

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Online Legal Information

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	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large	District of Columbia Official Code	District of Columbia Register	District of Columbia Municipal Regulations		DC Court of Appeals Opinions and MOJs
Official Status	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
(Notes)	Session laws for the District of Columbia are published in the District of Columbia Register. They are also available through the DC Council's Legislative Information Management System (LIMS), lims.dccouncil.us	The DC Official Code is published in print by LexisNexis. West publishes an unofficial code.		Published in the District of Columbia Register.	DC has a trial court of general jurisdiction (Superior Court) and an equivalent to a state supreme court (Court of Appeals). There is no mid-level court for DC.	Provides notice that opinions are subject to formal revision before publication in the Atlantic and Maryland Reporters.
Authentication	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
(Notes)	D.C. Code § 2-651.04	D.C. Code § 2-651.04	D.C. Code § 2-651.04	D.C. Code § 2-651.04		
Online Preservation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
(Notes)	D.C. Code § 2-651.06	D.C. Code § 2-651.06	D.C. Code § 2-651.06	D.C. Code § 2-651.06		Opinions back to January 1999 currently provided.
Permanent Public Access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
(Notes)	D.C. Code § 2-651.07	D.C. Code § 2-651.07	D.C. Code § 2-651.07	D.C. Code § 2-651.07		

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Universal Citation Adopted	No.					

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Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
DC Courts Libraries "The D.C. Court of Appeals (DCCA) Library, located at the Historic Courthouse (Court of Appeals), is not open to the public but their librarian is available via email for reference help, and the D.C. Superior Court Library, located at the Moultrie Courthouse, is open to the public, but is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic."	https://www.dccourts.gov/services/dccourts-libraries		library@dcsc.gov (DC Superior Court Library); Imoorer@dcappeals.gov (DC Court of Appeals Library)	
University of the District of Columbia, Mason Law Library "Non-UDC patrons with research needs may use the library's print collection and some electronic resources within the library, providing use does not conflict with its primary responsibility to members of the UDC community. "	https://udclaw.libguides.com/home	202-274-6280	lawlibraryhelp@udc.edu	

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Law Library of Congress	https://www.loc.gov/research-centers/law-library-of-congress/about-this-research-center/	202-707-5079		