1. Texas Constitution:

The Texas Constitution is available in print as a part of *Vernon’s Texas Annotated Statutes and Codes*. It is also available online at [http://www.constitution.legis.state.tx.us/](http://www.constitution.legis.state.tx.us/).

2. State Code:

The legislature over the course of several decades has engaged in the process of rearranging the statutes into codes. The *Vernon’s Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated* consists of the following parts:

   a. *Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated*—these are the statutes that are codified as a subject code.

   b. *Vernon’s Revised Civil Statutes Annotated*—these are the statutes that were never codified into a subject code nor repealed by statute.

   c. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure—this has not yet been recodified and included in with the subject codes.

The Texas Legislative Council, an administrative agency that exists within the Texas State legislature, has been charged with the recodification process. You can check the latest update on this process by clicking the following link: [https://tlc.texas.gov/code-projects](https://tlc.texas.gov/code-projects). All Texas statutes can be conveniently searched using the subject index. The unannotated version is available online at [http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/). More information on the revision process can be found at: [http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/revisorsNotes.cfm](http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/revisorsNotes.cfm).


4. State Administrative Code:

*Texas Administrative Code* (West Group) is available in print and online at [https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.viewtac](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.viewtac). *Texas Register* is also available in print and online at [http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/) by clicking “Search the Texas Register” link on the right side of the page. Click the “University of North Texas Libraries Back Issue Archive” to search the Texas Register archives from 1976 to 2020.
5. Municipal Codes:

Municode: http://www.municode.com/Library/TX
Findlaw, Texas State Resources: http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/texas.html

6. State Jury Instructions:


7. State Form Books and Practice Guides:

General Practice Guides (most with samples of forms) and Form Books:


**Topical Practice Guides (most with samples of forms) and Form Books:**


**O’Connor’s Texas Annotated Code, Expert, and Litigation Series**

*Note*: Thomson Reuters is now the publisher of the O’Connor series and these titles are also available electronically on Westlaw depending on subscription.


Londa, Jeffrey C. *O’Connor’s Texas Employment Codes Plus*. Thomson Reuters, 2020-21.


8. State Legal Encyclopedias:

*TEXAS JUR III*. Rochester: West Group, 1979-current. This set of Legal Encyclopedias provides an overview of various legal topics and includes annotations to applicable Texas statutes and cases. This multi-volume set includes a subject index, words and phrases, and table of cases.

9. State Cases:

There are three levels of courts in Texas including the trial court, appellate courts, and courts of last resort. The case originates in the trial court and can be appealed to the Courts of Appeals and then can be reviewed by one of the state’s two high courts. The two courts of last resort in Texas are the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals which hears only criminal matters, and the Texas Supreme Court, which decides on civil matters.

Print:

Texas appellate decisions are published in the following reporters:

*South Western Reporter* (1886-1927)
*South Western Reporter 2d* (1927-1999)
*South Western Reporter 3d* (1999-present)
*South Western Reporter-Texas Cases* (1886-1927)
*South Western Reporter-Texas Cases, 2d Series* (1927-1999)
*South Western Reporter-Texas Cases, 3d Series* (1999-present)
*Texas Supreme Court Journal* (1957-present)
*Texas Reports* (1846-1962)
*Texas Criminal Reports* (1889-1962)
*Texas Court of Appeals Reports* (1876-1892)
*Texas Civil Appeals Reports* (1892-1910)

Online:


Texas Courts of Appeals (There are Fourteen Different Courts of Appeals that cover civil and criminal (not death penalty) cases: [https://www.txcourts.gov/about-texas-courts/courts-of-appeals/] The following link will provide a list of counties that each Court of Appeals serves ([https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1436367/1-counties-in-each-district-2005.pdf]

Case information is available on the lower left-hand side of each Court of Appeals’ website.

1st Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/1stcoa/])
2nd Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/2ndcoa/])
3rd Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/3rdcoa/])
4th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/4thcoa/])
5th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/5thcoa/])
6th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/6thcoa/])
7th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/7thcoa/])
8th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/8thcoa/])
9th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/9thcoa/])
10th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/10thcoa/])
11th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/11thcoa/])
12th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/12thcoa/])
13th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/13thcoa/])
14th Court of Appeals ([https://www.txcourts.gov/14thcoa/])


10. State Digest

All Texas Federal and State cases available through West’s reporter system can be found using Texas Digest 2d (West Group). This multi-volume set includes a subject index, words and phrases, and table of cases. NOTE: Many public law libraries will have this available through a public access version of Westlaw.

