

AALL LISP Public Libraries Toolkit: Alabama

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Constitution

The Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is found in Volume 1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, published by Thomson Reuters. Local Amendments are found in Volume 2.

Online version:

http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/CodeOfAlabama/Constitution/1901/Constitution1901_toc.htm

Statutes

The Code of Alabama 1975 is published by Thomson Reuters.

Online version:

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/CodeOfAlabama/1975/Coatoc.htm>

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.

Acts of Alabama can be accessed on the Secretary of State's website. Records with basic information begin in 1987. Complete copies begin in 1999.

<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/government-records/legislative-acts>

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.

ALM Municipal Directory: <https://alm.imiscloud.com/ALALM/ALALM/About/ALM-Municipal-Directory.aspx>

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

Jury Instructions

Civil

Alabama Pattern Jury Instructions - Civil, 3rd ed. (Alabama Practice Series) Lawyers Cooperative Publishing/Thomson Reuters

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 Association of Alabama (LLAA) <https://www.llaanet.org/>

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
Birmingham Bar Association	www.birminghambar.org
Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association	www.huntsvillebar.org
Mobile Bar Association	https://mobilebarassociation.com/
Montgomery County Bar Association	www.mcbar.org

Pathfinders/Research Guides

Cumberland School of Law, Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library
<https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/resources#research-guides>

University of Alabama, Bounds Law Library
<http://www.library.law.ua.edu/research/legal-links.php>

Library of Congress
Alabama state legal information <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states/us-al.php>
U.S. Federal Legal information <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/federal.php>

Cornell Legal Information Institute: Alabama <https://www.law.cornell.edu/states/alabama>

FindLaw: Alabama <https://caselaw.findlaw.com/alabama.html>

Georgetown Law Library: Alabama Resources <http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/alabama>