	
FR	Federal Reserve System Board	PREX	Executive Office of the President	
	of Governors	PRVP	Vice President of the United States	
FT	Federal Trade Commission	RR	Railroad Retirement Board	
FTZ	Foreign-Trade Zones Board	S	State Department	
GA	Government Accountability Office	SBA	Small Business Administration	
GP	Government Publishing Office	SE	Securities and Exchange Commission	
GS	General Services Administration	SI	Smithsonian Institution	
HE	Health and Human Services Department	SSA	Social Security Administration	
НН	Housing and Urban Development	T	Treasury Department (includes IRS)	
	Department	TD	Transportation Department	
HS	Homeland Security	TDA	US Trade and Development Agency	
I	Interior Department	VA	Veterans Affairs Department	
ID	US Agency for International Development	X, Y	Congress	
ITC	International Trade Commission	Y 3	Boards, Commissions, and Independent	
J	Justice Department	-	Committees	
JU	Judiciary (Federal court system)	Y 4	Congressional Committees	

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