GOALS OF THIS ASSIGNMENT:
1) To develop your ability to locate printed federal agency regulations on a specific topic;
2) To give you experience in determining whether a regulation that you find in the C.F.R. has been modified or eliminated;
3) To introduce you to sources of administrative agency decisions.

STEPS IN UPDATING A REGULATION TO DETERMINE IF IT HAS BEEN AMENDED, REPEALED OR SUPERSEDED (PRINT SOURCES):

A. Examine the regulation in the most current C.F.R. volume. Note the date of revision on the front cover.

B. Consult the monthly List of C.F.R. Sections Affected (LSA) pamphlet to see if your section is listed. If there has been a change, there will be reference to page numbers in the Federal Register. You will need to cover the time period from Step A to the most recent LSA pamphlet. Note that the December, March, June and September issues cumulate changes for one entire year for particular titles, so you should only have to check a few pamphlets.

C. Consult the last issue of the month of the Federal Register for each complete month since the month on the cover of the LSA pamphlet. Check the CFR PARTS AFFECTED [month] table near the back of the issue. (Note: DO NOT make the mistake of consulting the CFR PARTS AFFECTED IN THIS ISSUE table located near the front of each Federal Register issue).

D. Finally, consult the most recent issue of the Federal Register available and check the CFR PARTS AFFECTED DURING [month] table, located at the end of the issue. This table cumulates through the month. Note the date of the issue.

F.Y.I. Additional information on federal administrative law research can be found through Gallagher’s home page at http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html#fedrules.

While this process is complicated, it should be followed each time you use a federal regulation. Use this process to answer the following questions employing only print tools for questions 1-7.
1. Using the subject and agency index in the Index volume of the present C.F.R., find the title and part of the C.F.R. pertaining to the United States Customs Service regulation of special classes of imported merchandise. Cite the applicable part in proper Bluebook form.

**ANSWER:**

2. Now, consult the regulation in the most current C.F.R. volume. What is the date of revision on the volume’s front cover?

**ANSWER:**

3. Look up the specific provision. What does the provision concern?

**ANSWER:**

Now, following the updating process outlined in the beginning of this assignment, update the applicable section.

4. Which of the monthly LSA pamphlets will you need to consult in order to cover the time period from the date of revision of the applicable C.F.R. volume to the most recent LSA pamphlet?

**ANSWER:**

5. Does consulting the LSA provide you with relevant citations in the Federal Register concerning any revisions to the section you found in Question 1? If so, list the first citation.

**ANSWER:**

6. Look up this citation in the Federal Register. Summarize what this correction does.

**ANSWER:**

7. How current does this consultation of the appropriate LSA pamphlets bring your research?

**ANSWER:**
8. Typically, Gallagher Law Library’s print collection of daily issues of the Federal Register is more current than its collection of List of CFR Sections Affected, which are published monthly. When that’s the case you would use the library’s print resources to update the regulation you cited in question 1, following the steps described in C and D on page one.

To complete your updating process you’ll need instead to use the Internet. Log-on to http://www.gpo.gov; then click Code of Federal Regulations under the Executive Resources heading; finally, click on the List of CFR Sections Affected link on the left. The Last Month’s List is compiled from the most recent complete month of the Federal Register, and can be used to perform step C of the updating process. Using this list, are there any relevant citations in the Federal Register concerning the section you listed in question 1? If so, cite the relevant Federal Register citation in Bluebook form. If no relevant citations are listed, what Bluebook rule would you use to cite a section of the Federal Register?

ANSWER:

9. The Current List of CFR Parts Affected is compiled from the current month’s issues of the Federal Register, and can be used to perform step D. Using this list, are there any relevant citations in the Federal Register concerning the section you listed in question 1? If so, cite the relevant Federal Register citation in Bluebook form.

ANSWER:

10. How current does this final updating process bring your research?

ANSWER:

11. If you did not have access to WESTLAW or LEXIS and were not close to a library that subscribed to the print resources, describe in detail how you would search the GPO cite for a current regulation by subject.
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE C.F.R. AND FEDERAL REGISTER

As you may have realized, the C.F.R. is the codification of regulations first published in the Federal Register. The C.F.R. arranges the regulations into fifty subject titles, grouped by agency. Thus, all of an agency’s rules and regulations are kept together. The Federal Register, however, contains federal proclamations, orders, regulations, notices, and other documents of general legal applicability. These documents are published chronologically rather than by subject or by agency. Moreover, there are many things in the Federal Register that are not later codified in the C.F.R. The following exercise will illustrate one example of this distinction.

