

AMERICAN SAMOA

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Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to American Samoa primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	N/A	American Samoa Code Annotated	N/A	American Samoa Regulations	N/A	American Samoa Reports
Official Status (Notes)		No		No		No
(Notes)	<p>The numbers for each public law are issued by the Governor's office when the law goes into effect. New legislatures are elected in every even numbered year. Each new legislature is numbered. The first number in the public law is the legislature and the second number is a unique identifier.</p> <p>Am. Samoa: American Samoa Reports (1900-1975) Am. Samoa 2d: American Samoa Reports 2d (1978-1999) Am. Samoa 3d: American Samoa Reports 3d (1993-2005) https://cite.case.law/#am-samoa</p> <p>The High Court of American Samoa is the center of judicial authority in American Samoa. The courts are divided into a High Court, a District Court, and Village Courts.</p>					

(Notes continued)	Except for appropriations, public laws tend to be esoteric since most laws that are passed by the legislature codified in the American Samoa Code Annotated. Public laws are put in collections that are sometimes referred to as session laws, statutory updates, or session reporters.					The courts remain judicially independent from the American Samoa Government by being directly administered by the U.S. Department of Interior. The High Court is an Article IV court, meaning that it was created by an Act of Congress rather than by the U.S. Constitution.
Authentication		No		No		No
(Notes)						
Online Preservation		No		No		No
(Notes)						
Permanent Public Access		No		No		No
(Notes)						
Copyright Claimed		No		No		No
(Notes)						
UELMA Adopted		No		No		No
Universal Citation Adopted		No		No		No

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None				