Appendix C

CALIFORNIA’S COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES

California’s county law libraries were organized in 1891 to serve all county residents, the judiciary, state and county officials, and members of the state bar (1891 Cal. Stat. 430). The operation and governance of county law libraries was later codified in California Business and Professions Code §§ 6300 et seq. Each library is governed by a board of trustees, which is comprised of one to five superior court judges (depending upon the size of the county) and two attorneys appointed annually by a county’s board of supervisors.

Collections:

A typical county law library collection will include current and historic California primary (statutes, cases and regulations) and secondary (treatises, practice guides and form books) resources in print, microfiche and/or digital formats. The collections of larger county law libraries (those located in or adjacent to larger municipalities) will also include primary and secondary resources from other states and foreign countries as well as special collections of California appellate briefs, self help legal materials, legislative history documents, historic voter pamphlets and archival county/municipal codes. Several county law libraries have also been designated as official depositories of state and federal government publications which guarantees the availability of selective government publications at the library (in print or a digital equivalent) for a minimum of five years.

Services:

Reference and research assistance (not advice) is available in person, by phone and through live chat (remote access). At a library, a user will find free access to the Internet, legal databases (Lexis, Westlaw, Loislaw or Fastcase) subscribed to by the Library, and computer programs that will allow a person to complete court forms, calculate child and spousal support or create legal pleadings. Many of the libraries offer

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1 See the Legislative Counsel of California’s Web site (www.leginfo.ca.gov). Click on the “California Law” button, check the box next to “Business and Professions Code,” and enter 6300 in the search box. The first result should be Business and Professions Code Section 6300-6307.
MCLE classes for attorneys as well as classes on how to find legal information in print or online for paralegals and pro se litigants. The larger county law libraries offer fee based document delivery and interlibrary loan service with other libraries. This appendix contains a list of California’s county law libraries and a summary of the services offered by each library. The information is based upon a mixture of contact with the libraries (when possible), the annual survey of county law libraries done by the Council of California law librarians, the law library’s Web site, and a library’s listing in Your Public Law Library.

The list is divided into two parts: Southern California and Northern California. The counties of Southern California traditionally include the ten counties located south of the 35° 47’ 28” north latitude, which form the southern boundaries of Monterey, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo counties. Northern California includes the remaining forty-eight counties of the state. This section of the appendix is further divided into three parts that coincide with the following regions: (1) the Central Coast, Northern Coast, and the San Francisco Bay Area; (2) the Shasta Cascade; and (3) the combined areas of the Central Valley, Gold Country and High Sierra. To locate the county your city resides within, the Web site of the League of California Cities provides an alphabetized list of California’s 481 cities, which also includes the county and population data of each city.

If you have not already done so, please consider visiting your county’s law library to see what it can do for you. The mission of county law libraries remains the same: to provide free access to legal materials.

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  - Central Valley, Gold Country & High Sierra

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2 See California State Association of Counties’ [County Map](#).
3 See the [Explore California Map](#) provided by the California Travel & Tourism Commission.
4 The link is on the [Helpful Facts About Cities](#) page.
Southern California

This section contains an alphabetical list of the county law libraries located in the following ten counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

**Imperial County Law Library**

Imperial County Courthouse  
939 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

Tel: (760) 482-4739  
Fax: (760) 352-3184

Email: accesscenter@imperial.courts.ca.gov or Maribel.Martinez@imperial.courts.ca.gov

**COLLECTION:** 4,000 volumes + electronic titles  
**SERVICES:** The Law Library’s collection is listed on the library’s Web site. The library maintains subscriptions to several legal databases that are available on the library’s public computer. The Superior Court’s **Access Center’s** self-help legal services are also described on the library’s Web site.

