

# Minnesota Library Association 2009 Annual Conference

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### Minnesota Legal Forms:

#### Free

Minnesota State Law Library Site: <http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/forms.html>

--a mega site for many types of forms

MN Judicial Branch Website: <http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/?page=325>

--state approved court forms created by the Minnesota Judicial Branch; also links to helpful forms produced by other organizations

Lawmoose: <http://www.lawmoose.com/index.cfm?Action=Library.&Topic=MN127>

--another mega site that lists forms

MN Dept. of Commerce (real estate forms):

--helpful for conveyance forms related to property (such as contracts for deed)

<http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?subchannel=-536881740&programid=536914031&id=-536881351&agency=Commerce&sp2=y>

#### Cost (Commercial providers)

Miller Davis: <http://www.millerdavis.com/>

Kemske Oswald: <http://www.kemske.com/>

Some libraries offer these, but they should be used with caution:

US Legal Forms: <http://www.uslegalforms.com/Minnesota.htm>

Thomson/Gale Legal Forms—available at some local public libraries

### Minnesota Referrals for Attorneys

#### Civil

MN Legal Services Coalition—Civil Legal Services Directory (includes MLSC offices and non-MSLC office statewide):

[www.mnlegalservices.org/localResources.cfm?pagename=Quick%20Reference%20Guide](http://www.mnlegalservices.org/localResources.cfm?pagename=Quick%20Reference%20Guide)

#### Criminal

MN Public Defenders (statewide list; services for people who income qualify)

[www.pubdef.state.mn.us](http://www.pubdef.state.mn.us)

## General

Minnesota State Bar Referral:

[www.mnfindalawyer.com](http://www.mnfindalawyer.com)

Attorney Referrals from MN Judicial Branch website:

<http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/?page=252>

Legal Advice Clinics --Courthouses & Law Libraries:

MN Judicial Branch website--<http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/?page=251>

## **Referrals for MN Legal Assistance/Information/Research**

Minnesota Judicial Branch

<http://www.mncourts.gov/>

*Self Help Center:*

<http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/>

*MN Courts Self-Help Call-Center*

<http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/?page=2861>

(Statewide resource staffed by attorneys; available Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM – 3 PM;

651-259-3888 or call from local court house workstation; also available via email)

*Access to Trial Court Records:*

<http://www.mncourts.gov/publicaccess>

Minnesota State Law Library (MSLL):

<http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/>

*MN County Law Library Directory: an RTF document, follow link under Library Information*

*Law for Laypeople:* [http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/law\\_for\\_laypeople.html](http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/law_for_laypeople.html)

Minnesota Attorney General Publications – *Free & easy to order online; also available online in PDF format*

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Publications.asp>

Lawhelpmn.org: a collaboration of several agencies, this resource offers information on many legal topics, including a live chat feature and materials in foreign languages; the website also has a legal help locator: <http://www.lawhelpmn.org>

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL)

*Legal Resources for Public Libraries (a core list of print resources):*

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/legrespublib.pdf>

## **National Self Help Resources**

SelfHelpSupport.org: *Resources for Self Represented Litigants:*

[http://www.selfhelpsupport.org/help/item.Resources\\_for\\_SelfRepresented\\_Litigants](http://www.selfhelpsupport.org/help/item.Resources_for_SelfRepresented_Litigants)

American Bar Association Public Legal Information Site:

<http://www.abalawinfo.org/>

Legal Services Corporation/Open Society/ProBonoNet:

National legal help (includes 50 state listing): <http://lawhelp.org>