

Patron Services

- **Reference and research assistance** is provided to all users. Reference services are available by phone, in person, by email or online at: wilawlibrary.gov/services/ask.html
- **Photocopies/Computer Printouts** cost 25¢ per page (cash or check only).
- **Circuit Court form packets** are available for purchase and most include instructions to assist *pro se* (self-represented) litigants. Sample forms may be available if there is not a standard form. Contact us to inquire about prices or visit us online: wilawlibrary.gov/services/forms.html
- **Referrals** for *pro se* litigants who need assistance (for example: low-income legal services, or filling out forms) are made to local agencies or programs, such as the Family Law Assistance Center (FLAC) or the Small Claims Assistance Program (SCAP).
- **Borrowing privileges** are available to Court staff, licensed WI attorneys, and to government employees (City, County, State or Federal). Library cards issued at the Dane County Law Library can also be used at the Wisconsin State Law Library and the Milwaukee Law Library (and vice versa).

Electronic Resources

- **Public Access WestlawNext** allows for keyword and natural language subject searching of Wisconsin and Federal primary and secondary sources. Researchers may also run a history report (KeyCite) of specific case citations and email the results.
- **Books UnBound** is the State Bar's electronic database with online access to the content of their PINNACLE books and forms. Also keyword searchable!
- **Internet access** on two public computers (or high-speed wireless for personal laptops) with network access to Wisconsin State Law Library's e-resources.
- **MS Word** for easy word processing on both computers.
- **LegalTrac** has a searchable index of articles published in over 800 periodicals from 1980 to the present.
- **HeinOnline** contains exact page images of historic and present-day law journals, U.S. Reports, Federal Register, treaty & international agreement publications and more.

Print Resources

- **Primary Wisconsin materials** such as statutes, administrative code and case law.
- **Secondary Wisconsin materials** such as PINNACLE books from the State Bar of WI, legal dictionaries, *West's Wis. Statutes Annotated*, *West's Key Number Digests*, and more.
- Selected primary and secondary Federal sources.
- Madison General Ordinances and Dane County Code of Ordinances.
- **Legal periodicals** including the *Marquette Law Review*, *Wisconsin Law Review*, *Wisconsin Lawyer* and the *Dane Co. Bar Assoc. Newsletter*.
- **Legal and popular newspapers** such as the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, *New York Times*, *Wis. State Journal*, and *Capital Times*.
- **Drug Court Collection** featuring resources on rehabilitation, drug court operation manuals, memoirs, judicial education materials, and medical dictionaries.
- **Everyday Law Collection** with general legal self-help materials from publishers like Nolo, Sphinx, and the Dane County Bar Association for *pro se* litigants.



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Library Classes

We offer legal research classes for those with little or no understanding of legal concepts or resources. Classes are held at local public libraries and through the Wisconsin State Law Library. Class Schedules can be found at:

wilawlibrary.gov/learn/classes.html

Newsletters

A free monthly electronic newsletter is available from the Wisconsin State Law Library that lists upcoming events, library classes, staff news, technology tips and tricks, history segments, and other interesting news. To be added to the email distribution list, send a message to Tammy Keller at tammy.keller@wicourts.gov

Additional Events

A small used book sale is housed in the Dane County Law Library during business hours. Hardcover cost \$2, paperbacks cost \$1. Drop by to browse what is for sale or to donate your gently used items, especially contemporary fiction, recent nonfiction, and bestsellers. Proceeds go towards improving *pro se* library services.

Throughout the year, the Law Library plans and coordinates events with other community agencies for the public. Visit us online for the latest news:

<http://wilawlibrary.gov>

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