

## ACC Library *Resource Guide*

# Law Resources



### How and where to find books, articles, sites

From the ACC Library homepage [arapahoe.edu/lrc](http://arapahoe.edu/lrc) :

>Find books: click *Aquabrowser* or *Traditional Catalog*.

>Find ebooks (**NetLibrary**): click *Online Books* (for off-campus use, must register on an ACC computer first).

>Find journal articles: click *Databases* (see passwords on right side of this page).

#### **Print books**

Law subject area in the "K" section of Library (Colorado law is "KFC"): both circulating (can be checked out) and reference (non-checkout) are on the second floor of the Library.

The ACC law collection includes federal and state statutes, cases, digests, treatises, practice manuals, form books, citators, research guides, encyclopedias.

The ACC Library does not have legal databases available for the public (Westlaw, etc.), but limited free access to legal databases is available at the Colorado Supreme Court Library.

#### **Journal articles**

ACC periodical databases: ProQuest, EBSCOhost, include law review articles.

Web: American Law Sources On-line, [LawSource.com](http://LawSource.com), Google Scholar [scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com) (indexes law review articles from [HeinOnline.org](http://HeinOnline.org)).

#### **Web sites**

##### >General-purpose search engines

Google, Yahoo!, Clusty.

##### >Google and Yahoo! subject directories

Google Directory: [google.com/Top/Society/Law](http://google.com/Top/Society/Law)

Yahoo! Directory: [dir.yahoo.com/Government/Law](http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/Law)

##### >Specialized search sites (cases and statutes)

The Public Library of Law [plol.org](http://plol.org), [precdent.com](http://precdent.com), [AltLaw.org](http://AltLaw.org), Meta-Index for US Legal Research [gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex](http://gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex), [SearchLaw.com](http://SearchLaw.com), [Public.Resource.org](http://Public.Resource.org).

##### >Law portals (these also have search tools for statutes and cases)

[Justia.com](http://Justia.com), [FindLaw.com](http://FindLaw.com), [SearchLaw.com](http://SearchLaw.com), Cornell Legal Information Institute (LII) [law.cornell.edu](http://law.cornell.edu), [washlaw.edu](http://washlaw.edu).

##### >Legal dictionaries and encyclopedias

[Answers.com](http://Answers.com), Zimmerman's Research Guide [lexisnexis.com/infopro/Zimmerman](http://lexisnexis.com/infopro/Zimmerman).

##### >News sites

Jurist Legal News and Research [jurist.law.pitt.edu](http://jurist.law.pitt.edu), [LegalTimes.com](http://LegalTimes.com), [Law.com](http://Law.com), [FindLaw.com](http://FindLaw.com), Google News, [news.google.com](http://news.google.com), [LegalAssitantToday.com](http://LegalAssitantToday.com)

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### Web sites continued

#### >Web logs (blawgs)

[blawgs](#) and [blawgs.com](#)

[legalresearchplus.com](#), [LLRX.com](#), Legal Research Blog [law.onecle.com/archives](#), Legal Research 101 [albanylawlibrary.wordpress.com/category/legal-research-101](#). Google search: law librarian blog (blawgs with legal research topics).

Blawg directories: [abajournal.com/](#)

Specific blawgs:

#### >Discussion forums and advice

Usenet groups on legal topics at [groups.google.com](#)

<http://forum.freeadvice.com>, LawInfo Legal Discussion Boards [chat.lawinfo.com](#)

Law Guru Knowledge Base [lawguru.com/cgi/bbs/user/search.cgi](#),

US Legal [answers.uslegal.com](#)

Hundreds of

Free Advice

#### >Legal research

Type *legal research* in ACC Library catalog for books.

Online legal research guides: Google search: *Georgetown legal research* Google search: *hls library research guides* Also: [west.net/~smith/research.htm](#). [YouTube.com](#) search: *legal research*

#### >Looking up abbreviations

There is an excellent British website for legal abbreviations in the English language (including US): the Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations at [legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk](#). Another site: [legal-abbreviations.org](#). An online list of abbreviations and links to additional abbreviation resources is at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_legal\\_abbreviations](#).

#### >Finding legal forms

Forms Workflow [FormsWorkflow.com](#) offers a complete repository of federal and state-specific court, corporate, regulatory and legal forms, including autofill forms. LexisOne ([LexisOne.com](#)), in addition to free PDF forms, has a storehouse of automated HotDocs forms that uses fill-in-the-blank document-assembly software. Findlaw at [forms.lp.findlaw.com](#) has free sample legal and court forms and business contracts, as does [JDsupra.com](#). An directory of legal forms sites is at the Washburn University site at [washlaw.edu/legalforms](#).

ACC handouts and Colorado and national legal Web links [KnowledgeResearch.net/LegalResourcesGuides.html](#)