Constitution


Statutes

The Code of Alabama 1975 is published by Thomson Reuters.


Legislative Acts and Bills

Bound volumes of the Acts of Alabama are printed under the authority of the State and are available for purchase from the Secretary of State.


Legislative Acts from 1819 to 1999 are accessible in the digital collections of the Alabama Department of Archives and History https://archive.org/details/alabama-acts?&sort=date

Bills currently being considered by the state legislature can be found at the Alabama Legislature’s website. http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/Splash_Bills.aspx

State Administrative Code

The Alabama Administrative Code and Alabama Administrative Monthly are published by the Alabama Legislative Reference Service.

Online version: www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us
Municipal Codes

Availability varies by municipality. The clerk of the municipality will have the most current information concerning ordinances. Contact information is available through the Alabama League of Municipalities at www.alalm.org.


Some municipalities post their codes on their website and some use a service like Municode. https://library.municode.com/al

Jury Instructions

Civil

Online: Civil pattern jury instructions can be accessed on Westlaw for a fee.

Criminal
Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions are published online at: http://judicial.alabama.gov/Library/JuryInstructions
Revisions are made periodically as the committee charged with the creation of the jury instructions meets.
If a jury instruction is not published online, it may be found in Pattern Jury Instructions-Criminal, 3rd ed. edited by Judge Joseph A. Colquitt. This was last published in print in 1994 and, as of March 2022, the Alabama Supreme Court Law Library and the Bounds Law Library at the University of Alabama have copies of this book.

Forms

There is no current, comprehensive collection of Alabama legal forms. Treatises on various topics of Alabama law often contain sample forms.

Some forms to be filed in the various state courts are found on the Administrative Office of Courts’ website eforms.alacourt.gov

Forms and legal information are collected on Alabama Legal Help which is collaboration between Legal Services Alabama and the Alabama Access to Justice Commission. https://www.alabamalegalhelp.org/

Some public, university, and law libraries have access to Gale LegalForms. Availability varies by library.
**State Legal Encyclopedia**

none

**State Cases**

Available in print in West’s Southern Reporter (covers Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi) OR in West’s Alabama Reporter. Both contain opinions and decisions issued by Alabama state appellate courts.

Online: Appellate opinions are posted on each court’s website; they are also available via legal research services (Westlaw, Lexis, Fastcase, Casemaker, etc.) for a fee.

Supreme Court (October 2013 to present)
http://judicial.alabama.gov/decision/supremecourtdecisions

Court of Civil Appeals (May 2014 to present)
http://judicial.alabama.gov/decision/civildecisions

Court of Criminal Appeals (November 2014 to present)
http://judicial.alabama.gov/decision/criminaldecisions

**State Digest**

West’s Alabama Digest summarizes court decisions reported in the Southern Reporter or Alabama Reporter and indexes points of law.

**State AALL Chapter**


**Law Libraries**

University of Alabama School of Law, Bounds Law Library  
http://library.law.ua.edu/

Cumberland School of Law (Samford University), Beeson Law Library  
https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/

Thomas Goode Jones School of Law (Faulkner), Jones Law Library  
libguides.faulkner.edu/jones-library

Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library  
http://judicial.alabama.gov/library/index
Jefferson County Law Library
https://lawlib.jccal.org/

Federal Depository Libraries in Alabama

**Regional Libraries (Full Depository):**
University of Alabama, Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library
711 Capstone Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487
Reference Desk: (205) 348-6047
https://www.lib.ua.edu/research-tools/government-information/

Auburn University Montgomery, AUM Library
7440 East Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117-3596
Reference Desk: (334) 244-3649
http://aumnicat.aum.edu/government-documents

**Selective Depository Libraries:**

Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library, Montgomery
Air University, Muir S Fairchild Research Info Center, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery
Alabama A&M University, J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center, Normal
Auburn University, Ralph Brown Draughon Library, Auburn
Bevill State Community College, Fayette Learning Resource Center, Fayette
Birmingham-Southern College, Rush Learning Center/Miles Library, Birmingham
Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham
Enterprise State Community College, Learning Resources Center, Enterprise
Faulkner University, Jones School of Law Library, Montgomery
Gadsden Public Library, Gadsden
Jacksonville State University, Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville
Jefferson State Community College, James B. Allen Library, Birmingham
Samford University, University Library, Birmingham

Spring Hill College, Burke Memorial Library, Mobile

Troy University, Troy University Library, Troy

Tuskegee University, Ford Motor Company Library, Tuskegee

University of Alabama, Bounds Law Library, Tuscaloosa

University of Alabama Huntsville, M. Louis Salmon Library, Huntsville

University of North Alabama, Collier Library, Florence

University of South Alabama, University Libraries, Mobile

**Bar Associations**

- Alabama State Bar Association [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org)
- Birmingham Bar Association [www.birminghambar.org](http://www.birminghambar.org)
- Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association [www.huntsvillebar.org](http://www.huntsvillebar.org)
- Mobile Bar Association [https://mobilebarassociation.com/](https://mobilebarassociation.com/)
- Montgomery County Bar Association [www.mcbar.org](http://www.mcbar.org)

**Pathfinders/Research Guides**

- Cumberland School of Law, Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library [https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/resources#research-guides](https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/resources#research-guides)


- Library of Congress

- Cornell Legal Information Institute: Alabama [https://www.law.cornell.edu/states/alabama](https://www.law.cornell.edu/states/alabama)


- Georgetown Law Library: Alabama Resources [http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/alabama](http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/alabama)

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