

Indiana Public Library Legal Toolkit

For the American Association of Law Libraries
Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section

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Constitution & Codes

When most people want to know “the law”, this is what they are looking for. These are the laws of the state as they have been written.

Indiana Constitution

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/const/>

The state constitution is the basis for the entire state government, and no law passed in Indiana may conflict with it. The current version, as amended in 2010 is available on the state government website. Citations to the Indiana Constitution will read as either, “IND. CONST. art. #, §#.” or “IND. CONST. amend. #, §#.”

Indiana Code

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2021/ic/titles/001>

The Indiana Code is a compilation of all general laws currently in force in Indiana, arranged by topic. Laws that have expired, been removed, or were of limited effect are not included in the code. Citations to the Indiana Code will be in order of Title, Article, Chapter, and Section, so they will look something like: IC §#-#-#-# (year). West’s Indiana Code is published by Thompson Reuters, while the Burns Indiana Statutes Annotated is published by Lexis.

Indiana Administrative Code

<http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac/>

The Indiana Administrative Code is made of regulations promulgated by administrative agencies under the authority granted to them by the legislature and compiled by topic. As such, they tend to be very focused and narrow. Citations to the Indiana Administrative Code are in the form of Title, Indiana Administrative Code, Article, Rule, Section, so they look like # IND. ADMIN CODE #-#-# or # IAC #-#-#. West also publishes an unofficial Indiana Administrative Code.

Indiana Municipal Codes

<https://www.municode.com/library/in>

These are the codes of city ordinances for Indiana. They are similar to the state statutes, but more limited in scope and application. This is not a comprehensive list, but will have many of the larger cities and towns included.

Current Bills

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2022/bills/>

These are bills under consideration during the current legislative session. If they are passed by the legislature, signed into law by the governor, and are of general and enduring importance, they will be compiled into the statutory code.

Cases & case law tools

While statutes are what the law says, the courts interpret what that actually means. Therefore, important cases are listed in books called reporters. Case law is binding in the jurisdiction where it was made, and so patrons should be directed to ensure that they find cases, not just code sections that relate to their matter. Most reporters are not available online for free, but many of the included cases may be obtained from services such as [Google Scholar](#).

Case citations are recognizable by having the case name; the volume, title and page number of their reporter; and the court and date. They will look something like: Party 1 v. Party 2, ## N.E./N.E.2d./N.E.3d. ### (yyyy). Party names (such as Smith v. Jones) may also be replaced with procedural terms such as: *ex parte*, *ex rel*, or *in re*.

Indiana Attorney General's Opinions

Attorney General's Opinions from 2009-Present

<https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/about-the-office/advisory-and-opinions/official-opinions-of-the-indiana-attorney-general/>

Attorney General's Opinions 1931-1976

<https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/handle/1805/237>

Attorney General's Opinions are not binding law, like the decisions of a court. They are advisory opinions given to the government by the attorney General as guidance.

Indiana Digest

The Indiana Digest is the finding aid for Indiana Cases. It is very similar to the North Eastern Digest as listed above.

Indiana Supreme, Appellate, and Tax Court Decisions

<https://www.in.gov/courts/public-records/appellate-decisions/>

This page allows you to browse decisions of the state Supreme, Appellate, and Tax courts. These decisions are binding law, and modify the state code or administrative code. They are organized chronologically, with references to the lower court case numbers.

Northeastern Reporter & Indiana Cases

The North Eastern Reporter is a regional reporter, meaning it covers state cases from Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio. It is published by Thompson-Reuters, formerly Thompson-West. Not all cases are included, only ones important enough to serve as precedent are reported. Indiana Cases, also published by Thompson-Reuters, contains only the Indiana cases from the North eastern Reporter.

North Eastern Digest

The Indiana Digest is the finding aid for cases included in the North Eastern Reporter. It organizes cases by topic according to the West Key Number System. It is also published by Thompson-Reuters, and is similarly not available for free online. As a finding tool, one generally does not cite to this series.

Shepard's Indiana Citations

Shepard's Citations is a type of book called a citator. It is used to see what cases have cited a given case or statute to determine if a point of law is still good or not. Like the digest, one does not typically cite to Shepard's or any electronic citatory service.

Secondary Sources

Indiana Law Encyclopedia

This is, as the name implies, an encyclopedia of legal topics, but which cites to Indiana statutes, regulations, and cases. It is not available for free online.

The Indiana Lawyer

<http://www.theindianalawyer.com/>

This is a biweekly newspaper devoted to happenings in the legal profession in Indiana. It focuses more on changes in the law or legal practice, than in depth analysis of particular legal topics, as one would find in an encyclopedia.

Indiana Practice Series

These are a series of form books for lawyers. Many public libraries will have books that contain legal forms written for non-practitioners, but these are the version that lawyers turn to when drafting documents. They also contain explanations of the relevant areas of Indiana law.