**Kern County Law Library**

1415 Truxtun Avenue, Room 301  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Tel: (661) 868-5320  
Fax: (661) 868-5368

**COLLECTION:** 23,000 volume, + electronic titles  
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person & by phone, the library maintains subscriptions to legal databases which are accessible within the library. The library’s holdings can be searched on the library’s Web site under the tab “Collection,” the Court’s self-help center operates as a collaborative project within the law library, sharing its resources and holding workshops for the public on matters such as guardianship, custody visitation and divorce defaults. A virtual Kern County law library is now available at the Cerro Cosso and Taft college libraries in Ridgecrest and Taft, California.
LA Law Library

Main Branch
Mildred L. Lillie Building
301 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tel: (213) 785-2529
Fax: (213) 613-1329

COLLECTION: 850,000 volumes + electronic titles + federal and state Court briefs

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and through the library’s participation in the AskNow/Questionpoint live chat service. The library’s legal database subscriptions are available for searching at the Main Library and the library’s partnership libraries. At the Main Library, the collection includes the laws and secondary resources of all states and most foreign countries, self-help legal titles, legislative history resources, current and archival state and local codes for Southern California cities and counties and appellate briefs. The library offers educational classes for the pro se, attorneys and paralegals, library tours, interlibrary loans, and document delivery. The library’s Web site links to legal research sites, the complete text of scanned state court briefs from the library’s collection, legal research guides and the library’s online public access catalog. The library is both a selective federal and state depository of official California documents. In 2012, it will be a participant in the Pacer: Access and Education Program.

LA Law Library Branches:

Long Beach Branch
County Building
415 West Ocean Boulevard, Room 505
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 983-7088

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Norwalk Branch
Southeast Superior Court Building
12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 714
Norwalk, CA  90650
(562) 807-7310

Pomona Branch
East District Superior Court Building
400 Civic Center Plaza, Room 102
Pomona, CA  91766
(909) 620-3091

Santa Monica Branch
County Building
1725 Main Street, Room 219
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(310) 260-3644

Torrance Branch
South Bay County Building
825 Maple Avenue, Room 110
Torrance, CA  90503
(310) 222-8816

The following locations are LA Law Library Partnerships with the Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County and Pasadena public library systems:

Compton Library
240 West Compton Boulevard
Compton, CA  90220
(310) 637-0202

Pasadena Public Library
285 East Walnut Street
Pasadena, CA  91101
(626) 744-4066

Los Angeles Public Library, Van Nuys Branch
6250 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 756-8453
Lancaster Regional Library*
601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 948-5029
*The LA Law Library shares its Lexis database subscription with the Lancaster Regional Library.

Orange County Public Law Library
Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza Building  Tel: (714) 834-3397
515 North Flower Street  Fax: (714) 834-4375
Santa Ana, CA 92703

COLLECTION: 346,965 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web through the library’s participation in the live chat AskNow/Questionpoint service; public access computers provide access to the Internet, and the library’s legal database subscriptions. Other library services include library tours, legal research guides, document delivery, and interlibrary loans from other law libraries. Complete descriptions of these services and the library’s online public access catalog are available on the library’s Web site. The library is also a selective federal and state depository of government publications.

Riverside County Law Library
Victor Miceli Law Library  Tel: (951) 955-6390
3989 Lemon Street  Fax: (951) 955-6394
Riverside, CA 92501

Desert Branch
Larson Justice Center  Tel: (760) 863-8316
46-200 Oasis St.  Fax: (760)342-2581
Indio, CA 92201

COLLECTION: 66,000 volumes at the Main Library and 24,000 at the Desert Branch + electronic titles

(Service information is listed on next page.)
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and through the internet using AskNow’s law librarian live chat interface. Other services offered by the Library include document delivery, “how to” classes, public education forums, and daily tours of the Law Library. Computers are available for the public to access the library’s legal database subscriptions. Pleading paper formatted to Riverside Superior Court’s rules, research guides written by the professional staff, the library’s catalog, and general operational information about the library will be found on the library’s Web site. A virtual tour of the library is also available on the library’s Web site. The library is also a partial depository of state government publications and in a partnership with the Riverside City library to provide some federal depository titles.

**Law Library for San Bernadino County**

402 North “D” Street                  Tel: (909)885-3020
San Bernardino, CA 92401                Fax: (909) 381-0957

*West End Branch*

8401 North Haven Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
(909) 944-5106

*Victorville High-Desert Branch*

15455 Seneca Road
Victorville, CA  92392
(760) 243-2044

**COLLECTION**: 141,970 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web through the library’s participation in the AskNow/Questionpoint live chat service. At the library a user will be able to access the library’s legal database subscriptions for free on a number of public computers. The library’s Web site provides legal research guides, samples of legal forms, blank pleading paper, a virtual tour of the library, useful legal links and the library’s online public access catalog. (cont’d on next page)
SERVICES (CONT’D): The law library is a selective depository of federal and state publications. In 2008, the Library was named the Depository Library of the Year by the U.S. Government Printing Office, in July 2011, it was named one of two libraries selected to offer free trials of the U. S. Administrative Office of the Court’s Pacer program, and in 2012, it will be a participant in the Pacer Access and Education Program.

