



Second Judicial District Court

Department Title: Law Library

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Hours of Operation: Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Department Description: The Law Library enhances access to justice by providing legal information through both print and digital resources. Our collection of materials covers a wide variety of legal topics and includes Westlaw Next, Gale Legal Forms, EBSCO, and the Continuing Education of the Bar of California's online database. Law Library cards are free to the public and many of our items circulate. Our helpful staff is available to explain Court policies and procedures. Additionally, we assist patrons in finding Court approved packets and forms for their family law cases. The Law Library prides itself on the help we give to both the public and the legal community. We are located in the Historic Courthouse at 75 Court Street.

Accessible Services and Support: Through the Lawyer in the Library program, volunteer attorneys meet with members of the public for free legal assistance. Tuesday night is for family law questions while Wednesday night is for general law questions. The third Wednesday of every month also includes probate law questions. Each year, the Law Library celebrates Pro Bono Week and Law Day with free special events targeted to assist citizens of Washoe County with their legal needs.

The Law Library has three terminals providing access to Westlaw Next and one terminal to the legal databases, CEB Onlaw and MLaw. We have five terminals from which patrons can access the internet, Microsoft Word and other resources. There are two terminals available for searching the court record through Contexte. Patrons can print from all terminals except those used for accessing Contexte.

Staff can notarize Court approved packets and forms for no additional fee.

Summary of Services:

- **18,176 patrons** visited the Law Library and received assistance in 2016.
- **1,111 persons** attended the Lawyer in the Library program in 2016.
- We can assist patrons in **240 different languages**.

Contact us: Reference Desk (775) 328-3250

The mission of the Washoe County Law Library is to enhance access to justice by (1) providing legal information, education, resources, tools and materials, in print and digital formats, to those engaged with the justice system, and (2) partnering with the courts, bar associations, legal clinics, civil organizations, and government entities to help insure the legal needs of the community are addressed.