AALL LISP Public Library Toolkit: South Carolina

1. State Constitution

The *Constitution of the State of South Carolina* is located in the *Constitutions* volume of the official *Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 Annotated*. It is published by West and updated annually by pocket parts or paper bound supplements.

The South Carolina Constitution is available online to browse or search full-text on the South Carolina Legislature Online website at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/scconstitution/scconst.htm.
It is updated through the latest legislative session.

2. State Code

The official annotated *Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 Annotated* includes 63 Titles organized by subject; a General Index including a Popular Names Table; an Index to Local Laws; and a Statutory Tables volume cross referencing earlier versions of individual code sections and originating Acts. It is published by West and updated annually by pocket parts or paper bound supplements.

An unofficial, un-annotated version of the *South Carolina Code of Laws* is available online to browse or search full-text on the *South Carolina Legislature Online* website at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.htm. It is updated through the latest legislative session. Previous versions are available on the *Archives* page of the *South Carolina Legislature Online* website dating back to the 2000 session of the South Carolina General Assembly.

3. State Session Laws

South Carolina session laws are published in the *Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina*.

Online access to the full text of the *South Carolina Acts and Joint Resolutions* from 1980 through the current legislative session is available on the South Carolina Legislature Online website at http://www.scstatehouse.gov (*Current Legislation* and *Archives* pages).

4. State Bills

Bills introduced and pending are accessible to browse or search full-text on the *Current Legislation* page of the *South Carolina Legislature Online* website at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/legpage.html.

South Carolina bill titles and history from 1975 to present may be searched through the *Archives* page of the *South Carolina Legislature Online* website at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/archives.html.(Click on *Legislation Since1975*). The full text of bills is search-able from 1991 to present.

5. Municipal Codes

Municipal codes of many South Carolina cities and counties are available online from the Municipal Code Corporation at http://www.municode.com/.

Municipal codes for cities and counties not included in the Municode.com database may be accessed through specific municipality websites. Websites for South Carolina cities and counties are listed on the state's official SC.GOV website at http://sc.gov/Portal/Category/CITIESANDCOUNTIES.

6. State Administrative Code

Official regulations of South Carolina state agencies are published in binders by agency as part of the official *Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 Annotated*. South Carolina regulations are annotated and are indexed in the same General Index as the code.

Current South Carolina agency regulations are available on the *South Carolina Legislature Online* website at www.scstatehouse.gov. There is both a browsing list and a full-text searching option. The S.C. Code of Regulations online is un-annotated and is *not* considered official.

Agency regulations may also be accessed on individual agency websites. A listing of South Carolina state agency websites is available on the SC.GOV website at http://www.sc.gov/Portal/OrgList.aspx.

Laws and regulations governing South Carolina labor and licensing programs are available online on the South Carolina Labor, Licensing and Regulation website at http://www.llr.state.sc.us/.

7. State Administrative Law Court Decisions

South Carolina Administrative Law Court decisions, rules, and forms are available on the Court's official website at www.scalc.net. Coverage varies by agency. The court was created in 1993.

8. State Cases

A diagram of the South Carolina court system and descriptions of each court and its jurisdiction are available on the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/summaryCourtBenchBook/HTML/GeneralA.htm. Web pages are also available for each trial and appellate court from the home page of the South Carolina Judicial Department website at http://www.sccourts.org/.

Decisions from the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court are published in the official *South Carolina Reports* and the unofficial *South Eastern Reporter* and *South Eastern Reporter* 2d Series, published by West.
Opinions of the South Carolina Supreme Court since 1997 are available online through the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexSCPub.cfm. Opinions of the South Carolina Court of Appeals since 1999 are available online through the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexCOAPub.cfm#.

9. State Digest

West's South Carolina Digest 2d serves as a tool for locating South Carolina state and federal cases utilizing West's Topic and Key Number system. *West's South Eastern Digest 2d* includes South Carolina state cases along with cases from other states published in the Southeastern Reporter 1st and 2nd Series.

The *Opinion Search* link on the South Carolina Judicial Department's website allows for full-text searches of South Carolina appellate court opinions as well as searches by court, date range, author, and trial judge at http://www.sccourts.org/opinions/searchOpinion.cfm.

10. State Records and Briefs

Briefs and records on appeal for cases argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court (1918-present) and Court of Appeals (1983-present) are maintained by their respective libraries. Contact information is available on the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/. The *Supreme Court Case of the Month* program provides streaming video and briefs of cases argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court on the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/caseOfMonth/index.cfm.

The University of South Carolina School of Law's Coleman Karesh Law Library also maintains a collection of bound copies of selected briefs and records entitled *South Carolina Transcripts and Briefs*, arranged by Southeastern Reporter citation.

11. State Court Rules

South Carolina Rules of Court are published in Volume 22A of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 Annotated. Eagan, MN: Thomson West, 1976.* Online access is available on the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/courtReg/1 istAPPRules.cfm.