Indiana Register

Current: <http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac//irtoc.htm>

Archive: <http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac//showIRArchive>

This is where rules and regulations are posted as they are officially promulgated and before they are codified. Opinions or actions by the Governor or Attorney General regarding them are also posted here.

Listing of Law Libraries in Indiana

Of course, some patrons will require more in-depth assistance. In those instances, referring them to a specialized law library, or calling a reference librarian at a law library, which will have the additional resources necessary may be the best option. For your convenience, a list of law libraries is included in this toolkit.

Indiana Supreme Court Law Library

Supreme Court Law Library State House, Room 316 200 W. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 Tel: 317-232-2557 Fax: 317-233-8693

Website: <https://www.in.gov/courts/supreme/law-library/>

Jerome Hall Law Library

Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Bloomington 211 S. Indiana Ave. Bloomington, IN 47405

Tel: (812) 855-2938

Please contact them by e-mail via their website's Ask a Librarian function

Website: <https://law.indiana.edu/lawlibrary/index.html>

Kresge Law Library

University of Notre Dame

P.O. Box 535 Notre Dame, IN 46556-0535

Tel: 574.631.7024 Fax: 574.631.6371 E-mail: askus@nd.edu

Website: <https://law.nd.edu/faculty-scholarship/kresge-law-library/>

Ruth Lilly Law Library

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of law

530 W. New York St.

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Tel: 317-274-4026

Website: <http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/library/>

William H. Miller Law Library

Civic Center Complex City-County Courts Building, Room 207

825 Sycamore Street Evansville, IN 47708-1849

Tel: 812-435-5175

Website:

<https://www.evansvillegov.org/county/topic/index.php?topicid=249>

ORALL

The Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries is the local chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries covering Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Their website is <https://orall.wildapricot.org/>.

Federal Depository Libraries in Indiana

Federal depository libraries collect legal materials as published by the federal government. The size and content of the collection are determined by the level of the depository library.

Library	Location
Indiana State Library	Indianapolis
Purdue University HSSE Library	West Lafayette
Indiana Supreme Court Law Library	Indianapolis
DePauw University Roy O. West Library	Greencastle
IU Northwest, John W. Anderson Library	Gary
IU Bloomington, Herman B. Wells, Library	Bloomington
IU Kokomo Library	Kokomo
University of Notre Dame, Kresge Law Library	Notre Dame
Gary Public Library, Main Library	Gary
Hammond Public Library	Hammond

Valparaiso University, Christopher Center for Library & Information Resources	Valparaiso
University of Notre Dame, Hesburgh Libraries	Notre Dame
IU South Bend, Franklin D. Schurz Library	South Bend
Allen County Library	Fort Wayne
IPFW Walter E. Helmke Library	Fort Wayne
IU Maurer School of Law Library	Bloomington
Anderson University, Robert A. Nicholson library	Anderson
Huntington University, RichLyn Library	Huntington
Indiana State University, Cunningham Memorial Library	Terre Haute
Ball State University, Alexander M. Bracken Library	Muncie
Earlham College, Lilly Library	Richmond
Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library, Main Library	Evansville
IU Southeast Library	New Albany
Hanover College, Duggan Library	Hanover
University of Southern Indiana, David L. Rice Library	Evansville
Morrison-Reeves Library	Richmond
IUPUI Library	Indianapolis
Indianapolis Public Library, Central Library	Indianapolis
IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Ruth Lilly Law Library	Indianapolis

Bar Associations

Indiana State Bar Association

<https://www.inbar.org/default.aspx>

This is the official bar association for the state of Indiana. Only members admitted to the bar here may practice law in the state, with the exception of certain federal law issues, as defined by the federal government. The ISBA maintains the official roll of attorneys in the state, but does not offer a referral service.

Specialized Bar Associations

These bar associations are based on common interests or areas of practice. They may also provide referrals to member attorneys.

Indiana Trial Lawyers Association

<https://www.indianatriallawyers.org/index.cfm>

Indiana Chapter, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc.

<http://www.innaela.org/>

Woman Lawyers Association of Indiana

<http://indianawomenlawyers.org/>

Local Bar Associations

COUNTY	CONTACT	PHONE	WEBSITE
Adams	Luke Ainsworth	260-724-2129	
Allen	Gina Zimmerman	260-423-2358	http://www.allencountybar.org/
Bartholomew	Stan Gamso	812-379-2331	http://www.columbusindianalawyers.com/
Benton	Hon. Rex Kepner		
Blackford	Bruce C. Bade		
Boone	Heidi Jennings	765-482-6860	
Brown	Ruth Johnson	317-784-1244	
Carroll			
Cass	Yamir Gonzalez Velez	574-722-3730	
Clark	Gregory M. Reger	812-949-1000	
Clay	B. Lee Reberger Jr.	812-442-0974	
Clinton	Alicia Albertson	765-654-4438	
Crawford	See Harrison County		
Daviess	Brandon Smith	812-254-0050	
Dearborn-Ohio			
Decatur	Emily Fehr	812-663-8505	
DeKalb	J. Darrick Brinkerhoft	260-357-5111	
Delaware	Josh Brown		
Dubois	Bernadette Kovacs	812-367-1120	
Elkhart-Elkhart City	Ryan Fountain	574-258-9296	
Elkhart-Goshen City	Ryan Mehl	574-534-2533	
Fayette	Jamie Harvey	765-825-8541	
Floyd	John Smith	812-540-2048	
Fountain	Daniel Askren	765-762-6741	