San Diego County Public Law Library
1105 Front Street               Tel: (619) 531-3900
San Diego, CA 92101            Fax: (619) 238-7716

North County Branch
325 S. Melrose, Suite 300      Tel: (760) 940-4386
Vista, CA 92081                Fax: (760) 724-7694

East County Branch
Courthouse                   Tel: (619) 441-4451
250 East Main Street          Fax: (619) 441-0235
El Cajon, CA 92020-3941

South Bay Branch
Courthouse                  Tel: (619) 691-4929
500 Third Avenue             Fax: (619) 427-7521
Chula Vista, CA 91910-5617

COLLECTION: 221,154 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, meebo chat, and on the Web through the library’s participation in the real time AskNow/Questionpoint service. Other services include classes for the pro se, paralegals and attorneys, document delivery, interlibrary loans, tours of the library, free access to its legal database subscriptions and the internet on its public computers. The Library’s Web site provides access to the library’s online catalog, research guides in English and Spanish, research links, a library newsletter and operational information about the Library.
### San Luis Obispo County Law Library

County Government Annex  
1050 Monterey Street, Room 125  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  
Tel: (805) 781-5855  
Fax: (805) 781-4172  
Email: lawlibrarian@slocll.org  

**Collection:** 14,000 volumes + electronic titles  
**Services:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, and email. The Library’s Web site contains the library’s online catalog, a link to the [San Luis Obispo County Legal Resource Center](#), details about its document delivery, interlibrary loan services and operational information. At the library a user will also have free access to the library’s legal database subscriptions and word processing software on the library’s computers.

### Santa Barbara County Law Library

County Courthouse  
The McMahon Law Library  
1100 Anacapa St., 2nd floor  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
Tel: (805) 568-2296  
Fax: (805) 568-2299  
Email: info@countylawlibrary.org

**Santa Maria Law Library Branch**

312 East Cook Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Tel: (805) 346-7548  
Fax: (805) 346-7692

**Collection:** 37,000 volumes at the main library and 14,000 volumes at the Santa Maria Branch + electronic titles.  
**Services:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. The library’s Web site contains the library’s online catalog, links to legal research Web sites and the ability to fill in California Judicial Council forms online through the library’s connection to AccessLaw.com. Other services at the library include interlibrary loans for Santa Barbara attorneys, free access to legal research databases on CD-ROM public stations and MCLE materials.
Ventura County Law Library
Hall of Justice                      Tel: (805) 642-8982
Ventura County Government Center    Fax: (805) 642-7177
800 S. Victoria Avenue             Email: vcll@rain.org
Ventura, CA  93009-2020

COLLECTION: 72,507 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone or email. On the library’s computers, there is free access to the library’s legal database subscriptions as well as word processing software for completing legal documents. The Ventura County Courts provide a computer for using Dissomaster. The library’s Web site provides legal and general research links, a link to the Ventura County Legal Resource Center, a reservation form to use the library’s meeting room and the library catalog.

Northern California

Central Coast, North Coast & San Francisco Bay Area

This section covers the following fifteen counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma.

Bernard E. Witkin
Alameda County Law Library
125 Twelfth Street                  Tel: (510) 208-4800
Oakland, CA 94607                  Fax: (510) 208-3907
Email (links to online form)

South County Branch
224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 162     Tel: (510) 670-5230
Hayward, CA 94544-1215             Fax: (510) 670-5292

(Collection and service information are listed on next page.)
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**Contra Costa County Public Law Library**
A. F. Bray Courts Building Tel: (925) 646-2783
1020 Ward Street, 1st Floor Fax: (925) 646-2438
Martinez, CA 94553-1276

**Richmond Branch**
Superior Court Building Tel: (510) 374-3019
100 37th Street, Room 237 Fax: (510) 374-3607
Richmond, CA 94805

**Pittsburgh Branch**
Superior Court Building Tel: (925) 252-2800
1000 Center Drive, Rm. 1045 Fax: (925) 252-2801
Pittsburg, CA 94565

**COLLECTION:** 44,777 volumes + electronic titles

**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Other services include research guides, a lawyer in the library event, tours of the library, interlibrary loans with other libraries, and document delivery. Public computers are available for accessing the legal databases subscribed to by the Library, the internet, the library’s online catalog, and word processing software.

