

## AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT SUGGESTED STATE INFORMATION (ARKANSAS)

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### **Arkansas Constitution**

The current state constitution is the Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874. It is available in print in the Constitutions volume of the Arkansas Code.

The constitution is online at

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/Summary/ArkansasConstitution1874.pdf>.

### **State Code**

There are two print publications of the Arkansas Code. The official publication is the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (LexisNexis). The unofficial publication is West's Arkansas Code Annotated (West).

The Arkansas Code is online at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/rcode/Default.asp>.

### **State Session Laws**

Session laws are published in print in Acts of Arkansas.

Acts dating back to 1987 are searchable on the Arkansas State Legislature website at

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/SearchCenter/Pages/historicalact.aspx>.

### **State Bills**

State bills are available on the Arkansas State Legislature website at

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2013/2014F/Pages/Home.aspx>. Links on the left side of the page will allow you to navigate to search bills back to 1987 (under the Bills & Resolutions heading), as well as bills still in committee (under the Committees heading).

### **State Rules and Regulations**

Arkansas rules and regulations are not codified (although publications of the regulations have been referred to as codes), so there is no official publication of the regulations as there is for state statutes.

The official copies of Arkansas regulations are the ones deposited by Arkansas state agencies with the Arkansas Secretary of State.

A print publication of Arkansas regulations is the Code of Arkansas Rules (LexisNexis), also known by its former title of Weil's Code of Arkansas Rules.

The Secretary of State website has a searchable page for the rules and regulations of state agencies, boards and commissions at [http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules\\_and\\_regs/index.php/rules/search/new](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules/search/new).

Agencies may also publish their rules and regulations on their websites. A directory of Arkansas agencies is at <http://www.arkansas.gov/government/agencies>.

New rules and regulations are published in the Arkansas Register. This publication is available in print and is online at <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rulesRegs/Pages/ArkansasRegister.aspx>. The online Register is searchable back to September 1, 2001.

### **Municipal Codes**

The best way to access municipal ordinances is through individual city or county governments' websites. Many of these municipalities have links from their websites to their ordinances published on Municode. Municode is not a free service, so going there directly to research ordinances may result in a screen prompting to enter payment (municipalities pay Municode to allow researchers free access via the municipal websites).

### **State Jury Instructions**

Arkansas Model Jury Instructions, Civil (West). They are available online at <https://govt.westlaw.com/armji/Index?transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29>

Arkansas Model Jury Instructions, Criminal (LexisNexis). They are available online at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/arcrimji/>

### **Forms**

Some titles of the Arkansas Code (such as Title 28: Wills, Estates and Fiduciary Relationships) contain forms. Other sources:

In print:

The Arkansas Form Book is a publication of the Arkansas Bar, but it has not been updated for a while.

Online:

Arkansas Judiciary: <https://courts.arkansas.gov/forms-and-publications>

Arkansas Legal Services Partnership: <http://www.arlegalservices.org/interactiveforms>

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas:

<http://www.ere.uscourts.gov/default.cfm?content=CourtForms>

U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas: <http://www.arwd.uscourts.gov/forms/all-forms>

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas:

<http://www.arb.uscourts.gov/forms/forms.html>

### **State Legal Encyclopedias**

There is no encyclopedia for Arkansas law. The Arkansas Practice Series (West) publishes books on areas including family law, damages, probate, and civil practice and procedure.

### **Court Rules**

State and federal court rules are available in print in the Court Rules volumes of the Arkansas Code.

Online:

State court rules <https://courts.arkansas.gov/rules-and-administrative-orders/court-rules>.

8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals rules <http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/rules-procedures>.

Local rules for the U.S. District Court's Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

<http://www.arwd.uscourts.gov/local-rules>.

Local rules for U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

<http://www.arb.uscourts.gov/orders-rules-opinions/rules.html>

### **State Cases**

The official place of publication for cases published since the spring term of 2009 is the Arkansas Judiciary website: <http://opinions.aoc.arkansas.gov/WebLink8/Welcome.aspx>. This website has cases dating back to 1837, but prior to 2009 cases were officially published in print in Arkansas Reports (Supreme Court of Arkansas) and Arkansas Appellate Reports (Arkansas Court of Appeals).

Arkansas state cases are also published in the South Western Reporter (West).

### **State Digest**

Arkansas Digest (from 1820) (West)

### **Regional AALL Chapters**

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/>

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/swall/>

### **Referral Policies of Local Libraries**

Please contact individual libraries.

### **Federal Depository Libraries**

A list of federal depository libraries in Arkansas is available on the U.S. Government Printing Office website at [http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp?flag=searchp&st\\_12=AR](http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp?flag=searchp&st_12=AR). Click on the View button for each library for location information.

### **Bar Associations**

Arkansas Bar Association: <http://www.arkbar.com/>

Benton County Bar Association: <http://bentoncountybar.webs.com/>

Pulaski County Bar Association: <http://www.pulaskibar.com/>

### **Links to Research Guides**

Robert A. and Vivian Young Law Library, University of Arkansas School of Law:  
<http://law.uark.libguides.com/browse.php>

William H. Bowen School of Law Library, University of Arkansas at Little Rock:  
<http://ualr.edu/law/library/research-guides/>