



LAT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Availability

E-mail

NICS_LegalResearch@fbi.gov

Monday–Thursday

7:00 a.m.–1:30 a.m., EST

Friday

7:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m., EST

Saturday

8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., EST

Sunday

9:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m., EST

Note: Requests may be submitted anytime. Responses will be provided as soon as possible based on LAT availability and the order in which they were received.

Westdocket and Pacer

For federal offenses from 1990 to present, the LAT may be able to obtain the level and disposition.

For Westdocket/Pacer requests, please provide the FBI number in the request.

State Terminology and Information Pages

Available for states, territories, federal, and military at the LAT SIG on leo.gov (you must request a LEO account from site).

- State-specific information including state prohibitions which apply if the subject's state of residence and state of purchase
- Legal terminology
- 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9) charts
- Pardons and restoration of rights charts

18 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 922

(g)(1)—Conviction for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year or a misdemeanor conviction punishable by imprisonment for more than 2 years

(g)(2)—Fugitive from justice

(g)(3)—Federal controlled substance illegal user/addict

(g)(4)—Adjudicated or committed mental defective

(g)(5)—Illegal alien

(g)(6)—Dishonorable discharge from military

(g)(7)—Renounced citizenship

(g)(8)—Subject of qualifying protection order

(g)(9)—Misdemeanor conviction of domestic violence

(n)—Active indictment or information for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year or a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than 2 years

Misdemeanor Crimes of Domestic Violence 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9)

- Four elements
 - ✓ Misdemeanor offense
 - ✓ Conviction
 - ✓ Qualified relationship
 - ✓ Use or attempted use of physical force or threatened use of a deadly weapon

The LAT can assist you with questions on establishing each element. Please specify to which element(s) your request applies.

Please provide any documentation which may assist the LAT in reviewing your request.

Protection Orders 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8)

- Four elements
 - ✓ Actual notice and opportunity to participate
 - ✓ Intimate partner
 - ✓ Restrains future conduct
 - ✓ Credible threat or prohibits physical force

The LAT can assist with questions on all elements.

If you have verified an order is active and you have a question regarding one of the elements, please forward a copy of the order along with your question to the LAT.

Unlawful User of or Addicted to Federally Controlled Substance 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3)

- Uses a federally controlled substance and lost the power of self-control
- Uses a federally controlled substance in a manner other than as prescribed by a licensed physician
- Prohibitor may be established by:
 - ✓ Federally controlled substance conviction in past year
 - ✓ Positive federally controlled substance test in past year
 - ✓ Admission of illegal use of federally controlled substance in past year
 - ✓ Multiple federally controlled substance arrests within the past 5 years with the most recent occurring within the last year

Before Contacting the LAT:

When possible, we ask that you **consult with your legal counsel** before contacting the LAT. State level legal counsel is often in the best position to respond to a question regarding applicability or interpretation of state law as it applies to a firearm transaction and firearm-related permit.

The NICS SIG is available to you free of charge through the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP) portal. The information contained in the “State/Federal Reference Information” portion of the SIG is maintained and updated by the LAT and covers a list of many of the topics most frequently questioned by NICS users. Your access to the NICS SIG will provide you with a readily available and up-to-date tool you may utilize without requesting information from the LAT e-mail request line.

To gain access to the LAT SIG, you must first obtain a Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP) account at <www.leo.gov>. Once your account is active, you can navigate to the Special Interest Groups (SIG) service and access to the NICS SIG. While access to the NICS SIG is unrestricted, you can add your access to “My SIGs” for future quick reference once your access is approved. The NICS SIG can also be accessed directly when you are in LEO by typing in your internet browser:

<https://leo.cjis.gov/webcenter/faces/oracle/webcenter/page/scopedMD/sf69d3d82_30a7_46eb_87af_c88c274af0b1/Page6.jspx?_afLoop=97803111761574391&_adf.ctrl-state=124illnv57_234#!%40%40%3F_afLoop%3D97803111761574391%26_adf.ctrl-state%3D124illnv57_238>

Once in the NICS SIG, the LAT information is included under “State/Federal Reference Information,” a state-by-state reference map is included for ease of access.

Checklist to Utilize When Contacting the LAT

For ALL REQUESTS, did you provide the following basic information:

- Your name, the agency you represent, and your contact information?
- Date of arrest (DOA)?
- Arresting agency (and jurisdiction in which offense occurred if different from arresting agency)?
- Charge literal of offense?
- Statute number of offense (if available)?
- The state of residence and state of purchase of the buyer?
- Detail of the question you have related to this DOA?

In addition to basic information for all requests, for a request where you have documentation related to the question, did you attach applicable:

- Court documents?
- Incident reports?
- Protection orders?
- Pardons and restoration of rights documentation?

In addition to basic information for all requests, for Westdocket/Pacer requests, have you provided:

The subject's FBI number?