Del Norte County Law
Library & Self-Help Center  Tel: (707) 464-8115
Del Norte Courthouse  x126 (Clerk’s Office)
450 H Street
Crescent City, CA  95531

NOTE: The library is only open to the public when the Courthouse is open.

COLLECTION: 7,809 volumes
SERVICE: The Online Resource Directory of Del Norte County Superior Court provides links to the Del Norte County Superior Court rules and case information, legal research links, legal aid information, forms, and more.

Humboldt County Law Library
812 4th Street, Room G04  Tel: (707) 476-2356
Eureka, CA  95501    Fax: (707) 268-0690
Email: lawlibrary@co.humboldt.ca.us

COLLECTION: 20,344 volumes
SERVICE: The library’s Web site provides links to state and federal legal self-help resources, legal aid groups, free legal forms, a pro se handbook for the U. S. Northern District, primary resources and much more.

Marin County Law Library
20 North San Pedro Road, Suite 2015  Tel: (415) 499-6355
San Rafael, CA 94903                Fax: (415) 499-6837

COLLECTION: 28,000 volumes
SERVICE: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone. The library’s Web site has links to Marin County legal service resources and forms as well as a search mechanism for finding information about County services. The Web site indicates that the library is not affiliated with the Superior Court.
**Mendocino County Law Library**

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<td>100 North State Street, Room 307</td>
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**COLLECTION:** 6,000 volumes  
**SERVICES:** Reference service is available in person and by phone. The library’s Web site links to cases, statutes, codes, forms, legal self-help, “homework help,” county information and more.

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**Monterey County Law Library**

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**COLLECTION:** 29,546 volumes + electronic titles  
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Patrons may access legal databases subscribed to by the library on the library’s computers. Other services include limited faxing of known citations, and interlibrary loans. The library’s collection is described under “holdings summary” on the library’s Web site. The library’s Web site also contains links to other important legal Web sites.

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<td>825 Brown Street</td>
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**COLLECTION:** 318 print titles, 274 online/digital titles  
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available limited hours M-F. The library’s print and digital collections are listed on the library’s Web site in excel spreadsheets.
**SERVICES CONT’D:** Three computers are available for searching the library’s digital products or accessing approved legal Web sites. Consumer legal education pamphlets from the California State Bar are also available. The library is not a lending library.

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<td>440 Fifth Street, Room 205</td>
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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org">selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org</a></td>
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**COLLECTION:** A small collection of legal books is available for public use during the court’s hours, 8:30AM – 4:00PM. **SERVICES:** The small claims, civil, family and probate offices are at 440 Fifth Street; family law services and facilitator are at 390 Fifth street. The County Web site provides descriptions of these services and useful legal links to primary and secondary resources.

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*The Main Law Library is facing eviction in December 2012 and awaiting the City’s decision on where to relocate it.

**COLLECTION:** 325,000 volumes + electronic titles **SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Computers are available for searching the library’s legal database subscriptions. Special collections within the main library include MCLE self study programs for attorneys from Versatape, an archive of historic San Francisco Municipal Codes.
SERVICES CONT’D: Other services include document delivery, interlibrary loans, tours of the library, and training classes. On the library’s Web site, legal research and service Web site are listed under the headings of library services, attorney resources, and self-help. Tips from the Library Cat can be found in the left frame of the Web site. The library’s Web site indicates that the “San Francisco Law Library is California’s First County Law Library.”

San Mateo County Law Library
Cohn-Sorenson Building Tel: (650) 363-4913
710 Hamilton Street Fax: (650) 367-8040
Redwood City, CA  94063

COLLECTION: 29,764 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone. The public has access to legal databases subscribed to by the Library as well as the internet on library computers. The library’s Web site contains legal research guides on many subjects; i.e, criminal law, disability law, legal research tutorials, self help legal resources, research links and the library’s online catalog. There is a conference room available to rent for a fee, and the Library has a complete collection of print CEB titles and MCLE audio materials. Frequently, there is a noontime lecture series by legal experts.