12. Using WESTLAW’s Federal Register database (“FR”), run a search to find out whether a Notice of Inventory Completion has been filed detailing the Native American remains and associated funerary objects of the Paiute Tribe in possession of the Utah Museum of Natural History.

a. What is the Federal Register cite of the underlying relevant document?

ANSWER:

b. Read the notice. Pursuant to what federal statute is this notice made?

ANSWER:

c. Look up the full-text of the title, part, and section pursuant to which Notices of Inventory Completion are made. In general, what does this section require?

ANSWER:


a. What C.F.R. sections are listed?

ANSWER:

b. Do any of these sections contain the determination that the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe exists as an Indian tribe? If not, what do the regulations address?

ANSWER:
FINDING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY DECISIONS

As you may have learned in your readings, most federal agencies write formal opinions which are often published in both official and unofficial sources. While most agencies do not consider themselves to be strictly bound to their prior decisions under the doctrine of *stare decisis*, the decisions do carry considerable precedential weight and are considered an important primary legal source.

14. **Official Reports** - Locate an Official Reporter for a federal agency in the Law Library (e.g., Federal Trade Commission Decisions, Decisions of the Employees’ Compensation Appeals Board, Decisions & Orders of the National Labor Relations Board, etc). It is “official” if it is published by the government or by the agency itself. Please give the name of the reporter and describe the set in terms of coverage, indexing tools, contents, tables, ease of use, etc.

**NAME OF REPORTER/ SOURCE and DESCRIPTION:**

15. **Unofficial Reports** - WESTLAW, LEXIS and looseleaf services and bound volumes published commercially by BNA or CCH are unofficial sources of agency decisions. Looseleaf services have several advantages over official sources in that they are issued more quickly, are better indexed, and are often supplemented by editorial discussion, or integrated into other relevant source material. The following question utilizes such an unofficial reporter.

a. Suppose you wanted to look specifically for what constitutes a prima facie case under the *Age Discrimination in Employment Act* (ADEA). Consult the General Index of the
Master Index Volume of the Labor Relations Reporter. What citations does the index give you?

**ANSWER:**

b. What do the letter abbreviations in the answer to Question “15.a” stand for? (Hint: Look to the beginning of the Index for a guide to abbreviations).

**ANSWER:**

c. At this time, you wish to locate cases under the FEP classification number you found in Question “a.” To do this, in what volume of the Labor Relations Reporter would you find the particular outline of classifications into which the above classification number falls?

**ANSWER:**

d. What is the date at the front of this outline of classifications?

**ANSWER:**

e. In the Labor Relations Reporter, locate the most recent Master Cumulative Digest and Index for Fair Employment Practice Cases. To what volume of FEP cases does this Master Cumulative Digest and Index correspond?

**ANSWER:**

f. Within the Master Cumulative Digest and Index for FEP cases, dated January 14, 2002, look-up the citation you listed in your answer to part 15(a), above. Who were the parties in the first case listed?

**ANSWER:**

g. Now find the full text of this case. What is the volume and title of the Labor Relations Reporter that contains the full text of the case?

**ANSWER:**
h. Now give the title and call number of the bound volume series, located elsewhere in the reference stacks, where one would look to find older cases under the same classification number.

**ANSWER:**

16. Many administrative decisions can be found within on-line commercial and government databases.

Using either WESTLAW itself or the print edition of WESTLAW Database Directory, provide the database identifier and coverage information for the following agency decisions (e.g. Health and Human Services Decisions = FHTH-HHS):

a. Board of Immigration Appeals’ Administrative Decisions

**ANSWER:**

b. Federal Communications Commission Decisions

**ANSWER:**


**ANSWER:**

17. Now log-on to the Internet and find the website for each of these agencies. Spend about ten minutes on each site navigating and assessing what is available. Describe the types of materials, especially legal materials, available on each site. Provide the URL for each website. If you were doing research on one of these sites for the senior partner in your firm, what would you find most useful about the site? What was most frustrating?

a. Securities and Exchange Commission

**URL:**

**ANSWER:**
b. Department of Education

\textbf{ANSWER:}

c. Food and Drug Administration

\textbf{ANSWER:}