

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>

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>

State Statutes

Washington statutes are available

- Session Laws of Washington, http://leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Pages/session_laws.aspx
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW), <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/>
- West's Revised Code of Washington Annotated (RCWA) (West)
- Annotated Revised Code of Washington (ARCW) (LexisNexis)

State Bills

Bills

- Washington State Legislature website, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>
 - Most recent session, and last two sessions
- Detailed Legislative Reports, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/dlr/home/>
 - Past bills, 1991 – current
- Final Legislative Report
- Legislative Digest and History of Bills
 - Legislative Digest, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/digests.aspx?year=2015> (change year in URL)
- House Journal
 - Daily, 2005 – current, <http://leg.wa.gov/House/HDJ/Pages/2015.aspx>
 - Daily, 1993 – current, <http://search.leg.wa.gov/>
- Senate Journal
 - Daily, 2005 – current, <http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/SDJ/Pages/2015.aspx>
 - Daily, 1993 – current, <http://search.leg.wa.gov/>
- House Committee Meeting Recordings 1973-2002, <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/509>
- Senate Committee Meeting Recordings 1972-2004, <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/1713>
- Senate Floor Recordings 1971-2010, <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/858>
- Washington State Archives, <http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/>

Initiatives and Referenda

- Secretary of State website, 1996 – current, <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/statistics.aspx>
 - also under Bill Info on the Washington State Legislature website, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>
- History of **all**
 - Initiatives to the People, http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/statistics_initiatives.aspx
 - Initiatives to the Legislature, http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/statistics_initleg.aspx
 - Referendum Bills, http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/statistics_referendumbills.aspx
 - Referendum Measures, http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/statistics_referendummeasures.aspx

State Administrative Code

Washington Administrative Code (WAC)

- Washington State Legislature website, 1973 – current, <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/>

Washington State Register

- Washington State Legislature website, 1997 – current, http://leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Pages/Washington_State_Register.aspx

County and Municipal (City) Codes

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

- MRSC of Washington website, <http://mrsc.org/Home.aspx>
- Records of some county and city meetings, <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:25>

State Jury Instructions

Washington Pattern Jury Instructions

- Washington Courts website, <https://www.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.contentDisplay&location=PatternJuryInstructions>
- 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>

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

Other forms in print are

- Washington Practice, Vols. 9-10A

- Washington Lawyers Practice Manual

Court Rules

Washington Court Rules

- Federal
 - Eastern District, <http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/court-info/local-rules-and-orders/general-orders>
 - Western District, <http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-orders>
 - 9th Circuit, <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/attorneys/>
- State of Washington, http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/
- Local, http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/
 - 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

- State Courts website, slip opinions, 2012 – current, <http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/index.cfm?fa=opinions.displayAll>
- Pacific Reporter, 1880 – current
- Washington Reports, 1889 – current
- Washington Territory Reports, 1854 – 1888

Court of Appeals

- State Courts website, 2012 – current, <http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/index.cfm?fa=opinions.displayAll>
- 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>

State Digests

West's Pacific Digest

West's Washington Digest

Regional AALL Chapters

Law Librarians of Puget Sound, <http://llops.org/>

Western Pacific Chapter, <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/>

Referral Policies of Local Law Libraries

State

- Washington State Law Library, Olympia, <http://www.courts.wa.gov/library/>
 - Open to the public

County

- Directory of county law libraries, <http://www.wacll.org/>
- King County Law Library, Seattle and Kent, <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/>
 - 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>
 - 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>
 - 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

Federal depository libraries, list, <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/FederalDepositoryLibraries.aspx>

State depository libraries, list,

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/WashingtonStateDepositoryProgramLibraries.aspx>

Bar Associations

Washington State Bar Association, <http://www.wsba.org/>

County bar associations, list, <http://www.wsba.org/legal-community/county-bar-associations>

Links to Pathfinders/Research Guides

Washington State Law Library, <http://www.courts.wa.gov/library/?fa=library.research>

King County Law Library, <http://www.kcll.org/research-guides>

University of Washington, <http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/guides.html>

Washington LawHelp, <http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/>