Internet Resources

Legal Research Guides and Tools

- TexasLawHelp
- Free Texas Forms (Family Law)
- Houston Bar Association Legal Handbooks Family, Elder, and Consumer law
- handbooks, in English, Spanish, and Chinese.
- How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers, from the American
- Association of Law Libraries.
- How to Read a Legal Opinion
- Introduction to Basic Legal Citation by Peter Martin.
- · Law Dictionaries:
- Law Dictionaries, from YourDictionary.com.
 - 'Lectric Law Library's Free Legal Lexicon. "A number of the Lexicon's files contain material from Bouvier's Legal Dictionary, a work published in the 1850's."
 - Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Law, from Findlaw.
 - Nolo's Free Dictionary of Law Terms and Legal Definitions
 - The People's Law Dictionary, from Law.com.
 - Pronouncing Dictionary of the Supreme Court of the United States,
 from the Yale Law School, a guide to difficult-to-pronounce case names.
- UCLA Research Guides
- Georgetown University Law Library Research Guides
 - Texas
- University of Washington Gallagher Law Library Legal Research Guides
- Cornell University Legal Research Engine
- University of Akron Law Scout
- Zimmerman's Research Guide, by Andrew Zimmerman on LexisNexis.
- Law Librarians' Resource Xchange (LLRX)
- Finding and Researching Experts and Their Testimony, from Virtual Chase,
- on Justia.com.
- How to Vet an Expert, from Virtual Chase, on Justia.com.

- Stateside Legal, Legal information for military members, veterans, and their
- families.

Forms Online

[The Montgomery County Law Library provides links to forms solely as a service to our users. Selecting, completing, filing, or using the forms found on linked external web sites is entirely the responsibility of users andtheir attorneys. The Library does not guarantee the accuracy, currency, or applicability of any form.] Find Attorneys.

- Texas Law Help
- Free Texas Forms
- Montgomery County Memorial Library System. Click on "Legal Forms" button (right side of the MCMLS home page). You can search forms, and browse by most popular, main categories, and alphabet. Forms specific to Texas begin with "TX" in their identifier. (Library card needed to access from external web browser).
- LawHelp.org
- Form Resources, from Findlaw.
- Findlaw Sample Business Contracts
- Government Forms, from USA.gov.
- Form's Room, from the 'Lectric Law Library.
- ILRG Legal Forms Archive, from the Internet Legal Research Group.
- Legal Forms, from HG.org.
- Legal Forms, from WashLaw, a service of the Washburn University School of
- Law Library.
- Online Legal Forms, from AllLaw.com.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Forms

Law Libraries

- Directory of Texas County Law Libraries
 - Montgomery County Law Library
 - Travis County Law Library
 - Harris County Law Library
 - Fort Bend County Law Library
 - Brazoria County Law Library

- Texas State Law Library home page
- Texas Legislative Reference Library
- State law libraries in other states
- Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- Law Library of Congress

Constitutional Resources - Texas

- The Texas Constitutions Digitalization Project From Tarlton Law Library .
- Texas Constitution HTML PDF
- Amendments to the Texas Constitution Since 1876 from the Texas Legislative
- Council.
- Analysis of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, from the Texas Legislative
- Council.
- The Constitution of the State of Texas: An Annotated Comparative Analysis by
- George D. Braden, et. al. (1977) from the Texas State Law Library.
- Texas Constitutions and Journals of the Convention of 1875, from Tarlton Law
- Library, University of Texas School of Law:
 - Texas Journals of the Convention of 1875
 - Texas Debates of the Convention of 1875

Statutory Resources - Texas

- Texas Legislators, from the Legislative Reference Library.
- Texas Senate
- Texas House
- Legislative Budget Board
- Texas Legislature Online, from the Texas Legislature.
- Texas Statutes , from the Texas Legislature.
- Index to Sections Affected, from the Texas Legislative Reference Library.
- Guide to Texas Legislative Information ,by the Texas Legislative Council.
- Texas Legislative Policy Issues, by the Texas Legislative Council.
- Texas Legislative Council Drafting Manual ,by the Texas Legislative Council.

- Reading a Bill. by the Texas Legislative Council.
- Legislative Process Description of the legislative process. Includes diagram.
 From
- the TLC.
- Texas Senate Rules
 - Note: To locate Texas Senate Rules from earlier legislative sessions, go to the Internet Archive, enter the URL above, and click on the Take Me Back button.
- Texas House Rules
 - Note: To locate Texas House Rules from earlier legislative sessions, go to the Internet Archive, enter the URL above, and click on the Take Me Back button.
- Texas Legislative Reports , from the Texas Legislative Reference Library.
- Legislative Archive, from the Texas Legislative Reference Library.
- Researching Legislative History and Intent, from the Texas Legislative Reference
- Library.
- Code Construction Act, from the Texas Legislature.
- Construction of Laws, from the Texas Legislature.
- Texas Code Projects, from the Texas Legislative Council.
- Texas Law Timeline, from the Texas Legislative Reference Library.
- Texas Water Law Timeline, from the Texas Legislative Reference Library.
- Historical Texas Statutes (1879-1925), from the Texas State Law Library.
- Codes of 1856, from the Legislative Reference Library.
- Gammel's The Laws of Texas, from the University of North Texas.
- <u>Texas Session Laws</u> The Law Library has a subscription through Heinonline.org to the Texas session laws back to 1836; and to the session laws from other states back to each one's beginning. Available for use in the Law Library.