Santa Clara County Law Library
360 North First Street Tel: (408) 299-3568
San Jose, CA  95113 Fax: (408) 286-9283

COLLECTION: 70,000 volumes plus + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone on a limited basis. The library’s 2 public computers may be used to access the library’s legal database subscriptions and the internet for free for 30 minutes, and longer, for a fee, if space is available. The library’s catalog of titles is currently only available within the library, not on its Web site though the Web site links to legal research sources and self-help legal materials.
Santa Cruz County Law Library
County Government Center       Tel: (831) 420-2205
701 Ocean Street, Room 070      Fax: (831) 457-2255
Santa Cruz, CA  95060-4027       Email: scclawlib@yahoo.com

COLLECTION: 16,000 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. There are 7 computers on which the public may search, at no cost, the library’s subscriptions to fee based legal databases, word processing software and the internet. Document delivery services and interlibrary loans of materials from other libraries are also available. The library’s Web site links to self-help resources. The library’s catalog is cataloged as part of the Santa Cruz City County Public Library catalog.

Solano County Law Library
Hall of Justice       Tel: (707) 421-6520
600 Union Avenue     Tel: (866) 572-7587
Fairfield, CA  94533     Fax: (707) 421-6516

COLLECTION: 18,783 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available as is access to computers for searching the library’s legal database subscriptions and the internet on 3 public computers. Meeting rooms are available to rent. The library’s online catalog is searchable through the Solano County Public Library catalog.

Sonoma County Public Law Library
2604 Ventura Avenue       Tel: (707) 565-2668
Santa Rosa, CA 95403       Fax: (707)565-1126

COLLECTION: 29,000 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and through email (there is a link to a librarian on the library Web site under “Contact a Sonoma County law librarian.)

(Services cont’d on next page)
SERVICES CONT’D: Computers are available for searching the library’s legal database subscriptions, legislative history sources can be retrieved from the Secretary of State’s office (such as committee analyses) and bill files can be obtained from the Governor’s Office, for a fee. Other services include a conference room, interlibrary loans and document delivery. The library’s Web site includes useful links to legal research and self help Web sites.

Shasta Cascade

The Shasta Cascade is located in the northeastern part of the state and shares borders with both Oregon and Nevada. This section of the appendix covers the following eight counties: Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

Butte County Public Law Library
1675 Montgomery Avenue    Tel: (530) 538-7122
Oroville, CA 95965     Fax: (530) 534-1499
Email: jzorbas@sbcglobal.net

COLLECTION: 5,700 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by email, by phone and through the library’s participation in the AskNow/Questionpoint service. Public computers allow the public to access the library’s legal research subscription databases. For a modest fee, legislative history information can be obtained from the Secretary of State’s office and the chaptered bills’ files can be obtained from the Governor’s Office. Other services include interlibrary loans with other libraries, and document delivery. The library’s Web site includes links to self help resources.

Lassen County Law Library
Lassen Superior Court    Tel: (530) 251-8353
Access to Justice Center
145 S. Lassen Street
Susanville, CA 96130
COLLECTION: Electronic only
SERVICES: A small legal reference collection is available in the Access to Justice Self Help Center on Lassen Street in addition to legal databases, legal forms, legal clinics, the small claims advisor and the family law facilitator. A new courthouse is under construction at 2610 Riverside Drive in Susanville.

Modoc County Law Library
Modoc County Courthouse Tel: (530) 233-6515
205 South East Street
Alturas, CA 96101

There is no longer a traditional law library, but electronic access to legal information and Web sites is available on the Modoc County Superior Court Web site. There is also an online Self Help Center.

Plumas County Law Library
Plumas County Courthouse Tel: (530) 283-6325
520 Main Street, Room 414
Quincy, CA 95971
Email: lawlibrary@countyofplumas.com

COLLECTION: 6,190 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Computers are available for accessing legal databases subscribed to by the Library. The library’s Web site provides a “collection of legal links,” Plumas County information and a description of the library’s collection.

Shasta County Public Law Library
Shasta County Courts Tel: (530) 245-6243
1500 Court Street, B-7 Fax: (530) 245-6966
Redding, CA 96001

COLLECTION: 9,200 volumes + electronic titles.
**Services**: Reference assistance is available during regular library hours. There are six computers for accessing the library’s digital legal database subscriptions and the internet; the library’s catalog is available on the Shasta College Web site. Self help and other legal assistance is available at the library’s [Family Law Facilitator/Self Help Center](#).

