1. State Constitution

The Georgia Constitution is located in Volume 2 of the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* (O.C.G.A.) and in Volumes 2 and 3 of the *West’s Code of Georgia Annotated* (Ga. Code Ann.). The current Constitution as well as the ten prior historical versions are available online through GeorgiaInfo: [http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/gacontoc.htm](http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/gacontoc.htm).

2. State Code

The *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* is published by LexisNexis. Thomson/West publishes *West’s Code of Georgia Annotated*. The Official Code of Georgia Code is available online at [http://www.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp](http://www.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp). The online code does not include any of the annotations (suggested relevant cases, law review or encyclopedia articles, etc.) that are available in the print version.

3. State Session Laws

*Georgia Laws* is the print source that contains Georgia’s session laws. The Georgia Legislative Documents database, a part of the Digital Library of Georgia, includes session laws from 1799-1999 with a few gaps. You can browse the database or search by date or keyword. It is available at [http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zlgl](http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zlgl). A tutorial in using the database is available at [http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/Help/](http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/Help/).

4. State Bills

The Georgia General Assembly provides free access to bills and bill tracking for laws dating back to 2001: [http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/Search.aspx](http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/Search.aspx). These bills are searchable by keyword, member, session, committee, and by number. The website includes additional information such as votes, summaries of the statutes, and calendars.

Historical bills from 1995-2001 are archived and available online at [http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/Archives/Default.aspx](http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/Archives/Default.aspx). The historical bills are listed in number sequence by chamber and are not searchable.

5. State Administrative Code

Since Darby Printing Company was liquidated in 2014, Georgia regulations have not been available for purchase in print format. Online access to regulations that have been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State are available at [http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=znar](http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=znar). To view the regulations, users are required to complete a click through including name and human verification, as well as agreeing that a violation of the user agreement causes at least $20,000 damages to Lawriter.
6. Georgia State Cases & Court Rules

Georgia has eight non-federal courts, listed in the table below:

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Only decisions from the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia are published. Opinions from 1950 – present are freely searchable via Google Scholar, available at http://scholar.google.com/.

Forthcoming opinions from the Supreme Court of Georgia are available at: http://www.gasupreme.us/opinions/forthcoming-opinions/.

Opinions of the Georgia Court of Appeals from 1993 – present are available through the Georgia Court of Appeals’ Docket/Case Inquiry System, available at: http://www.gaappeals.us/docket/.

Rules for each court are available on the Supreme Court of Georgia’s website, available at: http://www.gasupreme.us/rules/.
7. Georgia Federal Cases & Court Rules

There are seven federal courts located in Georgia, listed in the table below:

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Georgia federal court decisions are also available, and freely searchable, via Google Scholar, available at [http://scholar.google.com/](http://scholar.google.com/).


Local rules for the federal bankruptcy courts in Georgia may be found on the individual courts’ websites:

- Southern District ([http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov/usbcLBR.htm](http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov/usbcLBR.htm)).
8. Georgia Digest

Thomson West publishes the Georgia State Digest, which is a tool used by attorneys and others to locate cases searching by legal issue. The digest system may be available for use at a law library that provides public access to Westlaw. LexisNexis provides a competing product of headnotes that may be available for use at a law library that provides public access to Lexis Advance.

9. Municipal Ordinances

Many municipal city and county ordinances of Georgia are available at https://www.municode.com/library/ga. Otherwise they could be located on city and county websites or in print.

10. State Jury Instructions

The Council of Superior Court Judges authors and publishes Suggested Pattern Jury Instructions. Volume One contains civil instructions, while Volume Two contains criminal instructions. An online subscription can be purchased at https://georgiasuperiorcourts.org/pattern-jury-instructions/ or can be accessed on Westlaw and Lexis databases.

11. State Forms

Georgia forms are available from a variety of sources. Some Georgia forms are provided free in state statutes, such as Georgia’s Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, O.C.G.A. § 31-323. In order to find these forms, search the O.C.G.A. general index under the term “forms,” as well as the legal concept that you are researching. Other Georgia forms are contained in court rules. For example, the Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit is contained within the Uniform Rules of Superior Court, Rule 24.2. The Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts provides free forms on its website at http://www.georgiacourts.org/georgia-courts/court-forms?menu=main. Many Georgia courts and county law libraries provide forms free on their websites as well. Legal publishers such as Lexis and Westlaw make forms available in print and online for a fee.

12. Georgia Law Libraries

The Georgia Legislature established the Georgia State Law Library in 1831. In 2005, the Legislature abolished the State Law Library, giving the physical space, collection, and budget to the State Attorney General’s Office. Historical versions of the Georgia Code may be found at the Georgia Archives:

Georgia Archives  
University System of Georgia  
5800 Jonesboro Road  
Morrow, GA 30260  
678-364-3710  
www.georgiaarchives.org
Georgia Federal Courts usually have law libraries. However, many of these Court libraries are not open to the public and only allow people who have active cases before that Court to use the library. Call each Court to inquire.

