

AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT FOR MINNESOTA

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1. State Constitution

The Minnesota constitution is found in print in the first volume of both the Minnesota Statutes (official) and the unofficial Minnesota Statutes Annotated.

It is also online at: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution/>

Note: The original Minnesota Constitution consisted of two handwritten documents. These are reproduced in volume 1 of West's Minnesota Statutes Annotated. The Minnesota Historical Society also reproduces them online with an explanation of their peculiar history at:

<http://www.mnhs.org/library/constitution/>

2. State Code

Minnesota Statutes (official) are published every even year. The unofficial Minnesota Statutes Annotated is published by West Group.

Current statutes are online at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/>. An archive of earlier versions dating back to 1851 is also online at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/archive>

3. State Session Laws

Session laws are found in print in Laws of Minnesota.

There is also an online archive at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/>. The current session laws are searchable at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/>

4. State Bills

Bills can be found online at <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis>

5. Administrative Code

Minnesota Rules is published every odd year by the Revisor of Statutes.

It is also online at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/> and searchable at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/>.

An archive dating back to 1982 is available here: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/archive/>

6. Municipal ordinances

Links to online city and county ordinances can be found at <https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/ordinances.jsp>

State law also requires that city and county ordinances be deposited with their local county law library.

7. Jury Instructions

Minnesota Jury Instruction Guides can be found in print as follows:

- Minnesota Jury Instruction Guides, Criminal (CRIMJIG), 6th ed. (St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2015), volumes 10 and 10A of Minnesota Practice
- Minnesota Jury Instruction Guides, Civil (CIVJIG), 6th ed. (St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2014), volumes 4 and 4A of Minnesota Practice

8. Forms books

Numerous print and online sources of forms are available. The Minnesota Judicial Branch publishes court forms online: <http://www.mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx>. For other forms, see <https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/forms.jsp>.

9. Legal encyclopedia

Dunnell Minnesota Digest, 6th ed. (Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis, 2014-) (Note: Volumes 26-51 are still in the 5th ed.)

10. Cases

Minnesota cases can be found in print as follows:

- Minnesota Reports (Minn.) from territorial times to 1977
- North Western Reporter (N.W.) and North Western Reporter, second series (N.W.2d) from 1879 to present

Slip opinions from May of 1996 to date are available online at <https://mn.gov/law-library/search/?v:sources=mn-law-library-opinions&timeout=0>. Minnesota opinions from approximately 1950 to present can also be searched on Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/> (Note: Be sure to select the “case law” option below the search bar).

11. Digest

West’s Minnesota Digest 2d (West Group)

12. Court Rules

Court rules are published in print in the court rules volumes of the print statutes.

They are available online at <http://www.mncourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Court-Rules.aspx> or https://www.revisor.mn.gov/court_rules/. Rules are searchable at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs>.

13. Local AALL chapter

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries. Web page: <http://mall.wildapricot.org/>

14. Bar association

Minnesota State Bar Association. Web page: <https://www.mnbar.org/>

For other local and affinity bar associations, please see: https://www.mnbar.org/about-msba/related-organizations#.W32p_OhKg2w

15. Pathfinders and Research Guides

Minnesota State Law Library Legal Topics Pages: <https://mn.gov/law-library/legal-topics/>

University of Minnesota Law School Research Guides: <http://libguides.law.umn.edu/?b=g&d=a>

Mitchell Hamline School of Law Research Guides: <https://libguides.mitchellhamline.edu/?b=g&d=a>

University of St. Thomas Law School Research Guides:
https://libguides.stthomas.edu/sb.php?subject_id=21271

Minnesota Judicial Branch Help Topics: <http://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics.aspx>

LawMoose: <http://www.lawmoose.com/index.cfm?HomeCommunity=MNLaw>

LawHelpMN: <https://www.lawhelpmn.org/>

16. Referral policies of local libraries

The Minnesota State Law Library accepts inquiries from jail inmates via letter only. For other referral policies, please contact the library.

For a listing of other libraries, see <https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/county-law-libraries.jsp>.

17. Federal Depository Libraries in Minnesota

The University of Minnesota's Government Publications Library is the regional depository. It is located at O. Meredith Wilson Library, 309 19th Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Its telephone number is (612) 624-3321. Its website, which includes a map of other Federal Depositories, can be found here: <https://www.lib.umn.edu/govpubs>.

18. Additional Relevant Websites

Minnesota Judicial Branch: <http://www.mncourts.gov/>

United States District Court, District of Minnesota: <http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/>

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit: <http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/>

Minnesota Judicial Branch Self-Help Centers: <http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/>

A list of suggested referrals for legal information and assistance from the Minnesota State Law Library is available here: <https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/legal-referrals/>