



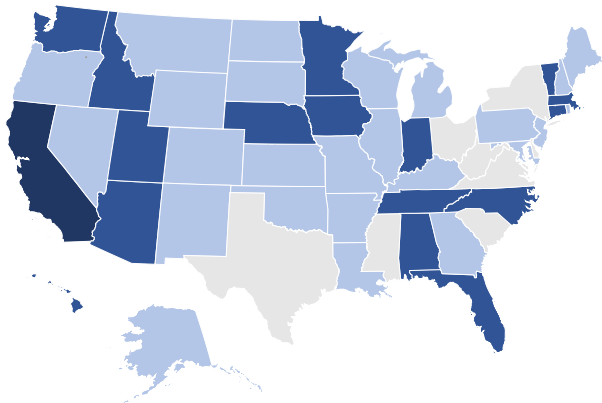
# VHA ORD

Research Law Explorer - Webinar

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# The complex legal landscape makes it difficult to understand and comply with state research laws

State research laws vary greatly by topic and across states ...



Legal Topic	# of Code Provisions
Informed Consent	255
Privacy/HIPAA	114
Animal Research	83
Misc. Research Laws	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>797</b>

... resulting in complicated processes to search for and abide by them

- Research methods across VA sites vary, making it challenging for CIRB to track and ensure compliance
- Creates extra work, wasted time, and inconsistently structured human research studies

# As a result, Office of Research Protections, Policy, and Education (ORPP&E) created the Research Law Explorer (RLE)

The RLE is an online tool that aggregates and organizes state research-related laws for easy access by Central IRB staff, study coordinators, and researchers.

[Click here to access the RLE.](#)

The screenshot shows the VHA Research Law Explorer interface. At the top, there are 'Search' and 'Export to Excel' buttons. Below them is a list of 'Available Laws (Select One):' with various state laws listed. To the right is a 'Legal Text:' field with a 'Click 'Search' to begin. Then select' instruction. A callout points to the 'Export to Excel' button, stating 'Export legal information for later reading'. Below the main interface is a 'More Information:' section containing a table with columns: Title, Statute Code, Year Updated, Statute Link, Other Link 1, and Other Link 2. A callout points to the 'Statute Link' column, stating 'Links to view the full statute online'. To the right is a 'Search options:' panel with 'Dropdowns' and 'Keyword' buttons. Below these are 'Select State(s):' options with checkboxes for Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, and Colorado. A search bar and a date range selector (1930-2022) are also present. At the bottom of the search panel are 'Reset Filters' and 'Search' buttons. A callout points to the search options, stating 'Search by state, topic, and keyword'.