Although, the Georgia Legislature created county law libraries in 1971, not all counties have established law libraries and some of them exist within the public library system. Most of these are listed on the respective county’s website. There are established law libraries in the major Atlanta metropolitan counties (see listings in appendix).

13. Georgia Bar Association

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<td>(Two blocks from CNN, Philips Arena, Centennial Park)</td>
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<td>18 E. Bay St.</td>
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<tr>
<td>104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100</td>
<td>244 E. Second St. (31794)</td>
<td>Savannah, Georgia 31401-1225</td>
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<td>Atlanta, Georgia 30303</td>
<td>P.O. Box 1390</td>
<td>(912) 239-9910</td>
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<tr>
<td>404-527-8700</td>
<td>Tifton, Georgia 31793-1390</td>
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<tr>
<td>800-334-6865</td>
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<td>Fax: 404-527-8717</td>
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14. Georgia Research Resources

Web-based resources:
  - Emory Law School’s legal research guides are available at [http://guide.library.law.emory.edu/cat.php?cid=75684](http://guide.library.law.emory.edu/cat.php?cid=75684)
- **Georgia Legal Research**, Georgia State University College of Law Library, available at [http://libguides.law.gsu.edu/georgialegalresearch](http://libguides.law.gsu.edu/georgialegalresearch)
  - Georgia State University’s legal research guides are available at [http://libguides.law.gsu.edu/](http://libguides.law.gsu.edu/)
- **Guides @ Georgia Law**, University of Georgia Law School of Law, available at: [http://libguides.law.uga.edu/c.php?g=177153&p=1164400](http://libguides.law.uga.edu/c.php?g=177153&p=1164400)
  - University of Georgia’s legal research guides are available at [http://libguides.law.uga.edu/resources](http://libguides.law.uga.edu/resources)

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Atlanta, GA 30322  
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michael.umberger@emory.edu

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adoucett@johnmarshall.edu
## APPENDIX: GEORGIA COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES

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225 Pine Avenue, Room 212
Albany, GA 31701
229-421-2133

Early County Law Library
Blakely, GA 39823
229-723-4732

Effingham County Law Library
700 North Pine St
Springfield, GA 31329
912-754-2124

Fayette County Law Library
1 Center Drive
Fayetteville, GA 30214
770-716-4270

Floyd County Law Library
3 Government Plaza, Suite 326 (3rd Floor)
Rome, GA 30161
706-291-5162

Forsyth County Law Library
101 East Courthouse Square
Cumming, GA 30040
770-205-4610

Fulton County Law Library
Justice Center Tower
185 Central Ave SW, Suite T-7000 (7th Floor)
404-612-4544

Gilmer County Law Library
1 W Side Square
Ellijay, GA 30540
706-635-4302

Glynn County Law Library
Brunswick-Glynn County Library
208 Gloucester St
Brunswick, GA 31520
912-279-3740

Gwinnett County Law Library
Homer M. Stark Law Library
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center,
Lower Level
75 Langley Dr
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
770-822-8575

Hall County Law Library
Hall County Courthouse
2nd Floor
225 Green St. SE
Gainesville, GA 30501

Jefferson County Law Library
200 E Broad St
Louisville, GA 30434
478-625-9443

Laurens County Law Library
101 N Jefferson Street,
Dublin, GA 31021
478-274-0730

Liberty County Law Library
100 Main Street
Hinesville, GA 31313
912-368-5111

Mitchell County Law Library
Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Probate Judge
11 West Broad Street, Room 102
P.O. Box 229
Camilla, GA 31730
229-336-2015

Muscogee County Law Library
8th Floor CCG Tower
100 10th St
Columbus, GA 31901
706-653-4010

Newton County Law Library
Newton County Judicial Center (2nd Floor)
1132 Usher Street
Covington, GA 30014
770-784-2035
**Paulding County Law Library**
280 Constitution Blvd, 3rd Floor
Dallas, GA 30132
770-443-7505

**Pickens County Law Library**
Pickens County Government Center
1266 E. Church Street
Jasper, Georgia 30143
706-253-8809

**Augusta-Richmond County Law Library**
735 James Brown Blvd, Suite 2101
Augusta, GA 30901
706-821-2339

**Conyers-Rockdale County Law Library**
864 Green Street
Conyers, GA 30012
770-388-5040

**Thomas County Law Library**
325 N Madison Street
Thomasville, GA 31799
229-225-4108

**Tift County Law Library**
237 2nd St E
Tifton, GA 31794
229-382-8601

**Troup County Law Library**
Troup County Government Center
100 Ridley Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 3400
LaGrange, GA 30241
706-883-2170

**Twiggs County Law Library**
425 Railroad St
Jeffersonville, GA 31044

**Walker County Law Library**
108 E. Villanow Street, Suite C
LaFayette, GA 30728

**Walton County Law Library**
Walton County Government Building
(second floor)
303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330
Monroe, GA 30655
770-267-1301

**Wayne County Law Library**
174 N Brunswick St
Jesup, GA 31546
912-530-8129

**Wilkes County Law Library**
23 E Court St, #328
Washington, GA 30673
706-678-5290