Constitution


Online version:  

Statutes

The Code of Alabama 1975 is published by Thomson Reuters.

Online version:  

Legislative Acts and Bills

Bound volumes of the Acts of Alabama are printed under the authority of the State and are available for purchase from the Secretary of State.

https://www.sos.alabama.gov/government-records/legislative-acts

Legislative Acts from 1819 to 1999 are accessible in the digital collections of the Alabama Department of Archives and History  

Bills currently being considered by the state legislature can be found at the Alabama Legislature’s website.  http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/Splash_Bills.aspx

State Administrative Code

The Alabama Administrative Code and Alabama Administrative Monthly are published by the Alabama Legislative Reference Service.

Online version:  www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us
**Municipal Codes**

Availability varies by municipality. The clerk of the municipality will have the most current information concerning ordinances. Contact information is available through the Alabama League of Municipalities at [www.alalm.org](http://www.alalm.org).

Some municipalities post their codes on their website and some use a service like Municode. [https://library.municode.com/al](https://library.municode.com/al)

**Jury Instructions**

**Civil**


Online: Civil pattern jury instructions can be accessed on Westlaw for a fee.

**Criminal**

Pattern Jury Instructions - Criminal, 3rd ed. edited by Judge Joseph A. Colquitt. This was last published in print in 1994. The committee responsible for updating the pattern jury instructions publishes new or revised instructions via the state judiciary’s website.

Online: These may not be complete as the committee only posts new or revised instructions as it finishes reviewing a section. Reference to the 1994 book might be necessary. [http://judicial.alabama.gov/Library/JuryInstructions](http://judicial.alabama.gov/Library/JuryInstructions)

**Forms**

There is no current, comprehensive collection of Alabama legal forms. Treatises on various topics of Alabama law often contain sample forms.

Some forms to be filed in the various state courts are found on the Administrative Office of Courts’ website [efoms.alacourt.gov](http://efoms.alacourt.gov)

Forms and legal information are collected on Alabama Legal Help which is collaboration between Legal Services Alabama and the Alabama Access to Justice Commission. [https://www.alabamalegalhelp.org/](https://www.alabamalegalhelp.org/)

Some public, university, and law libraries have access to Gale LegalForms. Availability varies by library.
State Legal Encyclopedia
none

State Cases

Available in print in West’s Southern Reporter (covers Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi) OR in West’s Alabama Reporter. Both contain opinions and decisions issued by Alabama state appellate courts.

Online: Appellate opinions are posted on each court’s website; they are also available via legal research services (Westlaw, Lexis, Fastcase, Casemaker, etc.) for a fee.

Supreme Court (October 2013 to present)
http://judicial.alabama.gov/decision/supremecourtdecisions

Court of Civil Appeals (May 2014 to present)
http://judicial.alabama.gov/decision/civildecisions

Court of Criminal Appeals (November 2014 to present)
http://judicial.alabama.gov/decision/criminaldecisions

State Digest
West’s Alabama Digest summarizes court decisions reported in the Southern Reporter or Alabama Reporter and indexes points of law.

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Law Libraries

University of Alabama School of Law, Bounds Law Library
http://library.law.ua.edu/

Cumberland School of Law (Samford University), Beeson Law Library
https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/

Thomas Goode Jones School of Law (Faulkner), Jones Law Library
libguides.faulkner.edu/jones-library

Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library
http://judicial.alabama.gov/library/index
Federal Depository Libraries in Alabama

Regional Libraries (Full Depository):
University of Alabama, Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library
711 Capstone Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487
Reference Desk: (205) 348-6047
https://www.lib.ua.edu/research-tools/government-information/

Auburn University Montgomery, AUM Library
7440 East Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117-3596
Reference Desk: (334) 244-3649
http://aumnicat.aum.edu/government-documents

Selective Depository Libraries:
Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library, Montgomery

Air University, Muir S Fairchild Research Info Center, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery

Alabama A&M University, J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center, Normal

Auburn University, Ralph Brown Draughon Library, Auburn

Bevill State Community College, Fayette Learning Resource Center, Fayette

Birmingham-Southern College, Rush Learning Center/Miles Library, Birmingham

Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham

Enterprise State Community College, Learning Resources Center, Enterprise

Faulkner University, Jones School of Law Library, Montgomery

Gadsden Public Library, Gadsden

Jacksonville State University, Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville

Jefferson State Community College, James B. Allen Library, Birmingham
Samford University, University Library, Birmingham

Spring Hill College, Burke Memorial Library, Mobile

Troy University, Troy University Library, Troy

Tuskegee University, Ford Motor Company Library, Tuskegee

University of Alabama, Bounds Law Library, Tuscaloosa

University of Alabama Huntsville, M. Louis Salmon Library, Huntsville

University of North Alabama, Collier Library, Florence

University of South Alabama, University Libraries, Mobile

**Bar Associations**

- Alabama State Bar Association [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org)
- Birmingham Bar Association [www.birminghambar.org](http://www.birminghambar.org)
- Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association [www.huntsvillebar.org](http://www.huntsvillebar.org)
- Mobile Bar Association [www.mobilebar.com](http://www.mobilebar.com)
- Montgomery County Bar Association [www.mcbar.org](http://www.mcbar.org)

**Pathfinders/Research Guides**

- Cumberland School of Law, Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library [https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/resources#research-guides](https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/resources#research-guides)


- Library of Congress

- Cornell Legal Information Institute: Alabama [https://www.law.cornell.edu/states/alabama](https://www.law.cornell.edu/states/alabama)


- Georgetown Law Library: Alabama Resources [http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/alabama](http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/alabama)

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