LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (LISP)
PUBLIC LIBRARY TOOLKIT FOR GEORGIA

1. State Constitution

The Georgia Constitution is located in Volume 2 of the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* (O.C.G.A.) and in Volumes 2 and 3 of the *West's Code of Georgia Annotated* (Ga. Code Ann.). The Constitution is available online in both current and historical versions at http://www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/gacontoc.htm.

2. State Code

The *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* is published by LexisNexis. Thomson/West publishes *West's Code of Georgia Annotated*. The Georgia Code is available online at http://www.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp.

3. State Session Laws

Georgia Laws is the print source that contains Georgia's session laws. These laws are also available online from 1799-1999 on GALILEO (GeorgiA LIbrary LEarning Online), which is located at http://www.galileo.usg.edu. You may need help from your local public reference librarian in order to find these. The Galileo website is not very intuitive to navigate.

4. State Bills

Georgia Bills and Bill tracking are available free online from 1995 to the present at http://www.legis.state.ga.us. Commercial providers of Georgia bill tracking include: Lexis (http://www.Lexis.com),(http://www.westlaw.com)) and Georgia Track (http://www.gatrack.com).

5. State Administrative Code

Georgia's current Administrative Code is available free online at http://www.sos.state.ga.us/rules_regs.htm.

6. State Cases

Georgia has seven courts: Magistrate Court, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, State Court, Municipal Court, Superior Court, The Court of Appeals of Georgia, and the Supreme Court of Georgia. Only decisions from the Georgia Supreme Court and the Georgia Court of Appeals are published. For an excellent explanation and diagram of the Georgia Court system, visit http://www.georgiacourts.org/aoc/selfhelp/court_diagram.html.

Georgia State Courts	Website	Free Online Case Law	Coverage
Supreme Court	http://www.gasupreme.us/	http://www.gasupreme.us/	Most recent 2 years
Court of Appeals	http://www.gaappeals.us/	http://www.lexisone.com/caselaw/freecaselaw?action=FCLDisplayCaseSearchForm	Most recent 5 years
Superior Court	http://www.georgiacourts.org/superior.html	None	None
State Court	http://www.georgiacourts.org/state.html	None	None
Magistrate Court	http://www.georgiacourts.org/magistrate.html		
Probate Court	http://www.gaprobate.org	None	None
Juvenile Court	http://www.georgiacourts.org/councils/cjcj/index.htm	None	None

Georgia Federal Courts	Website	Free Online Case Law	Coverage
Federal District Court, Northern District	http://www.gand.uscourts.gov	None.	None
Northern District Bankruptcy Court	http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov	http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov/	None
Federal District Court, Middle District	http://www.gamd.uscourts.gov	None.	None
Middle District Bankruptcy Court	http://www.gamb.uscourts.gov	http://www.gamb.uscourts.gov/opinions.htm	Incomplete, no date range given by website.
Federal District Court, Southern District	http://www.gasd.uscourts.gov	None.	None
Southern District Bankruptcy Court	http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov	http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov	None
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals	http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/	http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/indexpub.php	January 1995-present.

7. Court Rules

Supreme Court Rules, available at http://www.gasupreme.us/scrules01.php.
Court of Appeals, available at http://www.gaappeals.us/rules2/index.php.
Superior Court, available at http://www.georgiacourts.org/courts/superior/uniform_rules.html.
State Court, available at http://www.georgiacourts.org/councils/state/state_court_rules.html.
Magistrate Court, available at http://www.georgiacourts.org/councils/magistrate/B1%20URMC.pdf.
Probate Court, available at http://www.georgiacourts.org/councils/probate/URPC.html.
Juvenile Court, available at http://www.georgiacourts.org/councils/cjcj/uniform_rules.htm.
Federal District Court, Northern District, available at http://www.gand.uscourts.gov/localrules.htm.

Northern District Bankruptcy Court, available at http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov/cmecf/research/lrulesusbc.html.
Federal District Court, Middle District, available at http://www.gamd.uscourts.gov/local%20rules/locrulesframeset.html.
Middle District Bankruptcy Court, available at http://www.gamb.uscourts.gov/local_rules.htm.
Federal District Court, Southern District, available at http://www.gasd.uscourts.gov/.
Southern District Bankruptcy Court, available at http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov/lr/localrules.htm.
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, available at http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/rules/index.php.

8. State Digest

Thomson West publishes the Georgia State Digest. It is not available online. Publisher contact information: 1-800-328-2209, http://www.west.thomson.com.

9. Municipal Ordinances

The municipal ordinances of cities and counties from all over the country are available online at www.municode.com.

10. State Jury Instructions

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government publishes *Suggested Pattern Jury Instructions,* authored by the Council of Superior Court Judges. Volume One contains civil instructions, while Volume Two contains criminal instructions. Publisher contact information: The Carl Vinson Institute of Government201 N. Milledge Ave., Athens, GA 30602, Phone: 706.542.2736, Fax: 706.542.9301, Web address, http://www.cviog.uga.edu/store/item.php?item=26.