11. Legal Directory


Texas State Bar-Find A Lawyer ([https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Find_A_Lawyer&Template=/CustomSource/MemberDirectory/Search_Form_Client_Main.cfm])

Martindale ([https://www.martindale.com/])

12. Self-Help


**13. Guides on Texas Legal Research**


**14. Links to local AALL chapters/listserv instructions/how to become a member**

Dallas Association of Law Librarians (DALL): [https://dallnet.org/](https://dallnet.org/)


Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL): [https://swallchapter.org/](https://swallchapter.org/)

**15. Referral Policies of Local Libraries**

Please refer to individual law libraries, cf. 16

**16. Law Libraries in Texas (this is not an exhaustive list)**

Texas State Law Library  
Tom C. Clark Building  
205 West 14th Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
Phone (toll-free in Texas only): 1-844-829-2843  
Phone: (512) 463-1722  
Fax: (512) 463-1728  
[https://www.sll.texas.gov/](https://www.sll.texas.gov/)

NOTE: The Texas State Law Library has electronic resources including databases and e-books that can be accessed remotely for Texas residents who have a free membership with the library (see the following link: [https://www.sll.texas.gov/about-us/get-a-library-account/](https://www.sll.texas.gov/about-us/get-a-library-account/) for more information). Not every database is available remotely, but many, such as HeinOnline and Fastcase can be accessed from home. There are numerous practice-guides available for online checkout as well.
Baylor University
Baylor Law Library
One Bear Place, Box 97128
Waco, Texas 76798-7128
Phone: (254) 710-2168
Fax: (254) 710-2294
http://www.baylor.edu/law/library/

Bell County Public Law Library
1201 Huey Road, 1st Floor
Belton, Texas 76513
Phone: (254) 933-5197
https://www.bellcountytx.com/district_clerk/bell_county_law_library.php

Bexar County Law Library
Bexar County Courthouse
100 Dolorosa, Fifth Floor
San Antonio Texas 78205
Phone: (210) 335-3189
https://sanantoniobar.org/index.cfm?pg=law-library-bibliotech

Brazoria County Law Library
111 E. Locust, Suite 315A
Angleton, Texas 77515
Phone: (979) 864-1225
Fax: (979) 864-1226
https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/law-library

Cameron County Law Library
974 E. Harrison Street
Brownsville, Texas 78520
Phone: (956) 544-0824
https://www.cameroncounty.us/law-library/

(Collin County) Curt B. Henderson Law Library
Collin County Courthouse
2100 Bloomdale Road
Suite 02536 (Lower Level)
McKinney, TX 75071
Phone: (972) 424-1460 ext. 4255, (972) 424-1460 ext. 4260
E-mail: lawlib@collincountytx.gov
http://www.co.collin.tx.us/law_library/Pages/default.aspx

Dallas County Law Library
George Allen Courts Building
600 Commerce Street, Suite 760 (7th floor)
Dallas, TX 75202  
Phone: 214-653-7481  
Fax: 214-653-6103  
LawLibrary.LawLibrary@dallascounty.org  
https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/law-library/

Denton County Law Library  
121 N Woodrow Lane  
Suite 160  
Denton, TX 76209  
Phone: (972) 349-2130  
Fax: (940) 349-2131  
https://www.dentoncounty.gov/837/Law-Library

Ector County Law Library  
300 North Grant, Room 316  
Odessa, Texas 79763  
Phone: (432) 498-4295  
Fax: (432) 498-4398  
http://www.co.ector.tx.us/page/ector.LawLibrary

Ellis County Law Library  
109 S. Jackson St.  
Second Floor  
Waxahachie, TX 75165  
Phone: 972-825-5293; 972-825-5300  
Fax: 972-825-5294  
lawlibrary@co.ellis.tx.us  
http://tx-elliscounty.civicplus.com/98/Law-Library

El Paso County Law Library  
Law Library  
County Courthouse  
500 E. San Antonio  
Suite 1202  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
Phone (915) 546-2245  
Fax (915) 542-2250  
eplawlibrary@epcounty.com  
https://www.epcounty.com/lawlibrary/

Fort Bend County Law Library  
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Rm 20714  
Richmond, Texas 77469  
Phone: (281) 341-3718  
Fax: (281) 471-2455
Mailing Address:
301 Jackson Street.
Richmond, Texas 77469
lawlibrary@co.ellis.tx.us
https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/about-us/location-hours-map/law-library

Galveston County Law Library
600 59th, Suite 1600
Galveston, TX 77551
Phone: (409) 765-2601
oja@co.galveston.tx.us
http://www.galvestoncountytx.gov/ja/Pages/Law-Library.aspx

Grayson County Law Library
100 W. Houston, Suite 27
Sherman, Texas 75090
Phone: (903) 813-4320
https://www.co.grayson.tx.us/page/cjll.home

Gregg County Law Library
101 E. Methvin, Suite 202
Longview, Texas 75601
Phone: (903) 236-8460
Fax: (903) 236-1752
Megan.VanDyke@co.gregg.tx.us
https://www.co.gregg.tx.us/law-library

Harris County-Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library
1019 Congress St, 1st Floor
Houston, TX 77002
(713) 755-5183
https://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/
https://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/virtualreferencedesk

Hays County Law Library
Hays Government Center, Suite 2026
712 S. Stagecoach Trail
San Marcos, Texas 78666
Phone: (512) 393-7709
https://hayscountytx.com/courts/law-library/

