

# **Idaho Public Libraries Toolkit**

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## **Constitution and Codes**

### **State Constitution**

The Idaho State Constitution can be found in print versions of the *Idaho Code* (see below). It is also available online at

- Idaho Legislature: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idconst/>
- Idaho Secretary of State: <https://sos.idaho.gov/elect/stcon/index.html>

Also helpful:

The *Proceedings and Debates of the Constitutional Convention of Idaho, 1889*, Vols. 1 & 2, are available on the Idaho Legislature website through the Internet Archive, <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idconst/>

*Idaho's Constitution: the tie that binds*, by Dennis C. Colson, Moscow, Idaho: University of Idaho Press, 1991.

*The Idaho State Constitution: A Reference Guide*, by Donald Crowley and Florence Heffron. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1994.

### **State Statutes**

Idaho Statutes are available online through the Idaho Legislature <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/>

There are three print versions of the Idaho Code:

- *Idaho Code Annotated* (LexisNexis) – official version
- *West's Idaho Code Annotated* (Thomson Reuters)
- *Idaho State Code* (Thornton) - not annotated

### **Session Laws**

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/sessionlaws/>

Bills passed by the Idaho Legislature are compiled into session laws each year. Current and past session laws passed by the Idaho legislature are available online from 1984 - present.

Territorial, historical, and current session laws are available in print in the following compilations:

- *General Laws of the Territory of Idaho* (1863-1885, 1887-1889)
- *General Laws of the State of Idaho* (Secretary of State) 1890 – present

### **State Bills & Legislation**

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/>

Prior and current session legislation, mini-data, final bill status, house and senate journals, and *sine die* reports are available on the Idaho Legislature website from 1998-present.

### **State Administrative Code**

Current and archived versions of the Idaho Administrative Code (IAC) and Idaho Administrative Bulletin (IAB) are available online, beginning in 1996 (IAC) and 1995 (IAB). Administrative rules and regulations issued before 1996 are archived at the Idaho State Law Library.

- Administrative Code: The IAC is the annual compilation of currently in-force administrative rules and regulations.  
<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/index.html>
- Administrative Bulletin: The IAB is a monthly publication of proposed and updated rules and regulations, including executive orders.  
<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/index.html>
- Index of Current Proposed Rules:  
[https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/proposed\\_rules.html](https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/proposed_rules.html)
- Rulemaking resources: <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/>

### **County and Municipal (City) Codes**

Links to Idaho City and County websites are available at

<https://www.idaho.gov/cities/>

<https://www.idaho.gov/counties/>

Sterling Codifiers, Inc., provides online access to over 30 Idaho county and city codes.

<https://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/#codes>

## Case Law & Court Materials

### State Cases

Print versions of Idaho Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions can be found in the following reporters:

- *Pacific Reporter*, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3d Series (1884-present)
- *Idaho Reports* (1866 – present) – official reporter

Online versions of Idaho Supreme Court and Court of Appeal slip opinions are available on the Idaho Supreme Court website on the day they are released.

- Idaho Supreme Court Civil Opinions  
[https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/isc\\_civil](https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/isc_civil)
- Idaho Supreme Court Criminal Opinions  
[https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/isc\\_criminal](https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/isc_criminal)
- Idaho Court of Appeals Civil Opinions  
[https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/coa\\_civil](https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/coa_civil)
- Idaho Court of Appeals Criminal Opinions  
[https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/coa\\_criminal](https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/coa_criminal)
- Idaho Court of Appeals Unpublished Opinions  
<https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/coaunpublished>
- Idaho Court of Appeals Unpublished Per Curiam Opinions  
<https://isc.idaho.gov/appeals-court/Unpublished-Per-Curiam>

### State Court Rules

<https://isc.idaho.gov/main/idaho-court-rules>

The Idaho Supreme Court provides online access to Idaho Court Rules, including appellate rules, court administrative rules, criminal rules, infraction rules, juvenile rules, misdemeanor rules, electronic filing and service, rules of civil procedure, rules of evidence, family law procedure, and small claim actions.

