# AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT SUGGESTED STATE INFORMATION (OREGON) – current as of June 24, 2014

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**1. Oregon Constitution** – can be found in the print version of *Oregon Revised Statutes* (below). It is also available online at https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/OrConst.aspx.

The original 1857 version online: http://bluebook.state.or.us/state/constitution/orig/const.htm. The Constitution defined and established the organization of government in Oregon from 1859 to 1902.

**2. State Code (Statutes):** The official source for Oregon statutory laws are the *Oregon Revised Statutes* (ORS). The ORS is published (print) by the State of Oregon Legislative Counsel Committee in odd-numbered years and may also be found online at https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx. You may search current statutes by chapter, through the index, or via the search feature on the website. The online version also has annotations (see left margin).

An annotated print version is available as *West's Oregon Revised Statutes Annotated* (WORSA).

**3. State Bills:** All the steps of a bill, with coverage beginning in 2007, are available at https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws. Bill versions online include those introduced, amended, enrolled, enacted, as well as bills that did not pass.

Sessions laws are the enrolled bills that have been passed by both the Oregon Senate and House. Coverage goes back to 1999. You may find these via the "Oregon Laws" link in the left margin of the above webpage.

**4. State Administrative Code:** The Oregon Administrative Rules Compilation is an annual print publication containing the complete text of *Oregon Administrative Rules* (OARs) filed through Nov. 15th of the previous year. The online version is updated on the first of each month to include rule actions from the previous month. See at http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/oregon_administrative_rules.aspx.

The website noted above also provides access to the *Oregon Bulletin*, http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/bulletin/past.html, which supplements the OARs. It contains rule text adopted or amended after publication of the print compilation as well as Notices of Proposed Rule-making and Rulemaking Hearing. The *Bulletin* also includes certain non-OAR items when they are submitted, such as Executive Orders of the Governor and Opinions of the Attorney General. Online coverage begins in 2011.

Yet another option is the National Association of Secretaries of State Administrative Codes and Registers website: http://www.administrativerules.org/administrative-rules/. It's one of the best means of accessing the administrative codes and registers for all fifty states, the District of

Columbia, and the U.S. territories. Forty-eight (48) states now have their administrative codes on the internet.

**5. County and Municipal (City) Codes:** The Association of Oregon Counties, http://www.aocweb.org, provides information on Oregon's thirty-six (36) counties with links to official county websites providing codes, services, contacts, and facts.

For city codes, use the League of Oregon Cities website at http://www.orcities.org/Home/tabid/6700/language/en-US/Default.aspx. Choose the "Useful Links" option, then "LOC City Directory" for codes. This website also provides detailed city information on charters, population, incorporation dates, meeting times and dates of city council and commissions, etc.

Another online city code option is the Municode Library: https://www.municode.com/library/or.

**6. State Jury Instructions –** can be found in the Uniform Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions. Updated annually, these instructions are used by most judges in Oregon courts and by counsel throughout the state. Includes some forms.

*Oregon Uniform Criminal Jury Instructions*. Tigard, Or.: Oregon State Bar, Committee on Uniform Criminal Jury Instructions. 2009 Revision with 2010-2013 Supplements.

*Oregon Uniform Civil Jury Instructions*. Tigard, Or.: Oregon State Bar, Committee on Uniform Civil Jury Instructions. 2005 Revision with 2006-2013 Supplements.

**7. State Forms:**
**Online** – are available from Oregon courts; see selected links below:
Oregon Judicial Department: http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/. Information on Oregon's state court system. Find statewide forms, court rules, calendars, programs and schedules.

Oregon Child Support Guidelines: http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov/forms/pages/index.aspx. Division of Child Support, Department of Human Services. Form resources include child support timelines, guidelines, worksheets, establishing paternity, etc.

Oregon Department of Revenue: http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Pages/index.aspx. Oregon State business, personal, property and other tax services including rules and electronic filling. There is a "Forms and Publications" link in the left margin.

**Forms in Print Publications** (selected)

- *Oregon Uniform Criminal Jury Instructions* and *Oregon Uniform Civil Jury Instructions* (see State Jury Instructions above)
- *Oregon Civil Pleading and Practice.* Tigard, Or.: Oregon State Bar, Legal Publications, 2012.
- *Oregon Law & Practice.* Eagan, Mn.: Thomson/West, 2011-
- *The Criminal Law Formbook*. Michael Rose, editor. Eugene, Or.: Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, 2011-

- *The DUII Trial Notebook*. Cate Wollam, editor. Eugene, Or.: Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, 2008.
- *Documentation of Real Estate Transactions***.** Tigard, Or.: Oregon State Bar, Legal Publications, 2008-9.

Note: Forms in print may also be contained in various topical practice guides, treatises and Oregon State Bar Legal Publications manuals.

