

Suggested State Information for Tennessee

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1. Tennessee Constitution: Found online at <https://www.capitol.tn.gov/about/docs/TN-Constitution.pdf>.

The Tennessee Constitution may also be found in print in the Tennessee Code Annotated.

For constitutional history and analysis:

Laska, Lewis L. The Tennessee State Constitution (2011). New York: Oxford University Press.

2. State statutory code:

Unannotated code online at <http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/Tennessee%20Code> and at <https://codes.findlaw.com/tn/>.

In print:

Tennessee Code Annotated, published by LexisNexis. The official code of the state of Tennessee, including helpful annotations.

West's Tennessee Code Annotated, published by Thomson Reuters. Reprints the code, also with helpful annotations.

3. State bills: Online at <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/legislation/>.
4. State administrative code: Official Compilation of the Rules & Regulations of the State of Tennessee is online at <https://sos.tn.gov/division-publications/rules-and-regulations>.

Updated by the Tennessee Administrative Register online at <https://sos.tn.gov/products/division-publications/administrative-register>

5. Municipal codes: <https://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/codes> and <https://library.municode.com/tn>

6. State jury instructions and court rules:

Tennessee Pattern Jury Instructions, Criminal (24th ed. 2020). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters. Vol. 7 of the Tennessee Practice Series.

Tennessee Pattern Jury Instructions, Civil (20th ed. 2020). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters. Vol. 8 of the Tennessee Practice Series.

Court rules are available online at <https://www.tncourts.gov/courts/rules>

In print:

Tennessee Court Rules Annotated (2020-). New York: LexisNexis.

West's Tennessee Code Annotated also includes two volumes dedicated to court rules.

7. State form books:

Cooper, Gary A. Tennessee Forms for Trial Practice: Damages (2020, updated annually). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Leveille, Thomas M. Tennessee Legal & Business Forms (2004-). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters. 4 vols.

MacLean, Nancy Fraas. Legal Forms (2001-). St. Paul, MN: West Group. Vols. 12-15 of the Tennessee Practice Series.

Robison, Jack W. Tennessee Forms, 2nd ed. (2001-) New York: Lexis Publishing. 5 vols.

8. State legal encyclopedia: Tennessee Jurisprudence: An Encyclopedia of Tennessee Law (2018-). New York, LexisNexis. 26 volumes.

9. State cases:

<https://caselaw.findlaw.com/tennessee.html> (Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Court of Criminal Appeals). Coverage varies.

Slip opinions for most recent Tennessee Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Court of

Criminal Appeals may be found online at <https://www.tncourts.gov/courts/>

Tennessee Supreme Court opinions: <https://www.tncourts.gov/courts/supreme-court/opinions>

Tennessee Appellate Court opinions: <http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/opinionsview>

In print, West's Tennessee Decisions (cases decided in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Court of Criminal Appeals) or West's South Western Reporter 3d (cases in the courts of Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas). St. Paul, Minn., West Publishing Co.

From 1809 to approximately 1950, print case files are held by the Tennessee State Library and Archives: <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tennessee-supreme-court-cases>

10. State digest: West's Tennessee Digest 2d. Covers cases from the state and Federal courts, 1791 to date. St. Paul, Minn., West Publishing Co. Provides the ability to locate Tennessee cases based on legal subject areas discussed.

11. Government documents:

For a list of Federal depository libraries within Tennessee, see <https://www.memphis.edu/libraries/govpub/dpaddr.php>

12. Law schools with law libraries open to the public:

Belmont University College of Law
1900 Belmont Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37212
<https://www.belmont.edu/law/library>
lawlibraryreferencedesk@belmont.edu
(615) 460-8261

University of Memphis School of Law
1 N Front St, Memphis, TN 38103
<https://www.memphis.edu/law/library/>
lawcirc@memphis.edu
(901) 678-2426

University of Tennessee College of Law
Katz Law Library
1505 W. Cumberland Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996
<https://law.utk.edu/library/>
lawref@utk.edu
(865) 974-7419

Vanderbilt Law School
Alyne Queener Massey Law Library
131 21st Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203
<https://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/law/>
law_library_reference@list.vanderbilt.edu
(615) 343-8731

13. Bar Association information online at:

<http://www.tba.org/> (Tennessee Bar Association)

<http://www.chattbar.org/> (Chattanooga)

<http://www.knoxbar.org/> (Knoxville)

<http://memphisbar.org/> (Memphis)

<http://www.nashbar.org/> (Nashville)

14. Links to Tennessee research guides:

UTK: <https://guides.lawlib.utk.edu/tnlaw>

Georgetown Law:

<https://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/tennesse>

15. Local AALL chapter: <https://seaall.wildapricot.org>. Website of the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

16. Specialized treatises: Helpful books that offer in-depth treatment on particular areas of Tennessee law.

Tennessee Legal Research, Generally:

Marshall, Sibyl. Tennessee Legal Research (2nd ed., 2016); Carolina Academic Press.
An excellent overview on methods and sources for researching Tennessee law.

Tennessee Practice Series. St. Paul: West Group. A 27-volume set that includes discussion of many areas of Tennessee law, including: forms; civil procedure, criminal practice and procedure, debtor/creditor law; family law; probate; the Uniform Commercial Code; workers' compensation; comparative fault; contract law; elder law. Volumes may be purchased separately.

Criminal Law

Criminal Offenses and Defenses in Tennessee (2020, updated biannually). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Ward, W. Mark. Tennessee Criminal Trial Practice (2020, updated biannually). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

DUI

Oberman, Steven. *DUI: The Crime and Consequences in Tennessee with Forms* (2020, updated biannually). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Elder Law

Takacs, Timothy L. *Elder Law Practice in Tennessee* (2nd ed., regularly updated). New York: LexisNexis.

Family Law

Mason, Miles, Sr. *Tennessee Parenting Plans and Child Support Worksheets: Building a Constructive Future for Your Family* (2014).

Mason, Miles, Jr. *The Tennessee Divorce Client's Handbook: What Every Divorcing Spouse Needs to Know* (2012). Tarentum, PA: Word Association Publishers.

Richards, Janet Leach. *Richards on Tennessee Family Law* (3rd ed., updated annually). New York: LexisNexis.

Insurance

Fleissner, Phillip A. *Tennessee Automobile Liability Insurance* (2020, updated biannually). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Trials

Burch, Robert E. *Trial Handbook for Tennessee Lawyers* (2013). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Ward, W. Mark. *Tennessee Criminal Trial Practice* (2020, updated biannually). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Robinson, Jack W., Sr. *Pritchard on Wills and Administration of Estates: Embracing the Law and Practice in Tennessee* (7th ed., updated annually). New York: LexisNexis. A 3-volume set with vol. 1 covering wills, vol. 2 covering estates, and vol. 3 containing forms.

Workers' Compensation

Baker, Frederick R. *Tennessee Workers' Compensation Handbook* (11th ed., updated regularly). Brentwood, TN: M. Lee Smith Publishers.

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