AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT SUGGESTED STATE INFORMATION (TEXAS)

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1. Texas Constitution: The Texas Constitution is available in print as a part of Vernon’s Texas Annotated Statutes and Codes. It is also available online at http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/txconst/toc.html.

2. State Code:

The legislature over the course of several decades has engaged in the process of rearranging the statutes into codes. Currently twenty-five of the twenty-seven codes have been at least partially completed. As a result statutes are located in either the Texas Code Annotated or the Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated. These are both published in the Vernon’s Texas Annotated Statutes and Codes (West Group) and can be conveniently searched using the subject index. The unannotated version is available online at http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/statutes.html.

3. State Bills: Available online at http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/

4. State Administrative Code: Texas Administrative Code (West Group) is available in print and online at http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.viewtac. Texas Register is also available in print and online at http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/.

5. Municipal Codes:


6. State Jury Instructions:


Texas Court’s Charge Reporter. Austin: Matthew Bender, 1973-current.

7. State Form Books and Practice Guides:

**General Practice Guides (most with samples of forms) and Form Books:**


**Topical Practice Guides (most with samples of forms) and Form Books:**


8. State Legal Encyclopedias:

*TEXAS JUR III*. Rochester: West Group, 1979-current. This set of Legal Encyclopedias provides an overview of various legal topics and includes annotations to applicable Texas statutes and cases. This multi-volume set includes a subject index, words and phrases, and table of cases.

9. State Cases:

There are three levels of courts in Texas including the trial court, appellate courts, and courts of last resort. The case originates in the trial court and can be appealed to the Courts of Appeals and then can be reviewed by one of the state’s two high courts. The two courts of last resort in Texas are the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals which hears only criminal matters, and the Texas Supreme Court, which decides on civil matters.

Print:

Texas appellate decisions are published in the following reporters:

*South Western Reporter* (1886-1927)
*South Western Reporter 2d* (1927-1999)
*South Western Reporter 3d* (1999-present)
*West’s Texas Cases South Western Reporter* (1927-1999)
*West’s Texas Cases South Western Reporter 2d* (1999-present)
*Texas Supreme Court Journal* (1957-present)
*Texas Reports* (1846-1962)
*Texas Criminal Reports* (1889-1962)
Texas Court of Appeals Reports (1876-1892)
Texas Civil Appeals Reports (1892-1910)

Online:

Texas Supreme Court Cases: http://www.supreme.courts.state.tx.us/
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals: http://www.cca.courts.state.tx.us/
Texas Courts of Appeals: http://www.courts.state.tx.us/courts/coa.asp

10. State Digest

All Texas Federal and State cases available through West’s reporter system can be found using Texas Digest 2d (West Group). This multi-volume set includes a subject index, words and phrases, and table of cases.

11. Legal Directory


12. Self-Help


13. Links to local AALL chapters/listserv instructions/how to become a member

Dallas Association of Law Librarians (DALL):  http://www.dallnet.org/

Houston Area Law Librarians (HALL):  http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/

Southwestern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SWALL):  
http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/swall/

14. Referral Policies of Local Libraries

Please refer to individual law libraries, cf. 15

15. Major Law Libraries in Texas

Baylor University
Baylor Law Library
One Bear Place, Box 97128
Waco, Texas 76798-7128
Phone: (254) 710-2168
Fax: (254) 710-2294
http://law.baylor.edu/library/RT_main.htm

South Texas College of Law
Fred Parks Law Library
1303 San Jacinto Street
Houston, TX 77002-7000
Phone: (713) 646-1711
Fax: (713) 659-2217
http://www.stcl.edu/library/libhome.html

Southern Methodist University
Underwood Law Library
6550 Hillcrest Avenue
Dallas, TX 75205
Phone: 214-768-3216 (recording)
Fax: 214-768-4330
http://library.law.smu.edu/
St. Mary’s University
School of Law
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library
One Camino Santa Maria
San Antonio, Texas 78228
Phone: (210) 436-3435
Fax: (210) 436-3240
http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library
3100 Cleburne Avenue
Houston, TX 77004-4501
Phone: (713)313-4472
Fax: (713)313-4483
http://www.tsu.edu/academics/law/library/index.asp

Texas State Law Library, Tom C. Clark Building
205 West 14th Street
Austin, TX 78701-1614
Phone: (512) 463-1722
Fax: (512) 463-1728
http://www.sll.state.tx.us

Texas State Library and Archives Commission
1201 Brazos Street
Austin, TX 78701-1938
Phone: (512) 463-5455
Fax: (512) 463-5430
http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/fedinfo/index.html

Texas Tech University
Texas Tech School of Law Library
1802 Hartford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79409-0004
Phone: (806)742-3957
http://www.law.ttu.edu/lawlibrary/

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
Dee J. Kelly Law Library
1515 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Phone: (817) 212-3800
Fax: (817) 212-3801
16. Federal Depository Libraries in Texas:

A complete list of Regional and Selective Depository Libraries is available online at http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/
Click “FDLP Public Page” at the bottom right of the page and then click “Texas” on the map. This will provide a listing of all depository libraries in Texas.

17. Links to Bar Association pages in Texas:

State Bar of Texas: http://www.texasbar.com/

Austin Bar Association: http://www.travisbar.com/

Corpus Christi Bar Association: http://www.ccbar.com/

Dallas Bar Association: http://www.dallasbar.org/

El Paso Bar Association: http://www.elpasobar.com/

Houston Bar Association: http://www.hba.org/

San Antonio Bar Association: http://www.sanantoniobar.org/

18. Links to Texas Pathfinders/Research Guides:

Legislative Reference Library of Texas, Researching Legislative History and Intent http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/intent/
Southern Methodist University, Underwood Law Library, Legal Research Guides
http://library.law.smu.edu/guides.shtm

St Mary’s University School of Law, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library
http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/?go=researchguides

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library, Internet Resources
http://www.tsu.edu/academics/law/library/resources.asp

Texas Tech Law Library, Internet Resources
http://mytechlaw.law.ttu.edu/library/Public%20Pages/Internet%20Resources.aspx

University of Houston, O’Quinn Law Library, Legal Research Guides
http://www.law.uh.edu/Libraries/guides.htm

University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library, Virtual Library
http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/vlibrary/