Texas Government Resources - Local

- Montgomery County, Texas Access County services, information, and
- official records.
- Local Governments, from USA.gov
- National Association of Counties

- Texas Association of Counties
 - Basic County Data Texas, from Texas Association of Counties.
 - Helpful Tools and Utilities, from the Texas Association of Counties.
- County Ordinances:
- Montgomery County Ordinances
- Harris County Regulations
- Walker County Ordinances and Resolutions
- Municipal Code Resources:
- Municipal Codes Online, from the UCLA Law Library
- American Legal Publishing Corporation
 - Texas
 - Cities:
 - Willis
- Franklin Legal Publishing, a code publisher of select Texas cities.
 - Cities:
 - Navasota
 - Links of Interest to Municipalities
- Municipal Code Corporation (Municode)
- Texas
 - Cities:
 - Cleveland
 - College Station
 - Conroe
 - Friendswood
 - Houston
 - Humble
 - Huntsville
 - Magnolia
 - Montgomery
 - Oak Ridge North
 - Shenandoah
 - Tomball

Administrative Resources - Texas

- Texas.gov portal
- Office of the Governor of Texas
 - Appointments
 - Budget, Planning and Policy
 - Budget
 - Economic Development & Tourism
 - Business Research Data
- Texas Register and Administrative Procedure Act
- Open Gov't Resources, from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.
 - Texas Attorney General Opinions
 - Texas Attorney General Open Records Decisions
- Texas Administrative Code Texas regulations arranged by subject.
- Texas Register chronological compilation of Texas regulations.
- Texas Register Archive Back to 1976, from the University of North Texas.
- State Office of Administrative Hearing (SOAH)
- TARO Texas Archival Records Online. [About] Choose "Texas State Library and Archives" as the repository to search. Search state agencies and entities about which information may be located in the state archives.

Judicial Resources – Texas

- Texas Courts Online
- Judicial Entities
- Supreme Court of Texas
- Court of Criminal Appeals
- Administrative Judicial RegionsMap
- Courts of AppealsMap
- District Courts with searchable sites
- Map of Texas state district courts
- Judicial Entities
- Information for Trial Courts
- Texas Judicial System Subject Jurisdiction
- Certified Process Servers

Constitutional Resources - States

NBER / Maryland State Constitutions Project

Statutory Resources – States

- State Legislature Websites, on Thomas.
- State Legislatures, State Laws, and State Regulations:
 - Website Links and Telephone Numbers, from LLSDC.
- States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories
- Findlaw State laws.
- LawsOnline
- State and Local Government page, Law Library of Congress Reading Room.
- State and Local Government on the Net, statelocalgov.net
- States Legislatures Internet Links, from the National Conference of State Legislatures.
- NCCUSL Uniform Laws. Official site of the National Conference of Commissioners
- on Uniform State Laws.
- State Legislative History Research Guides and State Legislatures
- on the Web, from Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington.

Administrative Resources – States

- National Association of Secretaries of State Business filings, Notary Services,
- Business ID Theft, more ...
 - Apostilles/Document Authentication Services, from the NASS.

Judicial Resources - States

- State Court Websites, from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).
- LLRX Court Rules, Forms, and Dockets

Constitutional Resources - Federal

- Constitution of the United States Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, as published by the Government Printing Office.
- Analysis and Interpretation of the U.S. Constitution 2002 edition and supplements. Includes annotations to cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. Also includes:
 - list of proposed amendments not ratified by the states;
 - acts of Congress held to be unconstitutional in whole or in part by the U.S.
 Supreme Court;
 - State constitutional and statutory provisions and municipal ordinances held unconstitutional on their face as administered;
 - U.S. Supreme Court decisions overruled by subsequent decisions;
 - table of cases;
 - o index.
- National Archive and Records Administration Charters of Freedom
- Documents from the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, 1774 - 1989.
- The Avalon Project at Yale Law School. Link to 18th Century documents leads to many documents related to the formation of the U.S. Constitution.
- The Federalist Papers Yale Law Avalon Project Federalist Papers

Statutory Resources - Federal

- Legislative Sourcebook Law Librarians' Society of the District of Columbia (LLSDC) website.
- Federal Legislative History Research from the LLSDC website. Author Richard J. McKinney, Assistant Librarian at the Federal Reserve Board.
- Internet and Online Sources of U.S. Legislative and Regulatory Information, 2012, by Richard J. McKinney.
- Electronic Sources for Federal Legislative History Documents [web][pdf]

