

Sources of Colorado Law

This guide provides entry points into primary and secondary sources of Colorado law.

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STATUTES

The compiled statutes of Colorado are found in the Colorado Revised Statutes (“CRS”).

Print:

Colorado Revised Statutes:

The official version of the CRS is published in print by Lexis. Beyond the official text of the statutes, the CRS includes some annotations. The CRS is currently published annually and has a red cover.

Colorado Revised Statutes Annotated:

West publishes the Colorado Revised Statutes Annotated (“CRSA”), which contains more annotations than the CRS and is updated more frequently with pocket parts. The CRSA has a blue cover

Online:

Current but unofficial versions of the CRS are publicly available online. The Committee on Legal Services of the Colorado General Assembly has arranged for the CRS to be hosted by Lexis, but does not require a login or subscription. You can access the Lexis version (with some annotations) and downloadable PDFs (without annotations) from the link below.

Location:

- [Colorado Revised Statutes](#)

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SESSION LAWS

The chronologically enacted laws of Colorado are found in the Colorado Session Laws.

Print:

Colorado Session Laws:

These volumes contain the laws, concurrent resolutions, and selected resolutions and memorials passed in a given legislative session.

Online:

PDF versions of the Colorado Session Laws are available from two CO institutions. The Colorado General Assembly publishes the current session laws on its website along with an archive going back until 1993. The University of Colorado Law Library complements that collection by providing session laws from 1861 through 1992

Location:

- [Colorado General Assembly: Session Laws Archive](#) (1993-Current)
- [University of Colorado: Colorado Session Laws](#) (1861-1992)

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Legislative History Materials

Fewer legislative materials exist for Colorado legislative history research than do for Federal legislative history research. To that end, accessing legislative documents from before the 1990s often requires a trip to the Colorado archives. For more detailed steps on conducting Colorado legislative history research, see *Colorado Legal Research* by Robert Linz.

Colorado House & Senate Journals:

The Colorado House & Senate Journals document the proceedings of the Colorado General Assembly, including notes of legislation passage, vote counts, and committee reports.

Location:

- Current:
 - [House: Session Publications](#)
 - [Senate: Session Publications](#)
- 2016-2017:
 - [House Session End Documents](#)
 - [Senate Session End Documents](#)
- 1997-2015: [2015 and Prior Legislative Session Information](#)

Colorado Committee Reports:

Various reports and information from Colorado House and Senate Committees are available online.

Location:

- Current: [Colorado General Assembly: Committees](#) (2016-Current)
 - Be sure to scroll down on a particular committee's page for report information.
- Prior: [2015 and Prior Legislative Session Information](#) (2000-2015)

Colorado Bills:

Bills from the Colorado Assembly are also available online.

Location:

- Current: [Colorado General Assembly: Bills](#) (2016-Current)
- Prior: [2015 and Prior Legislative Session Information](#) (1997-2015)

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Administrative Law

The codified regulations of Colorado appear in the Code of Colorado Regulations (“CCR”). The CCR is updated with new regulations by the Colorado Register (“CR”)

Code of Colorado Regulations:

The official CCR is found online at the Colorado Secretary of State’s website and in print

Location:

- Official: [Code of Colorado Regulations](#) (Current)

Colorado Register:

The Colorado Register is the chronological publication of proposed and final administrative regulations.

Location:

- Official: [Colorado Register](#) (2006-Current)

Colorado Attorney General Opinions:

The Colorado Attorney General provides formal opinions on question of law.

Location:

- Online: [Formal AG Opinions](#) (2001-Current)

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Case Law

Pacific Reporter:

The Pacific Reporter includes published state court cases from Colorado and other western state cases.

Colorado Reporter:

The Colorado Reporter includes cases decided by the Colorado Court of Appeals and the Colorado Supreme Court.

Online Databases:

Often researchers will find and access cases on an online research platform.

Location:

- Google Scholar: [Google Scholar](#)

Colorado and Pacific Digest:

Digests provide summaries of cases and an organizational structure that enables users to find cases by subject and legal issue.

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Court Rules

Colorado Court Rules can be found in print and online in the *Colorado Court Rules, Federal* and *Colorado Court Rules, State*.

Colorado Court Rules

Location:

- Publicly Available Online: [Colorado – Local, State and Federal Court Rules](#)

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Jury Instructions

Colorado Jury Instructions – Civil

The Colorado civil jury instructions are prepared by the Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Civil Jury Instructions.

Colorado Jury Instructions – Criminal

The Colorado criminal jury instructions are prepared by the Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions.

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Legal Periodicals

Legal News

Colorado Lawyer

The Colorado Lawyer is the monthly publication of the Colorado Bar Association

Law Week Colorado

Law Week Colorado is a weekly newspaper for Coloradan lawyers.

Law Reviews & Journals

The following law reviews and journals are available in print in the library and possibly online.

- University of Colorado Law Review
- Denver University Law Review
- Colorado Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law
- Colorado Technology Law Journal
- Denver Journal of International Law & Policy
- Transportation Law Journal
- University of Denver Criminal Law Review
- University of Denver Sports & Entertainment Law Journal
- University of Denver Water Law Review

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Additional Online Resources

[Colorado General Assembly](#)

[Colorado Legislative Council](#)

[Office of Legislative Legal Services](#)

[Colorado State Archives](#)

[Colorado Joint Legislative Library](#)

[Cornell University Law School Legal Information Institute](#): Colorado Legal Materials

[Findlaw](#): Colorado Courts

[Justia](#): Colorado Law

[Library of Congress](#) Guide to Colorado Law

[CO Legislative History from the University of Denver Law Library](#)

[CO Legislative Council Research Publications](#)

[Legal Research Corner Articles from The Colorado Lawyer](#)

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Law Libraries

Colorado Supreme Court Law Library

Location:

- [Colorado Supreme Court Library](#)

University of Colorado, William A. Wise Law Library

Location:

- [William A. Wise Law Library](#)

University of Denver, Westminster Law Library

Location:

- [Westminster Law Library](#)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Library

Location:

- [Tenth Circuit Library](#)

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