

Appendix C

CALIFORNIA'S COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES

California's county law libraries were organized in 1891 to serve all county residents, the judiciary, state and county officials, and members of the state bar (1891 Cal. Stat. 430). The operation and governance of county law libraries was later codified in [California Business and Professions Code §§ 6300 et seq.](#)¹ Each library is governed by a board of trustees, which is comprised of one to five superior court judges (depending upon the size of the county) and two attorneys appointed annually by a county's board of supervisors.

Collections:

A typical county law library collection will include current and historic California primary (statutes, cases and regulations) and secondary (treatises, practice guides and form books) resources in print, microfiche and/or digital formats. The collections of larger county law libraries (those located in or adjacent to larger municipalities) will also include primary and secondary resources from other states and foreign countries as well as special collections of California appellate briefs, self help legal materials, legislative history documents, historic voter pamphlets and archival county/municipal codes. Several county law libraries have also been designated as official depositories of state and federal government publications which guarantees the availability of selective government publications at the library (in print or a digital equivalent) for a minimum of five years.

Services:

Reference and research assistance (but not advice) is available in person, by phone and through live chat/remote access. At the library, a user will find free access to the Internet, free access to the legal databases (Westlaw, LexisNexis, Loislaw, Fastcase) subscribed to by the Library, and software that will allow them to create legal pleadings or calculate family support (Word, Dissomaster, XSpouse). Many libraries offer MCLE

¹ See the Legislative Counsel of California's Web site (www.leginfo.ca.gov). Click on the "California Law" button, check the box next to "Business and Professions Code," and enter 6300 in the search box. The first result should be Business and Professions Code Section 6300-6307.

classes for attorneys as well as classes on how to find legal information in print or online for paralegals and pro se litigants. Almost all the libraries have wi-fi, offer fee based document delivery and interlibrary loans service with other libraries. This appendix contains a list of California's county law libraries and a summary of the services offered by each library. The information is based upon a mixture of contact with the libraries (when possible), the annual survey of county law libraries done by the [Council of California law librarians](#), the law library's Web site, and a library's listing in [Your Public Law Library](#).

The list is divided into two parts: *Southern California* and *Northern California*. The counties of Southern California traditionally include the ten counties located south of the 35° 47' 28" north latitude, which form the southern boundaries of Monterey, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo counties.² Northern California includes the remaining forty-eight counties of the state. This section of the appendix is further divided into three parts that coincide with the following regions: (1) the Central Coast, Northern Coast, and the San Francisco Bay Area; (2) the Shasta Cascade; and (3) the combined areas of the Central Valley, Gold Country and High Sierra.³ To locate the county your city resides within, the Web site of the League of California Cities provides an [alphabetized list of California's 481 cities](#), which also includes the county and population data of each city.⁴

If you have not all ready done so, please consider visiting your county's law library to see what it can do for you. The mission of county law libraries remains the same: to provide free access to legal materials.

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² See California State Association of Counties' [County Map](#).

³ See the [Explore California Map](#) provided by the California Travel & Tourism Commission.

⁴ The link is on the [Helpful Facts About Cities](#) page.

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Southern California

This section contains an alphabetical list of the county law libraries located in the following ten counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

Imperial County Law Library

Imperial County Courthouse
939 Main Street
El Centro, CA92243

Tel: (760) 482-4739

Fax: (760) 352-3184

Email: accesscenter@imperial.courts.ca.gov or Maribel.Martinez@imperial.courts.ca.gov.

COLLECTION: 4,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: The Law Library's collection is listed on the library's Web site. The library maintains subscriptions to several legal databases that are available on the library's public computer. THE SUPERIOR Court's [Access Center's](#) self-help legal services are also described on the library's Web site.

