



Arkansas Supreme Court Library

Library Guide For Law Clerks and Court Staff

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Welcome to the Supreme Court Library

This guide is primarily designed to acquaint law clerks and court staff with the services and resources offered by the library.

The principal purpose of the library is to provide information and research services to support the work of the Arkansas appellate courts housed in the Justice Building. Except for its Rare Book Room, the library is not locked and court staff have access at all times. In addition to the main library, the library staff maintains special collections in judicial chambers, Court of Appeals Library North, Court of Appeals Library South, AOC Library, for staff use.

Also, the library automatically receives and responds to emailed messages from the general public that are submitted via the Arkansas Judiciary website's [CONTACT US feature](#). And, the library's main location is open to the general public from 8AM to 5PM, Monday-Friday (closed state holidays). Notably, the library is a research collection, meaning, its holdings do not circulate outside the Justice Building (with rare exception).

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Library Collection

In addition to online [Databases & Electronic Resources](#), the library holds approximately 100,000 items in its print collection, including books, periodicals, government documents, and microforms.

Main Floor Print Collection

Arkansas Reference Sources:

- *Arkansas Law Review*
- *Arkansas Lawyer*
- *UALR Law Review*
- *Acts of Arkansas*
- *Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated* (Current – with pocket parts)
- *Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated* (Superseded – with pocket parts)
- *Arkansas Statutes of 1947 Annotated*
- Historical digests, e.g., *Revised Statues of 1837*, *Gould's Digest*, *Pope's Digest*
- *Arkansas Reports/Arkansas Appellate Reports*
- *Arkansas Digest*
- *Arkansas Form Book (2004)*
- *Arkansas Court Rules*
- Arkansas Bar Association handbooks
- *Handling Appeals in Arkansas*
- Arkansas Bar Examination: questions & “best” answers

Main Collection:

- *United States Code, official edition*
- *United States Code Service, Lawyers Edition*
- *Code of Federal Regulations*
- *Black's Law Dictionary*
- *Webster's Third International Dictionary*
- *West's Encyclopedia of American Law*
- *The Blue book: A Uniform System of Citation*
- *ALWD Citation Manual*
- Legal Forms
- Treatises
- Periodicals: newspapers, law journals, law reviews
- Arkansas government documents
- U.S. government documents
- Microforms & Microform Reader/Printer/Scanner
- Vertical Files

Rare Book Room:

- *Jones on Title*
- English Statutes (selected)
- Rare Books & Historical Items

Mezzanine Print Collection

- Pre-National Reporter System state reporters
- National Reporter System (WEST) reporters
- United States federal agency reporters

Basement Print Collection

- Superseded treatises
- Session Laws (other states)
- British Statutes
- *English Reports*
- Foreign Law

Arkansas Government Documents

The library is a selective Arkansas state depository, meaning it receives selected Arkansas government documents published by state government agencies. Arkansas government documents are arranged by Arkansas Documents classification numbers. The Arkansas Documents collection is located on the first floor. In addition to [THEMIS](#), Arkansas Government Documents may be located by searched via the [Arkansas State Library's online catalog](#).

U.S. Government Documents

The library is a selective federal depository, meaning it receives selected U.S. government documents from the U.S. Government Publishing Office. Federal government documents are classified according to the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) scheme. Federal documents, with rare exception, are located on the first floor. The full text of U.S. government publications in electronic format may be accessed via the [Federal Digital System \(FDsys\)](#).

Rare Book Room

The library maintains a Rare Book Room, where selected materials of historical value. The Rare Book Room is locked; please see a librarian for access.

Borrowing Print Resources

Staff may borrow any item for use in his or her office. To do so, please see a librarian so that the loan may be recorded --however, if court staff needs to borrow an item outside regular business hours, he or she should record the loan in the Check-Out Records notebook on the library's public service desk **AND** inform a librarian by email so that the loan may be recorded also in the library's online inventory system. NOTE: Borrowed items should not be removed from the Justice Building.

Computers & Study Tables

Computers and laser printers are available for use in the main library. Three computers are located near the public service desk, which are networked to the laser printer at the public service desk. Study tables are available throughout the library.

Document Delivery

Upon staff request, the librarian will locate and deliver items to you. [FirstSearch WorldCat database](#) may be used to locate any item that is not held by the Supreme Court Library. Inter-library loans may be arranged by the librarian, or, when possible, materials may be scanned/emailed (or faxed) to the library for you. In the discretion of the library director, requested materials may be purchased and added permanently to our collection.

Suggest an Addition to the Collection

In the discretion of the library director, requested materials may be added permanently to our collection. Recommendations are always very welcome. Budget funds permitting, the item will be purchased and you will be notified when it is available.

Photocopier/ Fax Machine/Microfiche Reader-Printer-Scanner/Typewriter

Available in the library for use by court staff.

Other Libraries and Archives

- [Arkansas History Commission](#) --- The Arkansas History Commission holds a large number of documents and artifacts related to the history of Arkansas, including manuscript materials, maps, newspapers on microfilm, photographs, census records, military records, and county, state, and federal records. It is located in the One Capitol Mall Building (“Big Mac”), which is easy walking distance of the Justice Building.
- [Arkansas State Library](#) -- Arkansas state employees may [apply online for remote access to the State Library’s online database subscriptions](#). If you wish to borrow materials from the State Library, please visit the library on the 900 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, to receive a library card.
- [Central Arkansas Library System \(CALs\)](#) – Residents of Little Rock or surrounding communities served by CALs [may obtain a library card in person or by online application](#). Card holders may borrow books or other media, download media, and access the online databases. The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, a department of CALs, is a research collection for the purpose of promoting greater understanding of Arkansas history, and is located in the Arkansas Studies Institute at the main library campus in River Market.
- [William H. Bowen School of Law/UALR-Pulaski County Law Library](#) – The Law School Library has a reciprocal agreement with the Supreme Court Library regarding interlibrary loan and photocopying. The Law School Library contains many legal publications not owned by the Supreme Court Library. Supreme Court Library staff are glad to obtain any item from the Law Library that is needed by court staff. The Law School Library’s [Special Collections](#) include [Arkansas Territorial Briefs and Records, 1809 through June, 1836](#); and Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records (civil 1836-1926, criminal 1836-1963).