- From the Law Librarians' Society of the District of Columbia website. Author Richard J. McKinney, Assistant Librarian at the Federal Reserve Board.
- Selected Telephone Numbers and Websites with Useful Legislative Information, from the Law Librarians' Society of the District of Columbia.
- Research guides, multinational databases, from Law Library of Congress Reading Room.
- Thomas Library of Congress. Bills, Public Laws, Congressional Records, committee reports, committee schedules. Bills, Resolutions, Public Laws, Committee Reports, Congressional Record, Appropriations Bills, State Legislature Websites, Government Resources, and more. . .
- Public and Private Laws, from the Government Printing Office (GPO) Federal Digital System (FDSys).
- United States Code, from the Government Printing Office (GPO) Federal Digital System (FDSys).
- Statutory Compilations Compilations of statutes from different titles of the
 United States Code and other provisions, on a specific area of law or regulation,
 can be very useful. This link is to the Law Library of Congress webpage of
 references and links to statutory compilations produced by various committees of
 Congress.

Administrative Resources - Federal

- Participate in the Federal Rulemaking Process
- Federal Administrative Law: A Brief Overview, [pdf] by Richard J. McKinney, LLSDC.
- Presidential Materials
- Presidential Papers, from Yale's Avalon Project.
- GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys)
- Code of Federal Regulations Federal regulations arranged by subject.
- CFR List of Sections Affected (LSA) Organized by CFR section: shows pages of
- Federal Register with notifications that amend, propose, adopt, withdraw, or
- otherwise modify sections of the CFR.
- eCFR
- Federal Register chronological compilation of federal regulations.

- Federal Register Tables of Contents
- Unified Agenda Published semi-annually in the Federal Register. Contains
- projections of regulatory activity by agencies of the federal government.
- A Research Guide to the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations,
- by the Law Librarians' Society of the District of Columbia.
- USAGov.gov
- · LSU Federal Agency Directory
- Agency Decisions and Other Actions, from the University of Virginia.
- CyberCemetary, permanent, publicly available archive of defunct U.S. government
- agency and commission websites, from the University of North Texas.
- Office of Authentications, from the U.S. Department of State.

Judicial Resources - Federal

- U.S. Supreme Court's official website
- LLI Supreme Court Collection, U.S. Supreme Court opinions from the Legal Information Institution (LII) of Cornell University Law School.
- Oyez U.S. Supreme Court Media
- Justia.com U.S. Supreme Court Center
- Findlaw U.S. Supreme Court Center
- Dates of early Supreme Court decisions [pdf]
- · U.S. Courts of Appeal official website
- GPO FDSys United States Court Opinions BETA
- Justia.com U.S. Courts of Appeal
- LII Federal Law Collection Opinions federal appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts.
- U.S. District Courts official website
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts official website
- Justia.com U.S. District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts
- Federal Judicial Center manuals, treatises, reports . . . and many other resources
- Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Third Edition (2001)

- Public Library of Law (PLoL) search all U.S. Supreme Court cases, federal appeals courts back to 1950, and statecourts back to 1997.
- Google Scholar click on button "Legal documents"
- An Index to Special Court Sessions in West Federal Reporters, by Barbara L.
 Fritschel (2001) [pdf].

Statutory / Regulatory Resources — Global Issues

- Global & Comparative Law Resources, from the Law Library of Congress
- Global Legal Information Network (GLIN) from the Law Library of Congress
- Law Library of Congress Locating Foreign Law Texts on the Internet
- United Nations International Law
- Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL) from the American Society of International Law
- Globalex from the Hauser Global Law School Program, New York University
- School of Law
- Doing Business law library , by the International Finance Corporation and the World Bank.
- Family Law Organization of American States
- Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction
- Hague Convention Compliance Reports from the U.S. Department of State.
- Country Information Child Abduction, from the U.S. Department of State.
- Child Abduction Prevention Tools
- Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program
- International Crime and Drug Control treaties
- International Digest of Health Legislation World Health Organization (WHO)
- Consular Notification and Access, from the U.S. Department of State.
- LSU International Law Research Guide including Civil Law in the World Codes & Legislation.

Judicial Resources - Global

 Comparative Civil Procedure: A Guide to Primary and Secondary Sources, by Radu D. Popa & Mirela Roznovschi.

- Retaining an Attorney Abroad, from the U.S. Department of State.
- Notarial and Authentication Services, from the U.S. Department of State.
- ABCs of Apostilles, by the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Law Journals

- Heinonline.org Law Journal Library The Law Library has a subscription through Heinonline.org to a large array of law journals, back to each one's beginning issue.
- Available for use in the Law Library.
- Texas Bar Journal
- Free Full-Text Online Law Review/Journal Search
- WashLaw Law Journal Directory
- University Law Review Project
- Litigation Support Today
- Paralegal Today

Other Sites

- ABA Blawg Directory, from the American Bar Association.
- Legal Blawg Archive , from the Library of Congress.
- Justia's Blawg Search
- BeSpacific
- Company Research Access Through State Sponsored Portals, by George Bergstrom, on LLRX.
- Library of Congress Forensic Research Page
- BRB Public Records Resource Center
- BRB Free government public records Texas
- University of Chicago Manual of Legal Citation (The Maroonbook [pdf])
- ALWD Citation Manual Resources