11. State Forms

Georgia forms are available from a variety of sources. Some Georgia forms are provided free by state statutes, such as Georgia's Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, O.C.G.A. § 31-32-3. In order to find these forms, search the O.C.G.A. general index under the term "forms," as well as the legal concept that you are researching. Other Georgia forms are contained in court rules. For example, the Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit is contained within the Uniform Rules of Superior Court, Rule 24.2. The Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts provides free forms on its website, at www.georgiacourts.org/formslhtml#pof. Many Georgia courts and county law libraries provide forms free on their websites. Legal publishers such as Lexis and Westlaw make forms available in book, CD and online formats for a fee.

12. Depository Libraries

The University of Georgia Libraries website provides a list of Georgia depository libraries at http://www.libs.uga.edu/govdocs/depository_libraries/deplibs.html.

13. Georgia Law Libraries

State, Court and County Law Libraries

The Georgia Legislature established the Georgia State Law Library in 1831. In 2005, the Legislature abolished the State Law Library, giving the physical space, collection, and budget to the State Attorney General's Office. Anyone who needs to find historical versions of the Georgia Code can only hope that the Georgia State Library in Morrow might have a copy of the needed information.

Georgia Federal Courts usually have law libraries. However, many of these Court libraries are not open to the public. Often, they only allow people who have a case before that Court to use the library. Call each Court to inquire. This toolkit provides you with each Court website.

The Georgia Legislature created county law libraries in 1971. Unfortunately, many county law libraries are merely a room filled with law books. Either these libraries have no staff at all, or they have staff that is not properly trained in providing legal information services. The well-staffed law libraries tend to be located only in major metropolitan areas.

Law School Libraries

Georgia has five law school libraries. While these libraries are open to the public, their primary mission is to serve the students and faculty of the law school.

University of Georgia
Alexander Campbell King Law Library
100 Herty Dri.
Athens, GA 30602-6018
(706) 542-8480 (phone)
(706) 542-5001 (fax)
http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/library/index.html

Emory University
Hugh F. MacMilan Law Library
1301 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30322-2780
(404) 727-6824 (phone)
(404) 727-2202 (fax)
http://www.law.emory.edu/law-library/library-home-page.html

Georgia State University
College of Law Library
P.O. Box 4008
Atlanta, GA 30302-4008
(404) 651-2479 (phone)
(404) 651-1112 (fax)
http://law.gsu.edu/library/

John Marshall Law School Library
1422 W. Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 872-3593 (phone)
(404) 873-3802 (fax)
http://www.jmls.edu/library/index.shtml

Mercer University Law Library
1021 Georgia Ave.
Macon, GA 31207-0001

(478) 301-2612 (phone)
(478) 301-2284 (fax)

http://www.law.mercer.edu/library/

14. Georgia Bar Association

Atlanta Office
(Two blocks from CNN,
Philips Arena, Centennial Park)
104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 527-8700
(800) 334-6865
FAX: (404) 527-8717

Tifton Office
(Across from Courthouse)
244 E. Second St. (31794)
P.O. Box 1390
Tifton, Georgia 31793-1390
(229) 387-0446/0455
(800) 330-0446
FAX: (229) 382-7435

Georgia Bar website: www.gabar.org

15. Georgia Self-Help Centers

Appalachian Family Law Information Center
Three Locations:

Fannin County
400 West Main Street
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Gilmer County
1 Westside Square
Ellijay, GA 30540

Pickens County
50 N. Main Street
Jasper, GA 30143

Clayton County Court and Community Access Program
9151 Tara Boulevard, Suite 3CA01, Jonesboro, GA 30236
Office: (770) 477-3415 Fax: (770) 478-2381
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:45 pm

Cobb County Law Library
12 East Park Square
Marietta, GA 30090
(770) 528-1884
(770) 528-1883 - fax
lawlibrary@cobbcounty.org

DeKalb County Family Law
Information Center
160 DeKalb County Courthouse
556 North McDonough Street
Decatur, GA 30030
Tele: 404-687-3990
Fax: 404-687-3991

Fulton County Family Law Information Center
Justice Center Tower, Suite T-704
185 Central Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404)335-2789

16. Georgia Research Guides

Emory Law School, *Internet Legal Research Guide*, available at http://www.law.emory.edu/index.php?id=2471.

Georgia State University College of Law Library, *Research Guides*, available at http://law.gsu.edu/library/research/index.php.

Mercer Law School Library, Georgia Resources, available at http://www.law.mercer.edu/library/GeorgiaResources/GeorgiaResources.cfm.

Nancy P. Johnson, Elizabeth G. Adelman & Nancy J. Adams. *Georgia Legal Research* (Carolina Academic Press, 2007).

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