**Siskiyou County Law Library**
311 Fourth Street, Room 206               Tel: (530) 842-8390  
Yreka, CA 96097               Fax: (530) 842-8339  
Email: gderose@siskiyou.courts.ca.gov

**Collection**: 5,000 volumes + electronic titles

**Services**: Reference Service is available. The library is operated by the Superior Court of Siskiyou County. Legal research and self help legal information is available on the Superior Court’s [Self-Help Links](#).

**Tehama County Law Library**
Courthouse, Room 38      Tel: (530) 527-9252  
633 Washington Street      Tel: (530) 529-5033  
Red Bluff, CA 96080

**Collection**: 10,070 volumes + electronic titles

**Services**: [The Superior Court’s Web site](#) provides links to self help resources. The Library is open Monday – Friday mornings.

**Trinity County Law Library**
Courthouse      Tel: (530) 623-5641  
101 Court Street  
Weaverville, CA 96093

**Note**: The county no longer has a traditional law library, but patrons may use the legal resources available at the Court’s Access to Justice Center. The [Superior Court’s Web site](#) includes links to the Ask Now online law librarian service, California and County legal resource links, legal aid information, forms and more.
**Central Valley, Gold Country & High Sierra**

This section covers the following 25 counties, plus the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library in Sacramento: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Mariposa, Madera, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

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<td>Amador County Library: 530 Sutter Street Jackson, CA 95642</td>
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APPENDIX C: CALIFORNIA’S COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES

**Calaveras County Law Library**
Government Center, Legal Building  
891 Mountain Ranch Road  
San Andreas, CA 95249  
Tel: (209) 754-6314  
(County Counsel)

**COLLECTION:** 8,250 volumes

**SERVICES:** This is a self-service library; the Superior Courts of Calaveras County and Amador County provide a self-help legal center which provides legal assistance in certain types of cases, computers with access to online form Web sites and classes on issues such as wills, divorce and bankruptcy.

**Colusa County Law Library**
Superior Court  
547 Market Street, Courthouse Annex  
Colusa, CA 95932  
Tel (530) 458-5149

There is no longer a separate law library. The Colusa County Superior Court provides services through a self help center and family law facilitator office. The office can be reached by email at self-help@colusa.courts.ca.gov.
**El Dorado County Law Library**  
550 Main Street, Suite A  
Placerville, CA 95667-5699  
Tel: (530) 621-6423  
Email: edlawlibrary@gmail.com

**South Lake Tahoe Branch**  
South Lake Tahoe County Library  
1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150  
(530) 621-6423 (same as main)

**Collection:** 9,000 volumes (combined branches) + electronic titles  
**Services:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Patrons may search the library’s electronic resources on computers at both libraries. Classes and legal clinics are offered by County Court officials on various legal procedures.

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**Fresno County Public Law Library**  
1100 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 600  
Fresno, CA 93721  
Tel: (559) 237-2227  
Fax: (559) 442-4960  
Email: lawlibrary@co.fresno.ca.us

**Collection:** 44,000 volumes/3300 titles + electronic titles  
**Services:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web using AskNow’s law librarian live chat service. The library’s Web site provides a link to blank pleading paper formatted for use in Fresno Superior Court, the Nolo Press legal database of self help titles, legal research Web sites, the library’s online public access catalog and Fresno Superior Court’s “representing yourself” information.

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**Glenn County Law Library**  
525 W. Sycamore Street  
Willows, CA 95988  
Tel: (530) 934-6455  
Fax: (530) 934-6461

**Collection:** The library has no print collection. LexisNexis is available at the following two Glenn County Public Libraries:
### Orland Free Library
333 Mill Street  
Orland, CA 95963  
(530) 865-1640

### Willows Public Library
201 N. Lassen  
Willows, CA 95988  
(530) 934-5156

**Services:** [Glenn County Superior Court](#) provides links on its Web site to self-help legal and general Web site resources.