Kern County Law Library

1415 Truxtun Avenue, Room 301
Bakersfield, CA93301

Tel: (661) 868-5320

Fax: (661) 868-5368

COLLECTION: 23,000 volume, + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person & by phone, the library maintains subscriptions to legal databases which are accessible within the library. The library's holdings can be searched on the library's Web site under the tab "Collection," the Court's self-help center operates as a collaborative project within the law library, sharing its resources and holding workshops for the public on matters such as guardianship, custody visitation and divorce defaults. A virtual Kern County law library is now available at the Cerro Coso and Taft college libraries in Ridgecrest and Taft, California.

[LA Law Library](#)

Main Branch

Mildred L. Lillie Building
301 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA90012

Tel: (213) 785-2529
Fax: (213) 613-1329

COLLECTION: 850,000 volumes + electronic titles + federal and state
[Court briefs](#)

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and through the library's participation in the AskNow/Questionpoint live chat service. The library's legal database subscriptions are available for searching at the Main Library and the library's partnership libraries. At the Main Library, the collection includes the laws and secondary resources of all states and most foreign countries, self-help legal titles, legislative history resources, current and archival state and local codes for Southern California cities and counties and appellate briefs. The library offers educational classes for the pro se, attorneys and paralegals, library tours, interlibrary loans, and document delivery. The library's Web site links to legal research sites, the complete text of scanned state court briefs from the library's collection, legal research guides and the library's online public access catalog. The library is both a selective federal and state depository of official California documents. In 2012, it will be a participant in the Pacer: Access and Education Program.

LA Law Library Branches:

Long Beach Branch

County Building
415 West Ocean Boulevard, Room 505
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 983-7088

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Norwalk Branch

Southeast Superior Court Building
12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 714
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 807-7310

Pomona Branch

East District Superior Court Building
400 Civic Center Plaza, Room 102
Pomona, CA 91766
(909) 620-3091

Santa Monica Branch

County Building
1725 Main Street, Room 219
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(310) 260-3644

Torrance Branch

South Bay County Building
825 Maple Avenue, Room 110
Torrance, CA 90503
(310) 222-8816

The following locations are [LA Law Library Partnerships](#) with the Los Angeles City or Los Angeles County public library systems:

[Compton Library](#)

240 West Compton Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220
(310) 637-0202

[Pasadena Public Library](#)

285 East Walnut Street
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 744-4066

[Los Angeles Public Library](#), Van Nuys Branch

6250 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 756-8453

[Lancaster Regional Library*](#)

601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 948-5029

*The LA Law Library shares its Lexis database subscription with the Lancaster Regional Library.

[Orange County Public Law Library](#)

Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza Building
515 North Flower Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703

Tel: (714) 834-3397

Fax: (714) 834-4375

COLLECTION: 346,965 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web through the library's participation in the live chat AskNow/Questionpoint service; public access computers provide access to the Internet, and the library's legal database subscriptions. Other library services include library tours, legal research guides, document delivery, and interlibrary loans from other law libraries. Complete descriptions of these services and the library's online public access catalog are available on the library's Web site. The library is also a selective federal and state depository of government publications which ensures the availability of these documents.

[Riverside County Law Library](#)

Victor Miceli Law Library
3989 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Tel: (951) 955-6390

Fax: (951) 955-6394

[Desert Branch](#)

Larson Justice Center
46-200 Oasis St.
Indio, CA 92201

Tel: (760) 863-8316

Fax: (760) 342-2581

(Collection and service information are listed on next page.)

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COLLECTION: 66,000 volumes at the Main Library and 24,000 at the Desert Branch + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and through the internet using [AskNow's law librarian live chat interface](#). Other services offered by the Library include document delivery, "how to" classes, public education forums, and daily tours of the Law Library. Computers are available for the public to access the library's legal database subscriptions. Pleading paper formatted to Riverside Superior Court's rules, research guides written by the professional staff, the library's catalog, and general operational information about the library will be found on the library's Web site. A virtual tour of the library is also available on the library's Web site. The library is also a partial depository of state government publications and in a partnership with the Riverside City library to provide some federal depository titles.