**8. State Legal Encyclopedias:** There is no current legal encyclopedia for Oregon.

**9. State Cases:** A basic court structure includes a trial court, an intermediate appellate court and a court of last resort. In Oregon, trial courts are called circuit courts. Oregon's intermediate court is called the Court of Appeals and its highest court is the Oregon Supreme Court. Cases from state trial courts in Oregon are not published; in fact, few states publish opinions at the trial court level because they lack precedential value.

**Online:**
Supreme Court Slip Opinions. http://www.publications.ojd.state.or.us/Pages/OpinionsSC.aspx, Oregon Judicial Department, 1998-

Court of Appeals Slip Opinions.
http://www.publications.ojd.state.or.us/Pages/OpinionsCOA.aspx, Oregon Judicial Department, 1998-

Tax Court Magistrate Division Slip Opinions.
http://www.publications.ojd.state.or.us/Pages/OpinionsTaxMag.aspx, Oregon Judicial Department (select opinions), 2001-

Tax Court Regular Division Slip Opinions.
http://www.publications.ojd.state.or.us/Pages/OpinionsTaxReg.aspx, Oregon Judicial Department (select opinions), July 1997-

**Print:**
*Oregon Reports.* (Oregon Supreme Court decisions). Salem, Or.: Oregon Judicial Department, State Court Administrator. 1853-

*Oregon Reports, Court of Appeals*. (Oregon Court of Appeals decisions). Salem, Or.: Oregon Judicial Department, State Court Administrator.1969-

*Pacific Reporter*. (This is a regional reporter that publishes several state courts' opinions under a single title; it reproduces decisions from both of the above Oregon reporters). St. Paul, Mn.: Thompson Reuters.

- *Pacific Reporter*, 1884-1931
- *Pacific Reporter, 2d Series*, 1931-1988
- *West's Pacific Reporter, 2d Series*, 1988-2000
- *West's Pacific Reporter, 3d Series*, 2000-

**10. State Digest:**
All Oregon Federal and State cases are available through West's digest system:
*Oregon Digest 2d*, St. Paul, Mn.: Thompson Reuters, 1994-

**11. Regional Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) – Instructions on How to Subscribe to Listserv/Become a Member:**
Western-Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (WestPac): http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac. WestPac listserv subscription is open to members only. Become a member: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/membership.asp.

**12. Referral Policies of Local Law Libraries** may be obtained from the individual libraries listed directly below.

**13. Major Law Libraries in Oregon:**
State of Oregon Law Library
1163 State Street
Salem, OR 97301-2563
Phone: 503-986-5640
Fax: 503-986-5623
http://www.oregon.gov/soll/Pages/index.aspx

John E. Jaqua Law Library
University of Oregon
1221 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1221
Phone: 541-346-3088
Fax: 541-346-1669
http://library.uoregon.edu/law/index.html

J.W. Long Law Library
Willamette University College of Law
245 Winter Street SE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: 503-370-6386
Fax: 503-375-5426
http://www.willamette.edu/wucl/longlib/

Paul L. Boley Law Library
Lewis & Clark Law School
10015 S.W. Terwilliger Boulevard
MSC 51 Portland OR 97219
Phone: 503-768-6676
Fax: 503-768-6671
https://law.lclark.edu/library/

**14. Federal Depository Libraries in Oregon:**
A complete list of Oregon's 20 Regional and Selective Depository Libraries is available online at http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp

**15. Oregon State and Federal Court Websites:**

Oregon Supreme Court/Court of Appeals/Tax Court/Circuit Courts: http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/courts/pages/index.aspx. State of Oregon Judicial Department.

U.S. District Court – Oregon: http://www.ord.uscourts.gov
Oregon's U.S. District Court home page has information on case law, local rules, and trial court guidelines.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court – District of Oregon: http://www.orb.uscourts.gov. Forms, rules, and general information.

U.S. Courts for the 9th Circuit: http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/. Forms, rules, and general information.

**16. Bar Associations:**

Oregon State Bar Association https://www.osbar.org/.

Oregon county bar associations may be found at: https://www.osbar.org/members/localbars.asp

**17. Oregon Pathfinders/Research Guides**:

John E. Jaqua Law Library research guides online at http://library.uoregon.edu/law/guides.html

J. W. Long Law Library research guides online at http://law.willamette.libguides.com/guides

Paul L. Boley Law Library research guides online at https://law.lclark.edu/library/research/

Oregon State Bar Internet Resources for Oregon Lawyers online at http://www.osbar.org/resources/eresources.html

*Oregon Bluebook* online at http://www.bluebook.state.or.us. Provides detailed information on state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Oregon Legal Research Blog online at http://www.oregonlegalresearch.com/. More than a blog, this site is also a portal to legal research databases, legal topics, information for self-represented litigants, etc.

Law Library of Congress Oregon Research Guide online at http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states/us-or.php