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<https://sf.gov/sflawlibrary>

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American Association of Law Libraries

We advocate for access to legal information and support the legal information profession by cultivating the growth of our members, connecting them with each other, and championing the value of legal information and legal information professionals.

<https://www.aallnet.org/>

Law libraries are a Hidden Gem!

3 types of law libraries open to the public:

- Public law libraries
- Government law libraries
- Academic law libraries

What can law librarians do?

- Law libraries offer unique resources and services including:
 - Expert law librarians
 - Specialized legal materials
 - Free access to expensive legal databases
 - Legal education programs
 - Legal referrals and connections
 - Reference assistance to incarcerated patrons

Direct vs Indirect Services to Incarcerated Patrons & Families

Indirect Services:

- Working remotely with incarcerated patrons

Direct Services

- Law libraries directly serving prisons and jails
- Working directly with friends and family of the incarcerated

NEW! AALL ONLINE LEGAL INFORMATION RESOURCE (OLIR)



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Online Legal Information Resources (OLIR)

U.S. STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND U.S. TERRITORIES

The documents in this section cover the following legal materials:

- Session Laws
- Statutory codes
- Registers
- Administrative codes
- Court opinions

Online Legal Information Resources (OLIR)

Information is provided about:

- Official status
- Authentication
- Preservation
- Permanent public access
- Copyright
- *Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act*
- Universal citation

Each document contains information about state and local public law libraries, including whether the public law libraries provide services to incarcerated people.

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CALIFORNIA

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Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to state primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Statutes and Amendments to the Codes	California Law	California Regulatory Notice Register	California Code of Regulations	Courts of Appeal	Supreme Court
Official Status	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
(Notes)	Provided by the Office of the Clerk of the California State Assembly					
Authentication	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
(Notes)						
Online Preservation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
(Notes)	Section 10248 of the Government Code.	Section 10248 of the Government Code.				
Permanent Public Access	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)	Section 10248 of the Government Code.	Section 10248 of the Government Code.				
Copyright Claimed	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)	Section 10248.5 of the Government Code.	Section 10248.5 of the Government Code.	In general, information presented on this web site, unless otherwise indicated, is considered in the public domain.	Copyright held by Thomson Reuters	Opinions of the California Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeal are public record, whether published or unpublished.	Opinions of the California Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeal are public record, whether published or unpublished.

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UELMA Adopted	Yes. UELMA, introduced in California as SB 1075, was signed into law as Stats 2012 Ch.310 by California Governor Jerry Brown on September 13, 2012. UELMA is codified as Calif. Government Code secs 10290-10300.
Universal Citation	No

Public Law Libraries in the State

Public law libraries provide access to primary legal sources and other materials.

Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
Council of California County Law Librarians Staffing differs among libraries. Check county listing.	http://mylawlibrary.org/		https://calcountylib.org/ibanswers.com/	Check county listing.
Witkin State Law Library Gillis Hall 914 Capitol Mall, 3rd floor Sacramento, CA 95814	https://www.library.ca.gov/law/	916-323-9839	cslaw@library.ca.gov	Yes

Online Legal Information Resources (OLIR)

GUAM

Updated: April 6, 2022

Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to Guam primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Guam Public Laws (https://guamlegislature.com/index/publiclaws/)	Guam Code Annotated (http://www.guamcourts.org/CompilerofLaws/gca.html)	N/A	Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations (http://www.guamcourts.org/CompilerofLaws/gar.html)	N/A	Guam Supreme Court Opinions (http://www.guamcourts.org/Supreme-Court-Opinions/Supreme-Court-Opinions.asp)
Official Status	No	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
(Notes)	Guam Legislative materials are available on the Guam Legislature's website. Physical archives are maintained by the Guam Public Library System.	The Guam Code Annotated (GCA) is officially updated on the Guam Compiler of Laws' website. The last official print publication of the GCA is the 2005 edition.		The Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations (GAR) is officially made available on the Guam Compiler of Laws' website. Updates not yet available there should be available from the respective governing office. The last official print publication of the GAR is the 1997 edition.		Supreme Court of Guam Opinions are officially published via the Compiler of Laws' and the Guam Judiciary's website.
Authentication	No	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes

Online Legal Information Resources (OLIR)

Public Law Libraries in Guam

Public law libraries provide access to primary legal sources and other materials.

Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
Guam Law Library 141 San Ramon St., Hagatna, GU, 96910-4333	www.guamlawlibrary.org	(671) 477-7623	gll@guamlawlibrary.org	Yes

Online Legal Information Resources (OLIR)

U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND CANADA

The documents in this section include information and links to websites that may help users with their legal research questions.

[U.S. Federal Government](#)

[Canada](#)

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UNITED STATES - FEDERAL

Updated: June 28, 2022

Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to federal primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Public and Private Laws	United States Code	Federal Register	Code of Federal Regulations	U.S. Court of Appeals Opinions	U.S. Supreme Court
Official Status (Notes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Only the bound volumes of the United States Reports contain the final, official text of the opinions of the Supreme Court.
Authentication (Notes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Online Preservation (Notes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Permanent Public Access (Notes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Copyright Claimed (Notes)	No	No	No	No	No	No
UELMA Adopted	No					
Universal Citation Adopted	No					

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Where to Get Help With Your Research

For help with federal legal information questions, it might be helpful to consult with a law library close to where you live. The Public Library Toolkits provide references to local law libraries that are happy to help researchers with their legal questions. Some of the federal courts also have public libraries. If there is nothing close by, several sources, including the Law Library of Congress, will answer legal research questions via email.

Resources	Website	Description of Services
Public Library Toolkits	https://www.aallnet.org/lispsis/resources-publications/public-library-toolkit/	The toolkits were created and are maintained by members of AALL's Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section. Each document contains current links to primary law within the state, and many of the documents also have references to bar associations, legal clinics, libraries, and print resources explaining the legal research process.
govinfo	https://www.govinfo.gov/	govinfo is a service of the United States Government Publishing Office (GPO), which is a Federal agency in the legislative branch. govinfo provides free public access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government. Documents on govinfo were created using digital signatures on each document as evidence of the document's integrity and authenticity.
U.S. Courts	https://www.uscourts.gov/	This is the website of the federal courts. The "Federal Court Finder" will identify local courts, many of which have libraries that are open to the public. Each individual court has its own website, which contains helpful resources, such as opinions, court rules, forms, announcements, research guides, and other helpful material.
Law Library of Congress	https://www.loc.gov/research-centers/law-library-of-congress/about-this-research-center/	The Law Library of Congress has an impressive collection of material on its site, including research guides, digital collections of historical legislative and regulatory records, research reports, as well as links to other government sites. Appointments are encouraged for visitors, but the Law Library of Congress can also be reached by phone or email at this page: https://ask.loc.gov/law/

Other Resources

- **AALL Chapters**

- A nationwide listing of chapters of law librarian colleagues providing legal information services on the local level.
- <https://www.aallnet.org/community/chapters/>



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