[Law Library for San Bernardino County](#)

402 North "D" Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Tel: (909)885-3020
Fax: (909) 381-0957

West End Branch
8401 North Haven Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
(909) 944-5106

Victorville High-Desert Branch
15455 Seneca Road
Victorville, CA 92392
(760) 243-2044

COLLECTION: 141,970 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web through the library's participation in the [AskNow/Questionpoint live chat service](#). At the library a user will be able to access the library's legal database subscriptions for free on a number of public computers. The library's Web site provides legal research guides, samples of legal forms, blank pleading paper, a virtual tour of the library, useful legal links and the library's online public access catalog. (*cont'd on next page*)

SERVICES (CONT'D): The law library is a selective depository of federal and state publications. In 2008, the Library was named the Depository Library of the Year by the U.S. Government Printing Office, in July 2011, it was named one of two libraries selected to offer free trials of the U. S. Administrative Office of the Court's Pacer program, and in 2012, it will be a provider in the Pacer Access and Education Program.

[San Diego County Public Law Library](#)

1105 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Tel: (619) 531- 3900
Fax: (619) 238-7716

[Temporary downtown location](#)

1168 Union Street
San Diego, CA 92101
Limited hours and services (see link above).

North County Branch

325 S. Melrose, Suite 300
Vista, CA 92081

Tel: (760) 940-4386
Fax: (760) 724-7694

East County Branch

Courthouse
250 East Main Street
El Cajon, CA 92020-3941

Tel: (619) 441-4451
Fax: (619) 441-0235

South Bay Branch

Courthouse
500 Third Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910-5617

Tel: (619) 691-4929
Fax: (619) 427-7521

COLLECTION: 221,154 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, meebo chat, and on the Web through the library's participation in the real time AskNow/Questionpoint service. Other services include classes for the pro se, paralegals and attorneys, document delivery, interlibrary loans, tours of the library, free access to its legal database subscriptions and the internet on its public computers. (*cont'd on next page*)

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SERVICES (CONT'D): The Library's Web site provides access to the library's online catalog, research guides in English and Spanish, research links, a library newsletter and operational information about the Library.

[San Luis Obispo County Law Library](#)

County Government Annex
1050 Monterey Street, Room 125
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Tel: (805) 781-5855
Fax: (805) 781-4172
Email: lawlibrarian@slocl.org

COLLECTION: 14,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, and email. The Library's Web site contains the library's online catalog, a link to the [San Luis Obispo County Legal Resource Center](#), details about its document delivery, interlibrary loan services and operational information. At the library a user will also have free access to the library's legal database subscriptions and word processing software on the library's computers.

[Santa Barbara County Law Library](#)

County Courthouse
The McMahon Law Library
1100 Anacapa St., 2nd floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tel: (805) 568-2296
Fax: (805) 568-2299
Email: info@countylawlibrary.org

[Santa Maria Law Library Branch](#)

312 East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Tel: (805) 346-7548
Fax: (805) 346-7692

COLLECTION: 37,000 volumes at the main library and 14,000 volumes at the Santa Maria Branch + electronic titles.

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. The library's Web site contains the library's online catalog, links to legal research Web sites and the ability to fill in California Judicial Council forms online through the library's connection to AccessLaw.com. Other services at the library include interlibrary loans for Santa Barbara attorneys, free access to legal research databases on CD-ROM public stations and MCLE materials.

[Ventura County Law Library](#)

Hall of Justice

Ventura County Government Center

800 S. Victoria Avenue

Ventura, CA 93009-2020

Tel: (805) 642-8982

Fax: (805) 642-7177

Email: vccl@rain.org

COLLECTION: 72,507 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone or email. On the library's computers, there is free access to the library's legal database subscriptions as well as word processing software for completing legal documents. The Ventura County Courts provide a computer for using Dissomaster. The library's Web site provides legal and general research links, a link to the [Ventura County Legal Resource Center](#), a reservation form to use the library's meeting room and the library catalog.

Northern California

Central Coast, North Coast & San Francisco Bay Area

This section covers the following fifteen counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma.

