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WISCONSIN STATE INFORMATION

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1. **Constitution**

   Wisconsin Constitution
   Printed in each biennial edition of the *Wisconsin Statutes* and is included in *West's Wisconsin Statutes Annotated.*

   Online version: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/wisconst.pdf

2. **Code**

   Wisconsin Statutes (official, published biennially by the Revisor of Statutes)
   Online version: www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html

   West's Wisconsin Statutes Annotated (West)

3. **Legislative materials** (bills, session laws, etc.)

   http://www.legis.state.wi.us/index.htm

   Laws of Wisconsin, biennial compilation of session laws

4. **Administrative Code**

   Wisconsin Administrative Code. Print subscriptions available through Document Sales, Wisconsin Department of Administration, http://www.doa.state.wi.us/section_detail.asp?linkcatid=266&linkid=49&locid=2

   Online version: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code.htm

5. **Local ordinances**

   The Wisconsin State Law Library maintains a webpage with links to all Wisconsin communities with online ordinances. See http://wsll.state.wi.us/ordinances.html

6. **Jury instructions**

   Wisconsin Jury Instructions - Civil

   Wisconsin Jury Instructions - Criminal

   Wisconsin Jury Instructions - Children's

   Published in print and CD-ROM by Continuing Legal Education of Wisconsin, UW-Madison Law School, Madison, WI (http://www.law.wisc.edu/clew/publications) Not available online. CD-Rom version also available by subscription through Loislaw.com.

7. **Forms**

Civil procedure forms (West, 2007)

Wisconsin civil litigation forms manual (State Bar of Wisconsin CLE Books, 2007)

Selected circuit court forms are available on the Wisconsin Supreme Court website,

http://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit.htm

The State Law Library maintains links to various Wisconsin forms available online from the court system, state agencies, associations, etc.

http://wsll.state.wi.us/wiforms.html

8. **Legal encyclopedia**

N/A

9. **Court dockets**

Supreme Court/Court of Appeals http://wscca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl

Circuit Courts http://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl

10. **Court decisions**

Wisconsin has two official reporters:

West's Wisconsin Reporter

Callaghan's Official Wisconsin Reports

From mid-1995 to date, opinions are available on the Wisconsin Court System website, www.courts.state.wi.us and on the State Bar of Wisconsin website, www.wisbar.org

Commercially available online on Westlaw, Lexis, Loislaw and others

11. **Digests**

Wisconsin has two digests with headnotes and key numbers tied to the two official reporters. Both digests are published by West.

West's Wisconsin Key Number Digest
Callaghan's Wisconsin Digest

12. **Local AALL Chapter**

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW) www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/

13. **Law Libraries in Wisconsin**

The Wisconsin State Law Library is a public law library for all Wisconsin citizens and also responds to questions from people all over the country. The State Law Library would be the best "first call for help" for most questions.

University of Wisconsin Law Library http://library.law.wisc.edu/

Marquette University Law Library
http://law.marquette.edu/cgi-bin/site.pl?2130&pageID=145

Wisconsin Law Libraries Open to the Public
http://wsll.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/pub/wilawlib.pdf

14. **Federal depository libraries in Wisconsin**

Go to http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp to search by state or zip code.

15. **State and local bar associations**

State Bar of Wisconsin http://www.wisbar.org

The State Bar maintains links to local and specialty bars – see
http://www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Local_and_specialty_bars

16. **Legal Directories**

Wisconsin Legal Directory (Dallas: Legal Directories Publ. Co.), annual

Wisconsin Lawyer Directory, January issue of *Wisconsin Lawyer* (Madison, WI: State Bar of Wisconsin), annual

The State Bar of Wisconsin provides a lawyer search function on their website – www.wisbar.org

17. **Pathfinders/research guides**

State Law Library website http://wsll.state.wi.us
Note in particular the links for Legal Topics A-Z and Legal Research Guides

Potter, Theodore A. *Legal Research in Wisconsin*. 2d ed. (Hein, 2008)

Introduction to Legal Materials: A Manual for Non-Law Librarians in Wisconsin, Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, 2003 http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/paliguide/index.htm