

NEVADA

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Online Legal Information

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

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Statutes of Nevada	Nevada Revised Statutes	State of Nevada Register	Nevada Admin Code	Appellate Courts Decisions	Supreme Court Decisions
Official Status	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)						
Authentication	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)						
Online Preservation	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)	Archived from 1964 but not preserved for use with future technologies		Archived from 1997 but not preserved for use with future technologies			
Permanent Public Access	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
(Notes)			NRS 233B.0656			
Copyright Claimed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
UELMA Adopted	Yes. Nevada was the eighth state to enact the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA). UELMA, introduced in Nevada as SB 105, was signed into law by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval on May 23, 2013. The law was effective January 1, 2014 (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 218F.730 (West 2015)).					
Universal Citation Adopted	No					

Notes/Research

NRS 721.100.1(a) states, “If the official publisher publishes legal material only in an electronic record, the official publisher shall: (a) Designate the electronic record as official.” This applies to the Constitution, Statutes of Nevada, Nevada Revised Statutes, and Nevada Administrative Code. However, to date no legal material has been published only in an electronic record and therefore none have been designated official. This follows for authentication, online preservation, and permanent public access; once an electronic record has been designated official, the official publisher “shall” then authenticate, preserve and then make permanently available to the public.

NRS 344.070 states, “The State Printer may secure copyright under the laws of the United States in all publications issued by the State of Nevada, the copyright to be secured in the name of the State of Nevada.” However, per a conversation I had with a librarian at the Legislative Counsel Bureau, who has been the designated state printer for Nevada since budget cuts in 2005 via SB 520, they do not print the court opinions, these come from the court itself. However, I was unable to find a statute to confirm this. The closest I came was NRS 2.380 which still states that the state printer will deliver printed Nevada reports to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (despite the LCB being the official state printer). From what I can tell, NRS 2.380 was never amended to reflect the change of the State printer from the State Printing Division of the Department of Administration to the Legislative Counsel Bureau and this accounts for the disparity in how copyright is applied and enforced. A further twist: advance opinions are available online from the Supreme Court Clerk, but only up to the three most recent months. After that, we have to refer to the printed Nevada Reports, which are copyrighted and produced by West Publishing.

Public Law Libraries in the State

Public law libraries provide access to primary legal sources and other materials.

Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
Nevada Legislature Research Library 401 South Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701-4747	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Library/index.html	(775) 684-6827	library@lcb.state.nv.us	Yes, limited legislative request
Nevada Supreme Court Library 201 S. Carson Street Suite 100 Carson City, NV 89701-4702	http://nvcourts.gov/LawLibrary	(775) 684-1640	reference@nvcourts.nv.gov	Yes, limited copy services
Clark County Law Library 309 South Third Street Suite 400 P.O. Box 557340 Las Vegas, NV 89155-7340	https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/law_library/index.php	(702) 455-4696	askinfo@clarkcountynv.gov	No