1. Florida constitution:

The current constitution, the Constitution of the State of Florida as Revised in 1968 and Subsequently Amended, can be found in Florida Statutes (official), Florida Statutes Annotated (West), and online at: https://www.flsenate.gov/laws/constitution.

2. State code


The official session laws, the Laws of Florida, are published online annually at http://laws.flrules.org/. Session laws back to 1997 can also be found online at that website.

3. State bills:

Senate Bills (1998 session to current) are available at http://www.flsenate.gov/. The staff analysis accompanying each bill provides background and fiscal impact of legislation. Older staff analyses may be found at the State of Florida Archives (https://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/archives/)


For legislative history research from 1857 to 1971, the Summary of Senate Bills and the Summary of House Bills provided short summaries of bills. Since 1972, the Daily Bill History, Index, Citator, and Sponsor Report appears every day during the legislative session with citations to the House or Senate journal and to the session law chapter number for bills become law. The Journal of the Senate and the Journal of the House of Representative record only the formal actions taken by the two houses of the Legislature and their committees. Searchable historic Journals of the Senate are found at http://sb.fldel.gov/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htmSvid=Senate:all.

4. State administrative materials

a. Administrative code - Florida Administrative Code Annotated: the Official Compilation of the Rules and Regulations of Florida Regulatory Agencies, has been


Florida Administrative Law Reports (FALR) was the official reporter of many Florida agencies until .

5. County/municipal/city codes

Many counties and cities cease to publish ordinances in print and, instead, provide links from their official websites. For those that still maintain printed copies, the online versions usually are more current. Users can access many municipal unofficial codes at https://library.municode.com/ or https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/.

6. State jury instructions

The Florida Supreme Court publishes Florida Standard Jury Instructions for both civil and criminal matters online at https://supremecourt.flcourts.gov/Practice-Procedures/Jury-Instructions. Researchers can also refer to the Florida Forms of Jury Instruction (currently published by LexisNexis, formerly by Matthew Bender) for civil jury instructions.

7. State form books

Quite a few Florida Bar publications (by subject) include forms. Florida Jurisprudence Forms, Legal and Business and the Florida Pleading & Practice Forms (both published by West) are fairly comprehensive.

Forms used frequently in civil matters, with a focus on rules of procedure can be found in Trawick's Florida Practice & Procedure Forms (a companion publication to
Trawick's Florida Practice & Procedure) and LaCoe’s Pleadings Under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, with Forms.


8. State legal encyclopedias

Florida Jurisprudence®, 2d. Commonly referred to as “FlaJur,” This encyclopedia contains narrative descriptions of legal topics with citations to primary law, such as cases and statutes.

9. State cases

The State of Florida does not publish its own reporter. One can find cases in West’s Florida Cases - reported in Southern Reporter. Florida Law Weekly (FLW) is published in print to provide current awareness of cases. FLW is online at http://www.floridalawweekly.com/flwoonline/ and requires subscription.

State Courts

Florida state court websites contain information and links to case opinions and dockets.

- Florida Supreme Court - https://supremecourt.flcourts.gov/
- Cases found at individual court websites:
  - https://1dca.flcourts.gov/
  - https://2dca.flcourts.gov/
  - https://3dca.flcourts.gov/
  - https://4dca.flcourts.gov/
  - https://5dca.flcourts.gov/
  - https://6dca.flcourts.gov/
• Florida County Courts - [https://www.flcourts.gov/Florida-Courts/Trial-Courts-County](https://www.flcourts.gov/Florida-Courts/Trial-Courts-County). Cases are generally not available online.

**Federal Courts**

• Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals – [https://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/](https://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/)

  • U.S. District Courts - [http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/?page_id=7850](http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/?page_id=7850)
    o Middle District - [http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/](http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/)
    o Middle District/Bankruptcy - [http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/](http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/)

Access to opinions/court documents is available through Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER): [https://pacer.uscourts.gov/](https://pacer.uscourts.gov/)

**Court Rules**

• Florida Rules of Court are available from the Florida Bar: o [https://www.floridabar.org/rules/ctproc/](https://www.floridabar.org/rules/ctproc/)

• Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure are available at:
  o [https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies](https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies)

• Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:

10. **State digest**

West’s® Florida Digest, 2d. includes all Florida cases (state and federal) reported in the West system (from 1935 to current).

11. **Links to local AALL chapter**


12. **Federal depository libraries in Florida**

Currently there are 30 federal depositories (both regional and selective) in Florida. See [https://ask.gpo.gov/s/fldsearch?type=state&state=Florida](https://ask.gpo.gov/s/fldsearch?type=state&state=Florida) for the entire list.
13. **Links to legal, bar association pages in Florida**


14. **Links for Legal Aid in Florida**

The Florida Bar has information on Pro Bono & Legal Aid interests, providing links to legal aid societies and legal services organizations throughout Florida. The links are organized by county, and information is provided via the Legal Aid in Florida consumer pamphlet found here: [https://www.floridabar.org/public/consumer/pamphlet022/](https://www.floridabar.org/public/consumer/pamphlet022/).

Links are also provided for Florida Courts Help, Florida Law Help, and Florida Free Legal Answers. These provide varying levels of assistance and connection for pro se individuals and for those seeking assistance. ([https://www.floridabar.org/public/probono/](https://www.floridabar.org/public/probono/)).

All Florida law school libraries publish handouts and legal research guides. For contact information, see Florida law school library’s websites:

- **Ave Maria School of Law Library** [https://www.avemarialaw.edu/library-services/](https://www.avemarialaw.edu/library-services/)
- **Barry University Law Library** [https://eguides.barry.edu/BarryLawLibraryHome](https://eguides.barry.edu/BarryLawLibraryHome)
- **Florida A & M University Law Library** [https://library.famu.edu/lawlibrary](https://library.famu.edu/lawlibrary)
- **Florida International University Law Library** [https://law.fiu.edu/library/](https://law.fiu.edu/library/)
- **Florida State University Law Library** [http://www.law.fsu.edu/library/](http://www.law.fsu.edu/library/)
- **Jacksonville University College of Law Library** [https://www.ju.edu/law/law-library.php](https://www.ju.edu/law/law-library.php)
- **Nova Southeastern University Law Library** [https://www.law.nova.edu/library/index.html](https://www.law.nova.edu/library/index.html)
- **St. Thomas University Law Library** [https://www.stu.edu/law/library/](https://www.stu.edu/law/library/)
- **Stetson University Law Library** [https://www.stetson.edu/law/library/](https://www.stetson.edu/law/library/)
- **University of Florida Law Library** [https://guides.law.ufl.edu/website/home](https://guides.law.ufl.edu/website/home)
- **University of Miami Law Library** [http://www.law.miami.edu/library/](http://www.law.miami.edu/library/)

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