

Bill of Review Research Guide

Overview

This research guide provides information and resources on Bill of Review. A bill of review is “a bill in equity requesting that a court reverse or revise a prior decree.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary*, 11th ed.) The resources listed below are not exhaustive, and there may be additional applications not included.

Statutes & Codes

Texas Legislature www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Litigation Guide –KFT 1730 .T4

- Ch. 100 – Default Judgment §100.51
- Ch. 131 – Judgment §131.54
- Ch. 392 – Admitting Wills to Probate
- Ch. 362 – Divorce - § 362.30 – Agreements Incident to Divorce

West’s Texas Forms KFT 1268 .W47

- 12 *West’s Tex. Forms, Admin. Decedent Est. & Guard.* § 5:40 – Bill of Review

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law Course 2000 – KFT 1294 .S83
2000 vol. 3 - Ch. 48 - “Bill of Review” by Ted Terry, et al.

Online Resources

“Bill of Review” Texas State Bar CLE (2000)
<http://www.texasbarcle.com/Materials/Events/1602/83870.htm>

Article: “The Snares and Pitfalls of the Equitable Bill of Review in Texas” - 21 *Tex. Tech. L. Rev.* 763 (1990) (available on *HeinOnline*)

Article: “A Practical Guide to the Equitable Bill of Review,” by Patrick J. Dyer, *Texas Bar Journal*, Vol. 70, Issue 1 (January 2007), pp. 20-25 (available on *HeinOnline*)
<http://www.jtexconsumerlaw.com/V10N3/V10N3Equitable.pdf>

Article: Roger S. Braugh Jr.; Paul C. Sewell, “Equitable Bill of Review: Unraveling the Cause of Action That Confounds Texas Courts,” *Baylor Law Review* 48, no. 3 (Summer 1996): 623-674 (available on *HeinOnline*)

Article: R. Kevin Spencer, “Standing and Error Correction in Probate,” *Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal* 10, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 299-350. (available on *HeinOnline*)

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