[Bernard E. Witkin](#)

[Alameda County Law Library](#)

125 Twelfth Street

Oakland, CA 94607

[Email](#) (links to online form)

Tel: (510) 208-4800

Fax: (510) 208-3907

[South County Branch](#)

224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 162

Hayward, CA 94544-1215

Tel: (510) 670-5230

Fax: (510) 670-5292

(Collection and service information are listed on next page.)

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COLLECTION: 100,267 volumes + electronic titles + state court briefs
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, on the internet through the library's participation in the real time AskNow/Questionpoint service, and the library's Language Line reference service subscription. The library offers classes for the pro se and attorney, hosts the Bernard E. Witkin Memorial Symposium, a monthly lawyer in the library event, document delivery and interlibrary loan services. Public computers are available for accessing the library's legal database subscriptions which includes one to create legal pleadings. A conference room is available for rent by attorneys and the self represented litigant. The library's Web site provides access to a virtual tour of the library, the library's newsletter, staff prepared research guides, the library's online public access catalog, and more.

Contra Costa County Public Law Library

A. F. Bray Courts Building
1020 Ward Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553-1276

Tel: (925) 646-2783
Fax: (925) 646-2438

Richmond Branch

Superior Court Building
100 37th Street, Room 237
Richmond, CA 94805

Tel: (510) 374-3019
Fax: (510) 374-3607

Pittsburgh Branch

Superior Court Building
1000 Center Drive, Rm. 1045
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Tel: (925) 252-2800
Fax: (925) 252-2801

COLLECTION: 44,777 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Other services include research guides, a lawyer in the library event, tours of the library, interlibrary loans with other libraries, and document delivery. Public computers are available for accessing the legal databases subscribed to by the Library, the internet, the library's online catalog, and word processing software.

[Del Norte County Law
Library & Self-Help Center](#)

Del Norte Courthouse
450 H Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

Tel: (707) 464-8115
x126 (Clerk's Office)

NOTE: The library is only open to the public when the Courthouse is open.

COLLECTION: 7,809 volumes

SERVICES: THE Online Resource Directory of Del Norte County Superior Court provides links to the Del Norte County Superior Court rules and case information, legal research links, legal aid information, forms, and more.

[Humboldt County Law Library](#)

812 4th Street, Room G04
Eureka, CA 95501
Email: lawlibrary@co.humboldt.ca.us

Tel: (707) 476-2356
Fax: (707) 268-0690

COLLECTION: 20,344 volumes

SERVICES: The library's Web site provides links to state and federal legal self-help resources, legal aid groups, free legal forms, a pro se handbook for the U. S. Northern District, primary resources and much more.

[Marin County Law Library](#)

20 North San Pedro Road, Suite 2015
San Rafael, CA 94903

Tel: (415) 499-6355
Fax: (415) 499-6837

COLLECTION: 28,000 volumes

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone. The library's [Web site](#) has links to Marin County legal service resources and forms as well as a search mechanism for finding information about County services. The Web site indicates that the library is not affiliated with the Superior Court.

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[Mendocino County Law Library](#)

County Courthouse
100 North State Street, Room 307
Ukiah, CA 95482

Tel: (707) 463-4201
Fax: (707) 468-3459
Email: lawlib@pacific.net

COLLECTION: 6,000 volumes

SERVICES: Reference service is available in person and by phone. The library's Web site links to cases, statutes, codes, forms, legal self-help, "homework help," county information and more.

[Monterey County Law Library](#)

Federal Office Building
100 West Alisal Street, Suite 144
Salinas, CA 93901

Tel: (831) 755-5046
Fax: (831) 422-9593
Email: christophercobb11@gmail.com

Monterey Branch
Monterey Courthouse
1200 Aguajito Road, Room 202
Monterey, CA 93940

Tel: (831) 647-7746
Fax: (831) 372-6036

COLLECTION: 29,546 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Patrons may access legal databases subscribed to by the library on the library's computers. Other services include limited faxing of known citations, and interlibrary loans. The library's collection is described under "holdings summary" on the library's Web site. The library's Web site also contains links to other important legal Web sites.