Hidalgo County Law Library
100 N. Closner Boulevard
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Phone: (956) 318-2155
Fax: (956) 381-4269
Johnson County Law Library
Guinn Justice Center
204 S. Buffalo Avenue, Room 108
Cleburne, Texas 76033
Phone: (817) 556-6169
Fax: (817) 556-6170
https://www.johnsoncountytx.org/government/district-courts/413th-district-court/law-library

Kaufman County Law Library
100 W. Mulberry Street
2nd Floor
Kaufman, Texas 75142
Phone: (972) 932-4331 ext. 1356
E-mail: lawlibrary@kaufmancounty.net
https://www.kaufmancounty.net/county-offices/law-library/

Lubbock County Law Library
916 Main Street, Suite 306
Lubbock, Texas 79401
Phone: (806) 775-1667
Fax: 806-775-1669
http://www.co.lubbock.tx.us/department/index.php?fDD=20-0

McLennan County Law Library
501 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas 76701
Located on 4th Floor, McLennan County Courthouse
Phone: (254) 757-5191

Midland County Law Library
500 N. Loraine Street
Suite 102
Midland, Texas 79701
Phone: (432) 688-4351
https://www.co.midland.tx.us/291/Law-Library

Montgomery County Law Library
301 North Thompson, Suite 105
Conroe, Texas 77301
Phone: (936) 539-7960
Phone (Pro Se Services): 936-539-7976
Fax: 936-538-8058
Potter County Law Library
District Courts Building
501 S. Fillmore, Room 2B
Amarillo, Texas 79101
Phone: (806) 379-2228

Rockwall County Law Library
1111 East Yellowjacket Lane
Rockwall, Texas 75087
Phone: (972) 204-7700, (972) 722-1855
Fax: (972) 204-7709
https://www.rockwallcountytx.com/formcenter/Contact-Us-2/Contact-Us-34
https://www.rockwallcountytx.com/910/Law-Library

Smith County Law Library
100 North Broadway 21B
Tyler, Texas 75702
Phone: (903) 590-1750
https://www.smith-county.com/residents/law-library

South Texas College of Law Houston
Fred Parks Law Library
1303 San Jacinto Street
Houston, TX 77002-7000
Phone: (713) 646-1711
Fax: (713) 659-2217
http://www.stcl.edu/library/

Southern Methodist University
Underwood Law Library
6550 Hillcrest Avenue
Dallas, TX 75275
Phone: 214-768-3383
Fax: 214-768-4330
https://www.smu.edu/Law/Library

St. Mary’s University
School of Law
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library
One Camino Santa Maria
San Antonio, Texas 78228
Phone: (210) 436-3435
Fax: (210) 436-3240
E-mail: lawlibrary@stmarytx.edu
http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/
Taylor County Law Library
300 Oak Street, Suite 301
Abilene, Texas 79602
Phone: (325) 674-1395

Tarrant County-Dell Dehay Law Library
Tarrant County Courthouse
100 W. Weatherford, 4th floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76196
Voice: 817-884-1481
lawlibrary@tarrantcounty.com.

Texas A&M School of Law
Dee J. Kelly Law Library
1515 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Phone: (817) 212-3800
http://law.tamu.edu/DeeJ.KellyLawLibrary.aspx

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library
3100 Cleburne Avenue
Houston, TX 77004-4501
Phone: (713) 313-7125
http://www.tsulaw.edu/library/

Texas State Library and Archives Commission
1201 Brazos Street
Austin, TX 78701
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711-2927
Phone: (512) 463-5474
Fax: (512) 463-5436
http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/fedinfo/index.html

Texas Tech University
Texas Tech School of Law Library
3311 18 Street
Lubbock, TX 79409-0004
Phone: (806) 742-3791
http://www.law.ttu.edu/lawlibrary/

Travis County Law Library
16. Federal Depository Libraries in Texas:

A complete list of Regional and Selective Depository Libraries is available online at Federal Depository Libraries (fdlp.gov)
Scroll down towards the bottom of the page and then click “Texas” on the map. This will provide a listing of all depository libraries in Texas.

17. Links to Bar Association pages in Texas:

State Bar of Texas: http://www.texasbar.com/
Austin Bar Association: http://www.austinbar.org/
Dallas Bar Association: http://www.dallasbar.org/
El Paso Bar Association: http://www.elpasobar.com/
Houston Bar Association: http://www.hba.org/
San Antonio Bar Association: http://www.sanantoniobar.org/

18. Links to Texas Pathfinders/Research Guides:

Legislative Reference Library of Texas, Researching Legislative History
https://lrl.texas.gov/legis/legintent/legIntent.cfm
Southern Methodist University, Underwood Law Library, Legal Research Guides
http://libguides.law.smu.edu/
St Mary’s University School of Law, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library
http://lawlib.stmarytx.edu/researchguides.html
Texas A&M University School of Law, Dee J. Kelley Law Library
http://law.tamu.libguides.com/
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library, Internet Resources
http://www.tsulaw.edu/library/pathfinder/index.html
Texas Tech Law Library, LibGuides
https://libguides.law.ttu.edu/
University of Houston, O’Quinn Law Library, Legal Research Guides
https://law-uh.libguides.com/
University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library, Research Guides
http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/research-tools/research-guides