

AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT SUGGESTED STATE INFORMATION (LOUISIANA)

- 1. Louisiana Constitution** - The text of Louisiana's Constitution of 1974, as amended, is published in *West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated*. Also online at <https://senate.legis.state.la.us/documents/constitution/>.
- 2. State Code** - The text of the statutes, as amended, is also published in *West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated*. West also publishes a non-annotated paperbound version called *Louisiana Statutes: Compact Edition*. The state provides a free online version at <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/LawsContents.aspx>.
- 3. State Bills** - Searchable full-text versions free online <https://legis.la.gov/> (choose session by hovering over "Bills" - only available from 1997-present).
- 4. State Administrative Code** - New regulations are initially published in the monthly *Louisiana Register*, available free online at <https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/reg/register.aspx> (1975-present). Regulations are then arranged by topic and published in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, available free online at <https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/lac/books.aspx>.
- 5. Municipal Codes** – Links to numerous Municipal or Parish codes are available free online at <https://www.municode.com/Library/LA>.
- 6. State Jury Instructions** - Johnson, H. Alston III, *Civil Jury Instructions, 3d ed.* (La. Civil Law Treatise vol. 18, Thomson/West: 2011); Joseph, Cheney C., Jr., Lamonica, P. Raymond, *Criminal Jury Instructions and Procedures, 3d ed.* (La. Civil Law Treatise vol. 17, Thomson/West: 2013). Note: these volumes include text of instructions and commentary.
- 7. State Form Books** – Kohn, Susan, Pilie, Denise, et al, *Louisiana Civil Practice Forms*, published annually. (2 vols; Thomson/West); *Louisiana Formulary Annotated, 3d ed.* (prepared and edited by La. State Bar Association, 2 vols, Michie: 1970); Johnson, James, D. Jr., *A Basic Louisiana Pleadings Guide*, (Claitor's: 1989); Johnson, James D., Jr. and Feduccia, John I., *A Louisiana Special Pleadings Guide*, (Claitor's: 1991); Johnson, James D. Jr. and Johnson, Susan L., *A Basic Louisiana Notary Guide, 2d ed.* (3 vols; 2002 suppl. avail., Claitors: 1997). Online forms compiled for free at <https://lasc.libguides.com/forms>.

8. State Legal Encyclopedias: None published; the most similar product is the *Louisiana Civil Law Treatise* series published by Thomson/West. This series covers property, torts, insurance, obligations, criminal law, workmen's compensation, and jury instructions (as listed above).

9. State Cases - Southern Reporter 2d Series (1941-2008), 3d Series (2008-present). St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co. West also publishes a Louisiana-only compilation called *Southern Reporter, Louisiana Cases*. Links to websites to access Louisiana Supreme Court decisions and decisions from the Louisiana Courts of Appeal can be found free online at <https://lasc.libguides.com/c.php?g=214725&p=1416848> (coverage varies by court).

10. State Digest – West's Louisiana Digest 2d. Preface notes "Covering Cases From the State and Federal Courts." St Paul, MN: West Pub. Co.

11. Links to local AALL chapters/listserv instructions/how to become a member – New Orleans Association of Law Librarians (NOALL), <http://chapters.aallnet.org/noall/>; Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians (SEAALL), <https://seaall.wildapricot.org/>

12. Referral policies of local libraries – Not known - contact individual libraries. (See also # 13 for a list of local and regional federal depository libraries.) The Law Library of Louisiana, which is the library of the Louisiana Supreme Court, can be found here: <https://lasc.libguides.com>. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Law Library can be found here: <http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov>. The Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library can be found here: <https://www.law.lsu.edu/library/>. The Tulane Law Library website can be found here: <https://library.law.tulane.edu/screens/index.html>. The Law Library for Loyola University Law School, New Orleans can be found here: <http://law.loyno.edu/library>. The Southern University Law Center Library website can be found here: https://sulaw.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/sulaw. The Law Library of Congress lists online resources for the State of Louisiana on its site as well: <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states/us-la.php>.

13. Federal Depository Libraries: The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to its government's information. The U.S. Government Publishing Office administers the FDLP on behalf of the participating libraries and the public. Information products from the federal government are disseminated to these

nationwide libraries that, in turn, ensure the American public has free access to the materials, both in print and online. A link to all Federal Depository Libraries in Louisiana can be found here:

https://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp?flag=searchp&st_12=LA.

14. Links to legal and bar associations in Louisiana and legal aid resources:

Louisiana State Bar Association, <https://www.lsba.org/> (go to Public Resources tab); Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, <https://www.slls.org/>; Acadiana Legal Services Corporation, <https://www.la-law.org/>; *Louisiana Legal Services and Pro Bono Manual 2013* (published by Gills Long Poverty Law Center of Loyola University, New Orleans): <http://law.loyno.edu/gillislong/deskbook>.

15. Links to Louisiana pathfinders/research guides: Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states/us-la.php>; Law Library of Louisiana, <http://lasc.libguides.com/library-research-guides>; Paul M. Hebert Law Center, LSU, <http://libguides.law.lsu.edu>.

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