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1. Constitution: the Minnesota constitution is found in the first volume of both print codes (see below.) It is also online at: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/cco/rules/mncon/preamble.htm. Note: The original Minnesota Constitution consisted of two handwritten documents. These are reproduced in volume 1 of West's Minnesota Statutes Annotated. The Minnesota Historical Society reproduces them online with an explanation of their peculiar history at: http://www.mnhs.org/library/constitution/index.html.
2. Code: Minnesota Statutes (official) are published every even year. Current statutes are online at https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/pubs/. An archive of earlier versions is also online at https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?view=archive. The unofficial Minnesota Statutes Annotated is published by West Group.
3. Session Laws: Laws of Minnesota. There is an online archive at https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/laws/. The current session laws are searchable at https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/pubs/.
4. Bills: are online at http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis.asp.
5. Administrative Code: Minnesota Rules is published every odd year by the Revisor of Statutes. It is Online at https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/ and searchable at https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/pubs/.
6. Municipal ordinances: Links to online city and county ordinances can be found at http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/ordinance.html.
7. Jury Instructions: Minnesota Jury Instruction Guides, Criminal (CRIMJIG), 5th ed. (St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson/West, 2006), volumes 10 and 10A of Minnesota Practice; Minnesota Jury Instruction Guides, Civil (CIVJIG), 5th ed. (St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson/West, 2006), volumes 4 and 4A of Minnesota Practice.
8. Forms books: Numerous print and online sources of forms are available. See http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/forms.html.
9. Legal encyclopedia: Dunnell Minnesota Digest, 5th ed. (Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis, 2001-) (some volumes are still in the 4th ed.)
10. Cases: Minnesota Reports (Minn.) from territorial times to 1977; North Western Reporter (N.W.) and North Western Reporter, second series (N.W.2d) from 1879 to present. Slip opinions from May of 1996 to date are available online at http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/archive/.
11. Digest: West's Minnesota Digest 2d (West Group).
12. Court Rules: are published in the court rules volumes of the print statutes and are online at http://www.mncourts.gov/default.aspx?page=511.
13. Local AALL chapter: Minnesota Association of Law Libraries. Web page: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/.

14. Bar association: Minnesota State Bar Association. Web page: http://www.mnbar.org/. For other local bar associations, see http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/mnlr.html#assoc.

15. Pathfinders and research guides: Minnesota State Law Library Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/askfaq.html and Docket Series pathfinders: http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/publicn.html#docket ; University of Minnesota pathfinders: http://local.law.umn.edu/library/pathfinders-directory.html ; MALL's Legal Resources for Public Libraries: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/legrespublib.pdf and Guide to Major Law Library Collections in the Twin Cities: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/tclawlib.pdf . LawMoose: http://www.lawmoose.com/index.cfm?HomeCommunity=MNLaw .

16. Referral policies of local libraries: The Minnesota State Law Library takes referrals of inquiries from jail and prison inmates. Reference phone number: 651-297-7651. For other referral policies, contact the library. For a listing of libraries see http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/libraries.html.

17. Federal Depository Libraries in Minnesota: The University of Minnesota's Government Publications Library is the regional depository. Address: O. Meredith Wilson Library, 309 19th Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Phone: 612.624.5073. They keep a directory of the other 24 depository libraries at http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu/fedmn.phtml .

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