[Napa County Law Library](#)

Historic Courthouse
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

Tel: (707) 299-1201
Email: Michael.Blend@napacourt.com

COLLECTION: 318 print titles, 274 online/digital titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available limited hours M-F. The library's print and digital collections are listed on the library's Web site in excel spreadsheets.

SERVICES CONT'D: Three computers are available for searching the library's digital products or accessing approved legal Web sites. Consumer legal education pamphlets from the California State Bar are also available. The library is not a lending library.

[San Benito County Law Library](#)

San Benito County Courthouse

Tel: (831) 636-4057

440 Fifth Street, Room 205

Hollister, CA 95023-3833

Email: selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org

COLLECTION: A small collection of legal books is available for public use during the court's hours, 8:30AM – 4:00PM.

SERVICES: The small claims, civil, family and probate offices are at 440 Fifth Street; family law services and facilitator are at 390 Fifth street. The County Web site provides descriptions of these services and useful legal links to primary and secondary resources.

[San Francisco Law Library](#)

Civic Center Main Law Library

Tel: (415) 554-6821

Veterans War Memorial Building*

Fax: (415) 554-6820

401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 400

San Francisco, CA 94102-4552

Branch Library in the Financial District

Monadnock Building

685 Market Street, Ste 420

Tel: (415) 882-9310

San Francisco, CA 94105

Fax: (415) 882-9594

Courthouse Reference Room

Civic Center Courthouse

Tel: (415) 551-3647

400 McAllister Street, Room 512

Fax: (415) 551-3787

San Francisco, CA 94102

*The Main Law Library is facing eviction in December 2012 and awaiting the City's decision on where to relocate it.

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COLLECTION: 325,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Computers are available for searching the library's legal database subscriptions. Special collections within the main library include MCLE self study programs for attorneys from Versatape, an archive of historic San Francisco Municipal Codes, and a law practice management collection at the Financial District branch. Other services include document delivery, interlibrary loans, tours of the library, and training classes. On the library's Web site, legal research and service Web site are listed under the headings of library services, attorney resources, and self-help. Tips from the Library Cat can be found in the left frame of the Web site. The library's Web site indicates that the "San Francisco Law Library is California's First County Law Library."

[San Mateo County Law Library](#)

Cohn-Sorenson Building
710 Hamilton Street
Redwood City, CA 94063

Tel: (650) 363-4913
Fax: (650) 367-8040

COLLECTION: 29,764 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone. The public has access to legal databases subscribed to by the Library as well as the internet on library computers. The library's Web site contains legal research guides on many subjects; i.e, criminal law, disability law, legal research tutorials, self help legal resources, research links and the library's online catalog. There is a conference room available to rent for a fee, and the Library has a complete collection of print CEB titles and MCLE audio materials. Frequently, there is a noontime lecture series by legal experts.

[Santa Clara County Law Library](#)

360 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Tel: (408) 299-3568
Fax: (408) 286-9283

COLLECTION: 70,000 volumes plus + electronic titles

(Description of services is on the next page.)

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone on a limited basis. The library's 2 public computers may be used to access the library's legal database subscriptions and the internet for free for 30 minutes, and longer, for a fee, if space is available. The library's catalog of titles is currently only available within the library, not on its Web site though the Web site links to legal research sources and self-help legal materials.

[Santa Cruz County Law Library](#)

County Government Center
701 Ocean Street, Room 070
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4027

Tel: (831) 420-2205
Fax: (831) 457-2255
Email: scclawlib@yahoo.com

COLLECTION: 16,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. There are 7 computers on which the public may search, at no cost, the library's subscriptions to fee based legal databases, word processing software and the internet. Document delivery services and interlibrary loans of materials from other libraries are also available. The library's Web site links to self-help resources. The library's catalog is cataloged as part of the [Santa Cruz City County Public Library](#) catalog.

[Solano County Law Library](#)

Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Tel: (707) 421-6520
Tel: (866) 572-7587
Fax: (707) 421-6516

COLLECTION: 18,783 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available as is access to computers for searching the library's legal database subscriptions and the internet on 3 public computers. Meeting rooms are available to rent. The library's online catalog is searchable through the [Solano County Public Library](#) catalog.