### Inyo County Law Library

**Inyo County Library**
Independence County Courthouse  
168 N. Edwards Street, Basement  
(P. O. Box Drawer K)  
Independence, CA  93526

**Collection:** 3,775 volumes  
**Services:** The Law Library is operated by the Independence Public Library; the print collection is in a closed room, accessible only through librarians at the public library. The library maintains subscriptions to legal databases. Self help legal assistance is available through Inyo Superior County Superior Court’s Self Help Legal Center.

### Kings County Law Library

**Kings County Law Library**
Kings County Government Center  
1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Building 4  
Hanford, CA  93230

**Collection:** 12,700 volumes + electronic titles  
**Services:** Reference assistance is available. The library’s legal database subscriptions, word processing and the internet for limited legal research may be accessed on the library’s public computer. Interlibrary loans are available.
SERVICES CONT’D: The Library’s Web site includes a complete description of the library’s print and digital collection, the library’s policies, research links, and information about other County services.

Lake County Law Library
255 N. Forbes Street (mail) Tel: (707) 263-2205
175 3rd Street (physical) Fax:(707) 263-2207
Lakeport, CA 95453 Email: kathleen.Oconnor@lakecountyca.gov

COLLECTION: 7,000 volumes + electronic titles. The EBSCO Legal reference center collection of the full text of Nolo self help legal publications is available from the library’s Web site.

SERVICES: The library’s Web site provides a description of Lake County’s print collection, a list of the electronic resources available on its two public access computers, and legal research links. The Library will do interlibrary loans with other libraries. There is an extensive collection of self help/Nolo Press legal publications.

Mariposa County Law Library
Mariposa County Self Help Center Tel:(209)742-5322
5092 Jones Street Fax: (209) 966-2079
Mariposa, CA 95338

COLLECTION: 2,742 volumes

SERVICES: The Mariposa Self Help Center Web site lists self help resources and services available at the Mariposa Superior Court & Self Help Center. There are a number of self help legal books at the Center.

Madera County Law Library
209 West Yosemite Avenue Tel: (559) 673-0378
Madera, CA 93637 Email: maderalawlibrary@sbcglobal.net

COLLECTION: 13,500 volumes

SERVICES: The library’s online catalog is linked to ValleyCat, the San Joaquin Valley library system catalog.
**SERVICES CONT’D**: Legal self help is available at the [Madera County Superior Court](#). The Library is open Monday-Friday mornings.

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<td>Tel: (209) 385-7332</td>
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<td>Merced, CA 95340</td>
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**COLLECTION**: 17,295 volumes + CD-ROM titles  
**SERVICES**: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone on a limited basis. The library will do interlibrary loans with the California state law library. The Library’s collection is described on the library’s Web site. Self help legal assistance is available at the [Merced County Superior Court](#).

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**Bridgeport Branch**  
94 N. School Street          
Bridgeport, CA 93517        
Tel: (760) 932-7482          
Fax: (760) 932-7539

**Mammoth Lakes Branch**  
400 Sierra Park Road         
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546     
Tel: (760) 934-4777          
Fax: (760) 934-6268

**COLLECTION**: The Mono County Law Library is now part of the Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes Public Libraries.

**SERVICES**: Reference assistance, interlibrary loans with other libraries, and other public library services are listed on the libraries’ Web site. Self-help legal assistance is available at the [Mono County Superior Court](#).
Nevada County Law Library
Nevada County Courthouse Tel: (530) 265-2918
201 Church Street, Suite 9 Tel: (530) 470-2594
Nevada City, CA 95959
Email: Law.Library@nevadacountycourts.com

**COLLECTION:** 6,000 volumes + electronic titles
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available as are computers for using the library’s legal database subscriptions, word processing and creating legal pleadings. The library Web site provides access to its online public access catalog. The County’s Public Law (self help) Center and County Small Claims Advisor are located within the law library.

Placer County Law Library
**Sparks Law Library of Placer County** Tel: (530) 823-2573
1523 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA  95603

**COLLECTION:** 8,751 volumes + electronic titles + digital access to the full text of EBSCO’s legal reference center of Nolo Press titles.
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available. Public computers provide access to the legal database subscriptions maintained by the Law Library and word processing software. The law library’s catalog is included within the online catalog of the Placer County Library.