12. State Jury Instructions

South Carolina does not have judicially mandated instructions; however, the S.C. Bar Association publishes *South Carolina Requests to Charge: Civil and South Carolina Requests to Charge: Criminal,* written by former South Carolina Circuit Court and retired Court of Appeals Judge Ralph King Anderson, Jr. and widely used in the South Carolina legal community. Both contain suggested instructions as well as supporting cases and statutes and commentary.

13. State Forms

Official South Carolina court forms are accessible online through the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm. Court approved forms by court type (Appellate, Circuit Court Common Pleas and General Sessions, Family, Probate, Magistrate/Municipal, and Alternative Dispute Resolution) are available to browse or retrieve by form title or ID.

The *Self Represented Litigant Simple Divorce Packet* is accessible online through the South Carolina Judicial Department's website at http://www.sccourts.org/forms/indexSRLdivorcepacket.cfm.

The S.C. Bar, Young Lawyers Division publishes *Your Guide to Magistrate's Court* online at http://www.scbar.org/public/files/docs/magbook.pdf.

Official South Carolina forms that comply with particular state statutes are also provided , such as South Carolina's Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death (S.C. Code Ann. § 44-77-50) and Health Care Power of Attorney (S.C. Code Ann. §62-5-504).

South Carolina Court Websites

About the Court	Court Websites	Court Rules	Court Forms
Supreme Court	www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexSCPub.cfm Opinions from 1997 to present	www.sccourts.org/courtReg	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Court of Appeals	www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexCOAPub.cfm Opinions from 1999 to present	www.sccourts.org/courtReg	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Circuit Courts	www.sccourts.org/circuitCourt/circuitMap.cfm	www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexCivil.cfm www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexCriminal.cfm	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Family Court	www.sccourts.org/familyCourt/familyMap.cfm	www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexFamily.cfm	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Probate Court	www.sccourts.org/probateCourt/probateMap.cfm	www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexProbate.cfm	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Magistrate Court	http://scscja.com/links.htm	www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexMag.cfm	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Municipal Court	http://scscja.com/links.htm	www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexCriminal.cfm	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Masters-In-Equity	www.sccourts.org/mastersCourt/mastersMap.cfm	www.sccourts.org/courtReg/indexCivil.cfm	www.sccourts.org/forms/index.cfm
Administrative Law Court	www.scalc.net/decisions.aspx All available agency decisions	www.scalc.net/rules.aspx	www.scalc.net/rules.aspx
Federal District Court	www.scd.uscourts.gov/CMECF/pacer.asp	www.scd.uscourts.gov/navtop/rules.asp **Pro se Guide** www.scd.uscourts.gov/DOCS/PROSE.pdf	www.scd.uscourts.gov/FORMS/index.asp **Pro se Forms** www.scd.uscourts.gov/index.asp (*Click on Pro Se button for forms*)

14. State Legal Encyclopedia

South Carolina Jurisprudence. Eagan, MN: Thomson West, 1991–. Annual supplements.
Available online through Westlaw (SCJUR) only.

15. Regional AALL Chapter

Find information about the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/.

16. Depository Libraries

There are several selective depository libraries in South Carolina. Their contact information and websites are available through the Federal Depository Library Directory website at http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp. Clemson University (http://www.lib.clemson.edu/govdocs/feddocs.htm) and the University of South Carolina (http://www.law.sc.edu/library/index.shtml) share the regional depository responsibilities for South Carolina.

17. South Carolina Law Libraries

South Carolina Supreme Court Library
http://www.sccourts.org/supreme/library.cfm
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, S.C. 29211
803-734-1080

South Carolina Court of Appeals Library
http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/appeals/library.cfm
1015 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201
803-734-1890

Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina School of Law
http://www.law.sc.edu/library/
701 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29208
803-777-4155

Charleston School of Law Sol Blatt Jr. Library
http://69.63.217.38/C92004Staff/OPAC/index.asp
81 Mary Street
Charleston, SC 29402
843.329.1000 ext. 2152

Greenville County Library System, Hughes Main Library
http://www.greenvillelibrary.org/index.php/Main.html
25 Heritage Green Place
Greenville, SC 29601
864-252-5000

H. Carlisle Bean Law Library, Spartanburg County Public Libraries
http://www.infodepot.org/zLawLib/LawLibinfo.asp
180 Magnolia Street, 3rd floor
Spartanburg, SC 29306
864-596-2511

18. South Carolina Bar Association

950 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
803-799-6653
http://www.scbar.org/

19. Self-Help & Legal Services Websites

SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center www.scjustice.org
SC Legal Services www.sclegal.org
SC Access to Justice website and weblog www.scatj.org
SC Bar Association Public Services page www.scbar.org/public_services

20. Research Guides

Benson, Paula Gail. *A Guide to South Carolina Legal Research and Citation*. 2nd ed. Columbia: South Carolina Bar, 2009.

Coleman Karesh Law Library Research Guides & Tutorials webpage: http://www.law.sc.edu/library/research_aids/ :
Internet Legal Resources
South Carolina Legal Resources: A Selected Bibliography
Circuit Riders Outreach Program: Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians

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