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[Sonoma County Public Law Library](#)

2604 Ventura Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Tel: (707) 565-2668
Fax: (707)565-1126

COLLECTION: 29,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and through email (there is a link to a librarian on the library Web site under "Contact a Sonoma County law librarian.) Computers are available for searching the library's legal database subscriptions, legislative history sources can be retrieved from the Secretary of State's office (such as committee analyses) and bill files can be obtained from the Governor's Office, for a fee. Other services include a conference room, interlibrary loans and document delivery. The library's Web site includes useful links to legal research and self help Web sites.

Shasta Cascade

The Shasta Cascade is located in the northeastern part of the state and shares borders with both Oregon and Nevada. This section of the appendix covers the following eight counties: Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

[Butte County Public Law Library](#)

1675 Montgomery Avenue
Oroville, CA 95965

Tel: (530) 538-7122
Fax: (530) 534-1499

Email: jzorbas@sbcglobal.net

COLLECTION: 5,700 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by email, by phone and through the library's participation in the AskNow/Questionpoint service. Public computers allow the public to access the library's legal research subscription databases. For a modest fee, legislative history information can be obtained from the Secretary of State's office and the chaptered bills' files can be obtained from the Governor's Office. Other services include interlibrary loans with other libraries, and document delivery. The library's Web site includes links to self help resources.

[Lassen County Law Library](#)

Lassen Superior Court
Access to Justice Center
145 S. Lassen Street
Susanville, CA 96130

Tel: (530) 251-8353

COLLECTION: Electronic only

SERVICES: A small legal reference collection is available in the [Access to Justice Self Help Center](#) on Lassen Street in addition to legal databases, legal forms, legal clinics, the small claims advisor and the family law facilitator. A new courthouse is under construction at 2610 Riverside Drive in Susanville.

Modoc County Law Library

Modoc County Courthouse
205 South East Street
Alturas, CA 96101

Tel: (530) 233-6515

There is no longer a traditional law library, but electronic access to legal information and Web sites is available on the [Modoc County Superior Court](#) Web site. There is also an online [Self Help Center](#).

[Plumas County Law Library](#)

Plumas County Courthouse
520 Main Street, Room 414
Quincy, CA 95971
Email: lawlibrary@countyofplumas.com

Tel: (530) 283-6325

COLLECTION: 6,190 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Computers are available for accessing legal databases subscribed to by the Library. The library's Web site provides a "collection of legal links," Plumas County information and a description of the library's collection.

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[Shasta County Public Law Library](#)

Shasta County Courts
1500 Court Street, B-7
Redding, CA 96001

Tel: (530) 245-6243

Fax: (530) 245-6966

COLLECTION: 9,200 volumes + electronic titles.

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available during regular library hours. There are six computers for accessing the library's digital legal database subscriptions and the internet; the library's catalog is available on the Shasta College Web site. Self help and other legal assistance is available at the library's [Family Law Facilitator/Self Help Center](#).

[Siskiyou County Law Library](#)

311 Fourth Street, Room 206
Yreka, CA 96097
Email: gderose@siskiyou.courts.ca.gov

Tel: (530) 842-8390

Fax: (530) 842-8339

COLLECTION: 5,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference Service is available. The library is operated by the Superior Court of Siskiyou County. Legal research and self help legal information is available on the Superior Court's [Self-Help Links](#).

[Tehama County Law Library](#)

Courthouse, Room 38
633 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Tel: (530) 527-9252

Tel: (530) 529-5033

COLLECTION: 10,070 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: [The Superior Court's Web site](#) provides links to self help resources. The Library is open Monday – Friday mornings.

Trinity County Law Library

Courthouse

101 Court Street

Weaverville, CA 96093

Tel: (530) 623-5641

NOTE: The county no longer has a traditional law library, but patrons may use the legal resources available at the Court's Access to Justice Center. The [Superior Court's Web site](#) includes links to the Ask Now online law librarian service, California and County legal resource links, legal aid information, forms and more.

