



State of Rhode Island Judiciary

Supreme Court Administrative Office of State Courts State Law Library

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 20th 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- Current and superseded editions of Rhode Island codes, rules, and municipal ordinances.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 depository of 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, United States 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, and various bar journals.
- CD-ROM discs to accompany a number of treatises designed for the practicing attorney, including litigation materials and a variety of forms.
- Computers with Internet access and printing capabilities.
- Premier online databases, including Westlaw, Lexis, MCLE, and Hein-Online.

Services

- Library cards can be issued to members of the Rhode Island Bar. The library card affords borrowing privileges at the law library.
- Inter-library Loan (ILL) – The library provides ILL service to attorneys and state officials. The library is a member of NELLCO, which affords users the chance to borrow materials from a consortium of hundreds of law libraries. The library participates in both LORI ILL requests and those using the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) medium.
- Reference 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.
- Tutorials and training on electronic resources and research materials.
- Limited complimentary printing for court-related business is available at all libraries. Digital scanners are available at the main library at 250 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island.