## RESEARCH MATERIALS

The library has print materials such as:

- Books to learn about the law
- Form books
- Primary legal materials including state statutes and administrative codes
- Court rules

The library also offers online resources including:

- Westlaw: Extensive legal materials for Washington, other states, federal, and practice materials
- Lexis: Washington-specific and federal materials
- NOLO: Legal self-help books



# **ONLINE CATALOG**

Learn what titles are in the library's collection by searching the online catalog. Library materials are for research purposes so need to be used in the library.

#### **FORMS**

The library has forms for subject areas such as debt collection, adoption, and civil lawsuits as well as for many situations including family law, real property, probate, and guardianship.

Many forms are specific to Washington, but there are also national form book sets that can be adapted to other situations.

The mandatory court forms for divorce, parentage, relocation, visitation, modification, and minor guardianship are also available.



## **SELF-HELP FORM KITS**

The library sells self-help kits with forms and instructions on many topics. See the library website for the current list of kits.

Form kits can be purchased with cash or credit/debit card at the library or online and mailed. Kit prices vary.

#### **COMPUTERS**

The library has two computers that can be used for legal research. A librarian can help you learn how to conduct a search. Time limits apply. Printing is available for 25 cents per page.

#### **COPIERS**

There are two public photocopiers in the library. Copies are 20 cents per page, and the copiers accept cash and credit/debit cards.



## **LIMITATIONS**

The information provided by the library is not intended to substitute for legal or professional advice. You should consult with a lawyer about how information you find may or may not apply to your unique situation.

Law librarians are prohibited by law from offering legal advice or opinions on legal issues.

#### **WEBSITES**

Washington LawHelp Legal education materials and tools that give basic info on many legal problems. www.washingtonlawhelp.org

Washington State Attorney General Consumer protection information and help on many topics. www.atg.wa.gov

Washington Courts
State court info including new court opinions,
court rules, and some downloadable forms.
Information about the State Law Library.

www.courts.wa.gov

Revised Code of Washington Washington state statutes (laws). apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw

Washington Administrative Code Washington state regulations. apps.leg.wa.gov/wac

Washington State Judicial Opinions Search the published appellate decisions from the State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. www.lexisnexis.com/clients/wareports

Clark County

Info about district and superior court, the county code, and other departments and services. clark.wa.gov

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries Staff are available to help you find info. Libraries have computers, printers, and photocopiers. www.fvrl.org

### **FAMILY COURT FACILITATOR**

Facilitators can help you select forms and follow procedures in family law cases. Their office is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. Appointments are required, and there is a \$20 fee for this service.

clark.wa.gov/clerk/family-court-facilitator

## **HELP FROM A LAWYER**

- SW WA Lawyer Referral Service 360.695.0599
- Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program 360.395.5313
- WSBA Moderate Means Program 1.855.741-6930
- Northwest Justice Project CLEAR 1.888.201.1014

Clark County Bar Association www.ccbawashington.org

Washington State Bar Association www.wsba.org

Northwest Justice Project nwjustice.org/get-legal-help

Also see the Library's *Find a lawyer* webpage or the *Legal Help for Civil Cases* brochure.

# CLARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY



Clark County Courthouse 1200 Franklin Street Vancouver, WA 98660 clark.wa.gov/law-library lawlibrary@clark.wa.gov 564.397.2268

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The library is closed on all federal holidays whenever the courthouse is closed.

A law librarian is available to help you find materials.