

About the Library

The Rhode Island State Law Library, established in 1827, provides research and reference services as well as a diverse collection of legal resources to the bench and the bar of the State of Rhode Island. As a publicly funded institution dedicated to equal access to justice, the library is open to the public.

The library consists of the main library, which is located in the Licht Judicial Complex in Providence, as well as four (4) libraries located in the county courthouses throughout the state.

The Collection

In addition to an in-depth print collection of current as well as historical materials, the library makes accessible to users a vast array of legal information in microform, electronic, and digital format. Among the library's strengths are:

- A comprehensive primary law collection consisting of cases and statutes both federal and state;
- Historical Rhode Island court and legislative materials;
- Rhode Island Supreme Court briefs from 1900 to the present.
- Rhode Island continuing legal education materials;
- Law reviews and state bar journals.
- Practical legal treatises covering a wide range of legal topics;
- A formidable historical treatise collection;
- Electronic database subscriptions to a variety of leading legal resources including Westlaw and Lexis; and
- An extensive government document collection, both print and electronic, which includes the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Congressional Record, and United States Reports.



Organization and Access

The treatise and reference collections are organized by the Library of Congress Classification System. The catalog can be searched and accessed at the [Rhode Island Consortium Catalog](http://lawlib.rwu.edu) (<http://lawlib.rwu.edu>).

Circulation Policy

Limited borrowing of library materials is permitted by licensed attorneys, government officers, and employees as well as self-represented litigants in Rhode Island courts. Loan materials circulate for twenty-eight (28) days and all other materials circulate for fourteen (14) days.

Services

Reference or Research Assistance

Research librarians are available to assist you in locating, researching, or using sources in the library's collection. Please note that library staff members are not permitted to give legal advice.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Materials not owned by the library may be requested and loaned to you from another library via the ILL.

Book Retrieval and Hold

Telephone requests to retrieve and hold books for pick-up are accepted.

Printing

Limited complimentary printing for court related business is available at all libraries. A KIC Click scanner for emails and universal serial bus (USB) document transmission are available at the Licht Judicial Complex library.

Individuals with Disabilities

The library offers some services for those patrons with a disability.

Electronic Resources

For further information, consult the library's electronic databases page on the library website.



Databases available include the following:

- Wolters Kluwer VitalLaw;
- [Rhode Island Consortium Catalog](http://lawlib.rwu.edu) (<http://lawlib.rwu.edu>);
- Hein-Online;
- Lawyers Weekly;
- Law Library Microfilm Consortium (LLMC);
- MCLE New England;
- Lexis+; and
- Public Access for Westlaw.

Contact Information

Rhode Island State Law Library

Frank Licht Judicial Complex

Supreme Court

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www.courts.ri.gov

Hours of Operation

Main Library (Licht Judicial Complex)

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

County Courthouses

Garrahy Judicial Complex — Providence

Noel Judicial Complex — Kent

Murray Judicial Complex — Newport

McGrath Judicial Complex — Washington

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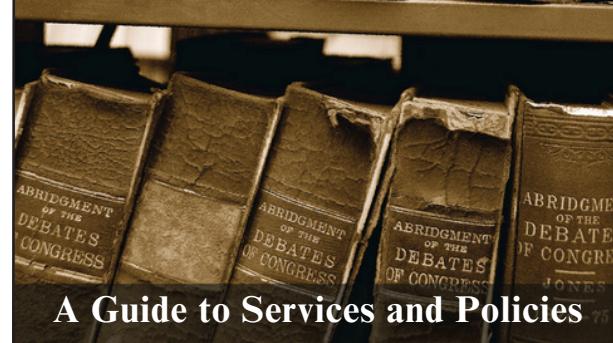


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A Guide to Services and Policies