Vermont Public Library Legal Toolkit

1. Vermont Constitution: The state constitution is available in volume one of the Vermont Statutes Annotated (see 2 below), and online at http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/statutes2.htm

2. State code: Vermont Statutes Annotates (VSA) (official version, LexisNexis); *West's* Vermont Revised Statutes Annotated (VRSA) (West Pub. Co.); VSA online (via LexisNexis) at http://michie.lexisnexis.com/vermont/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp and via the Vermont Legislative Council at http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/statutes2.htm.

3. State bills: They are available in print from the Vermont Legislative Council and online at their legislative bill-tracking system: http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/service2.cfm

4. State administrative code: This is the Code of Vermont Regulations (Weil Pub.) and the current awareness service is the *Vermont Register* (Weil Pub.), available by subscription. Regulations are online at the Lexis website here: http://michie.lexisnexis.com/vermont/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp (see "Code of Vermont Rules" on menu to left) and on some individual agencies' websites via the Vermont web portal here: http://www.vermont.gov.

5. County/municipal/city codes: Best to contact appropriate town clerk's office; there is a list of all town clerks linked to this page: http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/town_clerks_guide.html. Print and online availability varies widely among Vermont town websites (list here: http://crs.uvm.edu/town-websites/).

6. State jury instructions: In print: Vermont jury instructions, civil and criminal. John M. Dinse, Ritchie E. Berger, Frederick S. Lane III, editors. Salem, N.H., Butterworth Legal Publishers, 1993-. Unofficial civil jury instructions are here: : http://www.vtbar.org/Upload%20Files/WebPages/Attorney%20Resources/juryinstructions/civiljuryinstructions/index.htm and unofficial criminal instructions are here: http://www.vtbar.org/Upload%20Files/WebPages/Attorney%20Resources/juryinstructions/criminaljuryinstructions/index.htm. Both are posted by the Vermont Bar Association.

7. State form books: There are official forms which appear in the print version (only) of the Vermont Court Rules volumes of the Vermont Statutes Annotated; online they can be found here (in the menus under each division): http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/GTC/default.aspx and here: http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/MasterPages/Court-FormsIndex.aspx

8. State legal encyclopedia: None.

9. State cases: In print: Atlantic reporter. Eagan: West Group. Vermont Reports. Michie/Lexis; online through Westlaw and Lexis, free search of last five years caselaw from Lexis:
http://www.lexisone.com/caselaw/freecaselaw?action=FCLDisplayCaseSearchForm
Supports Boolean and proximity operators, phrase searches, various restrictors (i.e., party, judge, date, counsel)

10. State digest: West's Vermont Digest 2d. Eagan: West Group.

11. Links to local AALL chapter/instructions on how to subscribe to listserv:
Law Librarians of New England
Website: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNElist/index.htm
Listserv: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNElist/index.htm
Listserv (subscriber services):
http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNElist/subscribers.htm

12. Referral policies of local law libraries: N/A

13. Federal depository libraries in Vermont:

University of Vermont	
Library Name:	Bailey/Howe Library
Street Address:	538 Main Street
City:	Burlington
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05405-0036
Type of Designation:	Land grant college
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1907
Library Director:	Ms. Mara Saule
Depository Coordinator:	Mr. Scott L. Schaffer
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-656-2503
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-656-2542
Fax Number:	802-656-4038
Depository Website:	http://library.uvm.edu/docs/
Catalogue Website:	http://voyager.uvm.edu/

Vermont Department of Libraries

Library Name:	Vermont State Library
Street Address:	109 State Street
City:	Montpelier
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05609-0601
Type of Designation:	State library
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1845
Library Director:	Ms. Martha Reid
Depository Coordinator:	Mr. Paul J. Donovan
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-828-2734
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-828-3268
Fax Number:	802-828-1481
Depository Website:	http://libraries.vermont.gov
Catalogue Website:	http://web2.libraries.vermont.gov/

Johnson State College

Library Name:	Library
Street Address:	337 College Hill
City:	Johnson
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05656-9464
Type of Designation:	Senatorial
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1955
Library Director:	Mr. Joseph M. Farara
Depository Coordinator:	Mr. Raymond C. Brior
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-635-1495
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-635-1494
Fax Number:	802-635-1294
Depository Website:	http://www.jsc.edu/
Catalogue Website:	http://www.jsc.edu/Library/default.aspx

Middlebury College

Library Name:	Main Library
Street Address:	110 Storrs Avenue
City:	Middlebury
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05753-6007
Type of Designation:	Representative
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1884
Library Director:	Mr. Mike Roy
Depository Coordinator:	Mr. Hans L. Raum
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-443-5493
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-443-5496
Fax Number:	802-443-5698
Depository Website:	http://www.middlebury.edu/
Catalogue Website:	http://www.middlebury.edu/search?q2=library