### State Jury Instructions & Information

- Idaho Civil Jury Instructions

<https://isc.idaho.gov/main/civil-jury-instructions>

- Idaho Criminal Jury Instructions  
<https://isc.idaho.gov/main/criminal-jury-instructions>
- Jury Pamphlets & Guides  
<https://isc.idaho.gov/main/pamphlets-guides>

### **Trial Court Records**

<https://icourt.idaho.gov/>

The Idaho iCourt project allows the e-Filing of court documents and for users to search trial court records and hearing calendars, find county courthouse information, and make electronic payments.

### **Idaho Court Assistance Office**

<https://courtsselfhelp.idaho.gov/>

The Idaho Court Assistance Office provides resources, court forms, document review, and legal information for people who want to represent themselves in court or can help connect individuals representing themselves with a lawyer. Court forms include custody & paternity, divorce, guardianship & conservatorship, housing, name change, protection & no contact orders, small claims, change of custody, visitation, or support, and other miscellaneous civil and family law forms.

### **United States Courts – District of Idaho**

General information, orders, rules, forms, and fees for the District of Idaho can be found on the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts website.

- Bankruptcy Court forms/fees/rules  
[https://www.id.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy/forms\\_fees\\_rules/Forms.cfm](https://www.id.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy/forms_fees_rules/Forms.cfm)
- District Court forms/fees/rules (civil and criminal)  
[https://www.id.uscourts.gov/district/forms\\_fees\\_rules/Civil\\_Rules.cfm](https://www.id.uscourts.gov/district/forms_fees_rules/Civil_Rules.cfm)
- Probation & Pretrial Services  
<https://www.id.uscourts.gov/probation/Welcome.cfm>

Opinions issued by the U.S. District Court of Idaho beginning in 2005 can be found on **govinfo**, which provides free access to official publications of the Federal Government.

- United States Courts Opinions

<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts>

## Other Legal Materials

### Executive Orders

Executive Orders issued by the current administration are available on the Office of the Governor website: <https://gov.idaho.gov/>

### Office of the Attorney General

Attorney General annual reports, opinions, and a variety of manuals and information are available on the AG website: <https://www.ag.idaho.gov>

- Annual Reports  
<https://www.ag.idaho.gov/office-resources/ag-annual-reports/>
- Opinions, Guidelines, and Certificates  
<https://www.ag.idaho.gov/office-resources/opinions/>
- Manuals  
<https://www.ag.idaho.gov/office-resources/manuals/>

## Other Resources

### Local AALL Chapter

Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries (WestPac):  
<http://chapters.aallnet.org/westpac/>

### Law Libraries in Idaho

Public law libraries may provide access to commercial research databases such as Westlaw or Lexis which may be very useful when researching Idaho law.

Idaho State Law Library (Boise, ID): <https://isll.idaho.gov/>

Idaho State University, Oliver Law Library (Pocatello, ID):  
<https://www.isu.edu/library/libandcoll/oliver-law-library/>

Legislative Research Library (Boise, ID):

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/lso/research/>

University of Idaho, College of Law Library (Moscow, ID):

<https://www.uidaho.edu/law/library>

### **Depository Libraries**

The University of Idaho Library in Moscow is the Regional Depository for Idaho, collecting U.S. Government publications. For more information see:

<https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/find/govdocs/>

### **Idaho Bar and Lawyer Associations**

Idaho State Bar: <https://isb.idaho.gov/>

- Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct: <https://isb.idaho.gov/bar-counsel/irpc/>
- *The Advocate*: monthly publication of the Idaho State Bar.

Idaho District Bar Associations: <https://isb.idaho.gov/about-us/governance/dba/>

Idaho Trial Lawyers Association: <https://www.itla.org/>

Idaho Women Lawyers: <https://idahowomenlawyers.com/>

### **Legal Research Books and Guides**

*Idaho Legal Research*, by Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff (Carolina Academic Press, 2019).

University of Idaho College of Law Library legal research guides:

<https://www.uidaho.edu/law/library/legal-research>