



State of Rhode Island Judiciary

Supreme Court Administrative Office of State Courts State Law Library

Self-Represented Litigants and Members of the Public Interested in the Law

The State Law Library is a great resource for the following:

- Legal Encyclopedias such as American Jurisprudence (Am Jur 2nd) and Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS) – A great place to start your research.
- Comprehensive legal materials from Rhode Island, consisting of case law, statutory codes, session laws, regulations, and municipal ordinances.
- Treatises ranging from one volume works to multi-volume resources on a wide variety of legal topics.
- Internet access to premier legal databases, including Westlaw and Lexis. Both Westlaw and Lexis are available at the main library and county libraries.

Note – Databases can only be accessed from within the Judiciary's network. Remote access to these databases is not available. Although the library has wireless capabilities, personal computers cannot be used to access the internet or individual networks due to security issues.

- Electronic resources on a variety of topics. Materials consist of forms, treatises, and practice materials that will assist the researcher.
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