Norwich University

Library Name:	Kreitzberg Library
Street Address:	23 Harmon Drive
City:	Northfield
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05663-1098
Type of Designation:	Representative
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1908
Library Director:	Ms. Ellen Hall
Depository Coordinator:	Ms. Lise Ewald
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-485-2523
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-485-2176
Fax Number:	802-485-2173

Depository Website:	http://www.norwich.edu/academics/library/governmentdocuments.html
Catalogue Website:	http://www.norwich.edu/academics/library/index.html

Vermont Law School

Library Name:	Cornell Library
Street Address:	68 North Windsor St.
City:	South Royalton
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05068
Type of Designation:	Law school
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1978
Library Director:	Mr. Carl Yirka
Depository Coordinator:	Ms. Lisa Donadio
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-831-1442
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-831-1444
Fax Number:	802-763-7159
Depository Website:	http://www.vermontlaw.edu
Catalog Website:	http://julien.vermontlaw.edu

Castleton State College

Library Name:	Calvin Coolidge Library
Street Address:	178 Alumni Drive
City:	Castleton
State:	Vermont
Zip Code:	05735
Type of Designation:	Senatorial
Year of Designation as a Depository Library:	1969
Library Director:	Ms. Sandra Duling
Depository Coordinator:	Ms. Nancy Luzer
Depository Coordinator Phone Number:	802-468-1360
Public Service Area Phone Number:	802-468-1257
Fax Number:	802-468-1475
Depository Website:	http://www.castleton.edu/library/govdocsnew.htm

Catalog Website: http://catalog.vsc.edu/web2/tramp2.exe/log_in?setting_key=CASTLETON

14. Links to legal and bar association pages in Vermont:

Vermont Bar Association:
http://www.vtbar.org

Vermont Association for Justice (formerly the Vermont Trial Lawyers' Association
http://www.vermontjustice.org/VT/.

Continuing legal education in Vermont:
https://www.vtbar.org/intus/cms/Display_Page.asp?PageID=4

15. Links to Vermont pathfinders/research guides/resources:

Library of Congress' Vermont law page:
http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states/us-vt.php
Resources including Vermont-related federal and state material.

Vermont Legal Aid
http://www.vtlegalaid.org
800-889-2047
Helps with special education, abuse, employment, guardianship, assistive technology and vocational rehabilitation issues, domestic violence, custody and parental kidnapping, Medicaid, Medicare, nursing home care, home health services, mental health, accessibility, discrimination, evictions, foreclosures, lockouts, mobile home parks, unsafe housing conditions, subsidized housing issues, ANFC, food stamps, fuel assistance, general assistance, SSI, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, Reach-Up, protective services, involuntary commitment, federal tax help (including audits, garnishment and refund denials).

Vermont Office of Health Care Ombudsman
http://www.vtlegalaid.org/office-of-health-care-ombudsman/
800-917-7787
Health and health insurance.

Vermont Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service
https://www.vtbar.org/intus/cms/Display_Page.asp?PageID=6
800-639-7036
When you call, you will be asked to state your problem briefly. Based on that information, you will be given the name and telephone number of an attorney who concentrates in that area of law. The fee for the first half-hour of consultation will not exceed $25.00.

Vermont Defender General
http://www.defgen.state.vt.us/
802-828-3168
Means tested, criminal issues.

Vermont Trial Lawyers Association Attorney Locator
http://www.attorneylocate.com/city.asp?city_statecode=VT
Pick a city, pick a legal specialty.

Vermont Protection and Advocacy
http://www.vtpa.org
800-834-7890
Defending the rights of people labeled mentally ill: complaints of abuse (including assault, restraint and seclusion, forced treatment and harassment), complaints of violations of individual rights (right to refuse treatment, right to privacy, access to medical records, confidentiality).

ACLU of Vermont
http://www.acluvt.org
802-223-6204
Civil rights assistance.

Vermont Consumer Assistance Program
http://www.atg.state.vt.us/issues/consumer-protection.php
Contact us if you have a problem with goods or services you purchased. We can also provide you with information about your rights, options and responsibilities as consumers.

Vermont Law Help
http://www.vtlawhelp.org
Free legal information, forms, and links to legal and other help and to Vermont's Courts. Information on housing, family, debt, benefits, abuse, work, health, taxes, small claims, youth, seniors and disability.

Vermont Tenants, Inc.
http://www.cvoeo.org/htm/Housing/tenants/tenantsHome.html
802-864-0099
Free advocacy, information and referral services for renters.

South Royalton Legal Clinic
http://www.vermontlaw.edu/x11480.xml
802-763-7718
Student clinicians (under the guidance of four experienced, full-time attorneys) provide help for persons otherwise unable to afford counsel in areas such as family law, juvenile law and children's rights, Social Security, welfare and unemployment compensation, civil rights and civil liberties, landlord-tenant relations, consumer protection, bankruptcy, contracts, wills, and federally subsidized health care and housing. We have recently begun to provide some representation in immigration law, as well.