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Wisconsin State Information

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Constitution

Wisconsin Constitution

Printed in each biennial edition of the Wisconsin Statutes and included in *West's Wisconsin Statutes Annotated*.

Online version: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/constitution/wi>

Code

Wisconsin Statutes (official, published biennially by the Revisor of Statutes)

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes>

West's Wisconsin Statutes Annotated (Thomson Reuters)

Legislative materials

Bills, session laws, archives, and more.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

Laws of Wisconsin, biennial compilation of session laws.

Administrative code

Wisconsin Administrative Code

Online version: http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code

Print subscriptions available through Document Sales, Wisconsin Department of Administration,

<https://docsales.wi.gov>.

After January 1, 2015, printing and wide distribution ceased in favor of online access

Local ordinances

The Wisconsin State Law Library maintains a page with links to all Wisconsin communities with online ordinances.

See <https://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/ordinances.php>

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Jury instructions

Civil Wisconsin Jury Instructions - Criminal Wisconsin Jury Instructions - Children's Wisconsin Jury Instructions
Published online at <https://wilawlibrary.gov/jury/>

Formerly published in print by the University of Wisconsin. May also be available through several commercial print publishers and databases.

Forms

Civil procedure forms (West)
Wisconsin civil litigation forms manual (State Bar of Wisconsin PINNACLE Books)

Some circuit court forms are available on the Wisconsin Supreme Court website,
<https://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit/index.htm>

The State Law Library maintains links to various Wisconsin forms available online from the court system, state agencies, associations, and more. <https://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/wiforms.php>

Legal encyclopedia

Wisconsin pleading and practice
Wisconsin practice series

Court dockets

Supreme Court/Court of Appeals <https://wscca.wicourts.gov/>

Circuit Courts <https://wcca.wicourts.gov>

Court Decisions

Wisconsin has two official reporters:
West's Wisconsin Reporter
Callaghan's Official Wisconsin Reports

From mid-1995 to date, opinions are available on the Wisconsin Court System website,
<https://www.wicourts.gov/>. Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/> provides access to Court of Appeals opinions from 1978 and Supreme Court opinions from 1950.

Commercially available online on Westlaw, Lexis, Fastcase, and others.

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Digest

Wisconsin has two digests with headnotes and key numbers tied to the two official reporters. Both digests are published by Thomson Reuters.

West's Wisconsin Key Number Digest

Callaghan's Wisconsin Digest

Local AALL chapter

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW) <https://www.llawisc.org>

Law libraries in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin State Law Library is a public law library for all Wisconsin citizens and also responds to questions from people all over the country. The State Law Library is the first place to call for most questions.

<https://wilawlibrary.gov/>

University of Wisconsin Law Library <https://library.law.wisc.edu/>

Marquette University Law Library <https://law.marquette.edu/law-library/eckstein-law-library>

Federal depository libraries in Wisconsin

Go to <https://ask.gpo.gov/s/FDLD> to search by state or zip code.

State and local bar associations

State Bar of Wisconsin <https://www.wisbar.org/>

The State Bar maintains links to local and specialty bars – see

<https://www.wisbar.org/directories/lawrelatedorgs/pages/wi-local-bars.aspx>

Legal directories

Wisconsin Legal Directory (Legal Directories Publishing Company), Annual

Wisconsin Lawyer Directory (State Bar of Wisconsin), Annual

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Lawyer Lookups

The Wisconsin Court System provides a lawyer search and history on their website

<https://lawyerhistory.wicourts.gov/>

The State Bar of Wisconsin provides a lawyer search on their website

<https://www.wisbar.org/Pages/BasicLawyerSearch.aspx>

Pathfinders / research guides

State Law Library website <https://wilawlibrary.gov/>, in particular the links for Legal Topics and LearningCenter.

University of Wisconsin Law Library research guides https://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/?group_id=18226

Wisconsin Legal Research, by Patricia Cervenka and Leslie Behroozi (2011)

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