Franklin	Molly Brier	765-647-3589	
Fulton	T. Andrew Perkins	574-223-4292	
Gibson	Sharon H. Werne	812-385-5497	
Grant	Happi C. Johnston	765-664-0739	
Greene	Ashley Dyer		
Hamilton	Carl Markovich	317-773-4400	http://www.hamiltoncountybar.com/
Hancock	Katherine D. Jacks	317-477-2300	http://hancockbar.org/
Harrison-Crawford	Sunnye Bush-Sawelle	812-596-4897	
Hendricks	Travis Bauman Crane	317-956-7769	http://www.hendrickscountybar.org/
Henry	Joel Harvey	765-529-3787	
Howard	Jeffrey Elftman	765-457-6671	
Huntington	Judge Davin G. Smith		
Jackson	Brett M. Hays	812-405-1800	
Jasper	Lori James	219-866-4171	
Jay	Zec Landers	260-726-4220	
Jefferson	Patrick Magrath	812-273-5230	
Jennings	Brad Kage	812-346-6566	
Johnson	Heather George Myers	317-287-4965	
Knox	Andrew Kopatich	812-882-8600	
Kosciusko	Dana Leon	574-267-6116	
LaGrange	Travis J. Glick	260-499-6326	
Lake-Lake	Lawyer Referral	219-738-1905	http://www.lakecountybar.com/
Lake-East Chicago	Luis F. Sanchez	219-397-4000	
Lake-Hobart	Jeffrey V. Cefali	219-942-2920	
Lake-South Lake	Peggy Jo Stamper	219-663-0015	
Lake-Hispanic	M. Elizabeth Flores	219-881-6671	

Lake-Kimbrough	Renee Hatcher	219-614-7408	
LaPorte	Amber Poff	219-877-8961	
Lawrence	Katie Kleihege-Simon	812-277-1950	
Madison	Marcus P. Henderson		http://madisoncountybar.org/
Marion-Indianapolis	Julie Armstrong	317-269-2222	http://www.indybar.org/
Marion-Marion	Pamela Grant-Taylor		http://www.mcbaindy.org/
Marshall	Sean Surrisi	574-936-2948	
Martin	J. David Lett	812-295-3647	
Miami	Brandon Rush	765-472-7702	
Monroe	Karen Wrenbeck		http://monroecountybar.org/
Montgomery	Patricia Sosbe	765-362-6811	
Morgan	Tonisha Jerrett		
Newton	Alisa Rude	219-285-2008	
Noble	Steven Clouse	260-239-3153	
Ohio	See Dearborn County		
Orange	Alexxis Lara	812-653-7460	
Owen	Hannah England	812-829-4824	
Parke	James O. Hanner	765-569-3122	
Perry	Jeffrey W. Hagedorn	812-547-7081	
Pike	Brian K. Mahoney	812-354-8121	
Porter	Rebecca Buitendorp		http://portercountybar.org/
Posey	William H. Bender	812-874-3636	
Pulaski	Blair Todd	574-946-4600	
Putnam	Scott F. Bieniek	765-653-6601	
Randolph	Gabriel Winkle	765-964-6293	
Ripley	John L. Kellerman II	812-934-4334	
Rush	David Thompson	765-932-2000	
St. Joseph	Amy McGuire	574-235-9657	

Scott	Raleigh Campbell Jr.	812-752-5869	
Shelby	Kyle M. Baker	317-825-5110	
Spencer	David E. Price	812-937-4444	
Starke	Martin R. Lucas	574-896-5800	
Steuben	Marylyn K.L. Ernsberger	260-319-5520	
Sullivan	Kathryn A. Springer	812-268-4356	
Switzerland	Monica L. Hensley	812-427-2909	
Tippecanoe	Eric Burns	765-742-1988	http://www.lafayettelawyers.org/
Tipton	Matthew B. Quigley	765-675-4675	
Union	Gursaran S. Shoker Lawyer	765-732-3753	
Vanderburgh-Evansville	Referral Evansville Bar	812-426-1712	
Vermillion	Jill Wesch	765-487-0031	
Vigo-Terre Haute	Noah Gambill	651-500-3641	
Wabash	Albert J. Schlitt	260-982-7373	
Warren	Hon. Hunter J. Reece		
Warrick	Jonathan M. Yong	812-858-2915	
Washington	Douglas C. Leatherbury	812-883-2291	
Wayne	David J. Burton	765-966-5518	
Wells	David Crell	260-824-4049	
White			
Whitley	P. Brad Baber	260-244-4422	