

## LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

The Rhode Island State Law Library has an extensive current and historical collection of legal materials of interest to those in the legal community.

### *Print Materials*

- A comprehensive collection of current Rhode Island primary source materials, court opinions and decisions, legislative materials, regulations, and ordinances.
- A Rhode Island Brief collection, dating back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Current and superseded editions of Rhode Island codes, rules, and municipal ordinances.
- Rhode Island continuing legal education materials. A wide array of books and seminar pamphlets from the Rhode Island Bar Association, National Business Institute, and others.
- General Assembly Public Laws and Colonial Records dating back to the 1700's as well as a historical collection of the General Assembly bills and journals.
- United States Government Documents – As a Congressionally designated depositor United States government documents, public access to a substantial collection of federal government and agency materials is available and guaranteed by public law (Title 44, US Code).
- An extensive treatise collection, consisting of premier authoritative materials on a wide array of topics.
- An in-depth historical treatise collection, including historical English Reports, treatises, and laws.
- Journals and Law Reviews.
- Loan Collection consisting of more popular titles on a variety of topics.

### *Computer, CD-ROM, and Microform*

- Microfiche copies of original national reporter series, state session laws and government documents, various bar journals, and Rhode Island appellate level briefs from 1990 to present.
- CD-ROM discs to accompany a number of treatises designed for the practicing attorney, including litigation materials and a variety of forms.
- Twelve (12) computers with Internet access and printing capabilities.

- A statewide catalog (HELIN) that provides access to collections and loan privileges at many Rhode Island research institutions, including Brown University, University of Rhode Island, Bryant University, Providence College, and Salve Regina University.
- Premier online databases, including Westlaw, Lexis, and Hein-Online.
- Westlaw Public Access includes all primary law, results plus, analytical materials such as Am Jur 2d, Causes of Action, CJS, and nutshells.

Additional Westlaw databases provide access to all forms, jury verdicts, jury instructions, municipal libraries, personal injury libraries, and appellate briefs for Rhode Island. ([Westlaw Directory / List of Databases](#))

Westlaw is available in the main library only. Lexis is available throughout the counties and the main library as well. Card operated printers allow printing of documents for \$.10 per page.

### *Services*

- Library cards can be issued to practicing attorneys and law firm personnel. The library card affords borrowing privileges at the law library as well as at all other HELIN consortium libraries. Materials can be self-requested using your library card number and material can be picked up at any HELIN library, including the State Law Library.
- Inter Library Loan (ILL) - The library provides ILL service to attorneys and state officials. The library belongs to HELIN, a consortium of research libraries in Rhode Island. Any material on the HELIN catalog can be self-requested and retrieved at the State Law Library. ILL provides access to materials not available through HELIN.
- Reference and Research Services - The library is proud of the personal and professional service it provides. Do not hesitate to call or email us with your requests. Due to legal restrictions, librarians cannot provide legal advice.
- Document Delivery – Limited delivery of materials is available due to staff and budgetary constraints.
- Tutorials and training on electronic resources and research materials.
- Photocopiers, printers, and vendor cards are available at all libraries.