WASHINGTON STATE LEGAL RESOURCES

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State Constitution

The Washington State Constitution is available at
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Vol. 0, [http://leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/Pages/constitution.aspx](http://leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/Pages/constitution.aspx)

See also
- The Washington State Constitution: A Reference Guide by Robert F. Utter and Hugh D. Spitzer
- Washington State Constitutional Law: History by the Washington Law Review and maintained by the Gallagher Law Library, [https://lib.law.washington.edu/content/guides/waconst](https://lib.law.washington.edu/content/guides/waconst)

State Statutes

Washington statutes are available
- West’s Revised Code of Washington Annotated (RCWA) (West)
- Annotated Revised Code of Washington (ARCW) (LexisNexis)

State Bills

Bills
  - Most recent session, and last two sessions
- Detailed Legislative Reports, [http://app.leg.wa.gov/dlr/home/](http://app.leg.wa.gov/dlr/home/)
  - Past bills, 1991 – current
- Final Legislative Report
- Legislative Digest and History of Bills
- House Journal
- Senate Journal
- Senate Committee Meeting Recordings 1972-2004, [http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/1713](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/1713)
- Senate Floor Recordings 1971-2010, [http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/858](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/858)
Initiatives and Referenda

- Secretary of State website, 1996 – current,
  o also under Bill Info on the Washington State Legislature website,
  [http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/)
- History of all
  o Initiatives to the People,
  o Initiatives to the Legislature,
  o Referendum Bills,
  o Referendum Measures,

State Administrative Code

Washington Administrative Code (WAC)


Washington State Register


County and Municipal (City) Codes

Availability varies, and changes frequently. City and county codes are available

- Records of some county and city meetings,
  [http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:25](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:25)

State Jury Instructions

Washington Pattern Jury Instructions

- Washington Courts website,
- Washington Practice Series, Civil, Vols. 6 and 6A
- Washington Practice Series, Criminal, Vols. 11 and 11A

State Forms

The State Courts website provides many up-to-date forms, [http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms)

Local law libraries normally have forms in print that are available to photocopy. There is a directory of law libraries, [http://www.wacll.org](http://www.wacll.org)

Other forms in print are

- Washington Practice, Vols. 9-10A
- Washington Lawyers Practice Manual

**Court Rules**

Washington Court Rules
- Federal
  - Also, many local courts list rules on the home page

**State Legal Encyclopedias**

Washington Practice (West)

Washington Practice Lawyers Manual (King County Bar Association)

**State Cases**

Washington Supreme Court
- Pacific Reporter, 1880 – current
- Washington Reports, 1889 – current
- Washington Territory Reports, 1854 – 1888

Court of Appeals
- Pacific Reporter, 1969 – current
- Washington Appellate Reports, 1969 – current

Local law libraries often make some legal databases (like WestlawNext, HeinOnline, LexisNexis Academic) available to patrons for free. Contact your local law library, [http://www.wacll.org](http://www.wacll.org)

**State Digests**

West's Pacific Digest

West's Washington Digest

**Regional AALL Chapters**


Western Pacific Chapter, [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/)
Referral Policies of Local Law Libraries

State
  - Open to the public

County
- King County Law Library, Seattle and Kent, [http://www.kcll.org/services/borrow-books](http://www.kcll.org/services/borrow-books)
  - Open to the public. Only subscribers may check out materials; Washington attorneys and King County residents may pay a fee to become subscribers.

University
- Gonzaga University, Spokane, [https://www.law.gonzaga.edu/library/about/](https://www.law.gonzaga.edu/library/about/)
  - Open to the public. Check out privileges limited to faculty, staff, students, alumni, local bar members, and local judges.
- Seattle University, Seattle, [http://www.law.seattleu.edu/library/policies/access](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/library/policies/access)
  - Open to the public with purchase of a $5 day pass. Check out privileges limited to faculty, staff, current students, and alumni with library membership.
- University of Washington, Seattle, [http://lib.law.washington.edu/circ/circ.html](http://lib.law.washington.edu/circ/circ.html)
  - Open to the public. Public may check out materials if they register and obtain a library barcode; photo ID and proof of home address are required.

Depository Libraries


Bar Associations


Links to Pathfinders/Research Guides


King County Law Library, [http://www.kcll.org/research-guides](http://www.kcll.org/research-guides)

University of Washington, [http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/guides.html](http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/guides.html)