Sacramento County Public Law Library
609 9th Street Tel: (916) 874-6011
Sacramento, CA  95814 Fax: (916) 874-7050

**COLLECTION:** 67,000 volumes + electronic titles
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web using AskNow’s law librarian live chat service. To access the library’s digital subscriptions and the internet, public computers are available.
SERVICES CONT’D: Other services at the library include classes and workshops, a regular Lawyer in the library event, tours of the library, the Sacramento County civil self help center, MCLE resources for attorneys and federal and state depository publications (the library is both a selective federal and state depository). Using the library’s Web site, users can arrange for interlibrary loans with other libraries, document delivery, search the library’s online public access catalog, read or view tutorial guides under the tab for “library services,” watch a video on Conservatorships, or take a virtual tour of the library.

Stockton-San Joaquin County Law Library
Kress Legal Center                      Tel: (209) 468-3920
20 N. Sutter Street                   Fax: (209) 468-9968
Stockton, CA  95202

COLLECTION: 27,759 volumes + electronic titles
SERVICES: Legal resources are listed and linked to on the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public library Web site. The public library’s Web site includes online access to the library’s catalog of resources. The library is a selective depository of U.S. government publications which are housed in the Cesar Chavez Central Library.

Sierra County Law Library
Sierra County Courthouse               Tel: (530) 289-3269
100 Courthouse Square                 Fax: (530) 289-3269
Downieville, CA 95936

COLLECTION: 1,000 volumes
SERVICES: The Sierra County law library has a small collection of California legal resources which are available to the public, and maintained by the Sierra County District Attorney’s Office. The Sierra County Superior Court houses the office of the Family Law Facilitator; the Court’s Web site, under the tab for self-help provides legal resource links to services available on the internet, legal forms, court rules and much more.
**Stanislaus County Law Library**

1101 13th Street  
Modesto, CA  95354-0907  
Tel: (209) 558-7759  
Fax: (209) 558-8284  
Email: lawlibrary@arrival.net

**COLLECTION:** 22,172 volumes + electronic titles  
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person and by phone. Legal databases and word processing are available on the library’s computers. The main page of the library’s Web site provides what they consider the most useful tools for finding information for attorneys and the self represented litigant under two separate “Quick links.” Other services include the availability of a conference room to rent and interlibrary loans with other libraries.

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**Sutter County Law Library**

**Sutter County Superior Court**

430 Center Street  
Yuba City, CA  95991

**COLLECTION:** There is no longer a traditional law library.  
**SERVICES:** Resources are available at the Sutter County Superior Court and on the Court’s Web site. The [Self Help Legal Center](#) at the Court has its services listed under the Web site menu listing for “family” services. FAQ’s are arranged under the menu tabs of civil, criminal, traffic and small claims.

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**Tulare County Public Law Library**

221 South Mooney Boulevard, Room 1  
County Courthouse  
Visalia, CA  93291-9543  
Tel: (559) 636-4600  
Fax: (559) 730-2613  
Email: lawlibrary@co.tulare.ca.us

**COLLECTION:** 18,000 volumes + electronic titles  
**SERVICES:** Reference service is available in person, by phone on a limited basis and email. 5 public computers provide access to electronic products subscribed to by the library and Wi-Fi. Library tours are available. The Library’s catalog is available on the library Web site, as is the full text of Nolo Press legal titles.
**Tuolumne County Law Library**
Legal Resource and Self-Help Center   Tel: (209) 533-6565
41 West Yaney Avenue   Fax: (209) 536-0718
Sonora, CA 95370

**COLLECTION:** 8,575 volumes  
**SERVICES:** The law library is within the County’s self help center. The Center provides reference assistance; legal databases and word processing are on the center’s computers. The Tuolumne County Superior Court’s Web site offers extensive information on legal matters by subject.

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**Yolo County Law Library**
204 Fourth Street, Suite A   Tel: (530) 666-8918
Woodland, CA 95695   Fax: (530) 666-8618
Email: law.library@yolocounty.org

**COLLECTION:** 17,500 volumes + electronic titles  
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Four public computers are available to access legal databases subscribed to by the library and the internet. Legal resource links to state, county and general resources are available on the library’s Web site.

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**Yuba County Law Library**
303 Second Street   Tel: (530) 749-7380
Marysville, CA 95901   Email: gzurakowski@co.yuba.ca.us

**COLLECTION:** There is no longer a traditional law library.  
**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available from the Yuba County Public Library. The Yuba County Library provides electronic access to law library materials. There is an online catalog of print and electronic resources.