Central Valley, Gold Country & High Sierra

This section covers the following 25 counties, plus the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library in Sacramento: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Mariposa, Madera, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

Alpine County Law Library

Superior Court

14777 State Route 89, P.O. Box 518

Markleeville, CA 96120

Tel: (530) 694-2113

There is no longer a traditional law library; LexisNexis is available through the Superior Court Executive Office. The [Alpine County Superior Court](#) Web site has links to self-help legal resources, legal aid clinics and legal forms. Email: Alpineselfhelp@lsnc.net.

Amador County Law Library

Amador County Library

530 Sutter Street

Jackson, CA 95642

Tel: (209) 223-6400

The county law library is part of [Amador County Library](#).

COLLECTION: 1,950 volumes + electronic titles

(Description of services is on the next page.)

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SERVICES: Reference service is available as are print and online legal resources. Self help legal assistance is available from the [Amador County Superior Court](#).

[Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library](#)

Mosk Library and Courts Building
900 N Street, Room 100
Sacramento, CA 95814
P. O. Box 942837
Sacramento, CA 94237

Tel: (916) 654-0185
Fax: (916) 654-2039

COLLECTION: 35,000 volumes + electronic titles + California Appellate briefs since 1863. The law library is part of the California state library which is the only full regional depository of U.S. government publications in California and a complete depository of California government publications.

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web using the [AskNow/Questionpoint live chat service](#). There are public access computers to use the library's digital subscriptions. The library's Web site provides access to the library catalog, interlibrary loans with other libraries, document delivery information and the services and features of other libraries within the California State Library (i.e., Sutro and Braille).

Calaveras County Law Library

Government Center, Legal Building
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249

Tel: (209) 754-6314
(County Counsel)

COLLECTION: 8,250 volumes

SERVICES: This is a self-service library; the [Superior Courts of Calaveras County](#) and Amador County provide a self-help legal center which provides legal assistance in certain types of cases, computers with access to online form Web sites and classes on issues such as wills, divorce and bankruptcy.

[Colusa County Law Library/](#)

Tel (530) 458-5149

Superior Court
547 Market Street, Courthouse Annex
Colusa, CA 95932

There is no longer a separate law library. The [Colusa County Superior Court](#) provides services through a [self help center](#) and family law facilitator office. The office can be reached by email at self-help@colusa.courts.ca.gov.

[El Dorado County Law Library](#)

550 Main Street, Suite A
Placerville, CA 95667-5699

Tel: (530) 621-6423

Email: edlawlibrary@gmail.com

South Lake Tahoe Branch

South Lake Tahoe County Library
1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 621-6423 (same as main)

COLLECTION: 9,000 volumes (combined branches) + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Patrons may search the library's electronic resources on computers at both libraries. Classes and legal clinics are offered by County Court officials on various legal procedures.

[Fresno County Public Law Library](#)

1100 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 600
Fresno, CA 93721
Email: lawlibrary@co.fresno.ca.us

Tel: (559) 237-2227

Fax: (559) 442-4960

COLLECTION: 44,000 volumes/3300 titles + electronic titles
SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web using [AskNow's law librarian live chat service](#). The library's Web site provides a link to blank pleading paper formatted for use in Fresno Superior Court, the Nolo Press legal database of self help titles, legal research Web sites, the library's online public access catalog and Fresno Superior Court's "representing yourself" information.

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Glenn County Law Library

525 W. Sycamore Street
Willows, CA 95988
Fax: (530) 934-6406

Tel: (530) 934-6455
Tel: (530) 934-6461

COLLECTION: The library has no print collection. LexisNexis is available at the following two *Glenn County Public Libraries*:

[Orland Free Library](#)

333 Mill Street
Orland, CA 95963
(530) 865-1640

[Willows Public Library](#)

201 N. Lassen
Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-5156

SERVICES: [Glenn County Superior Court](#) provides links on its Web site to self-help legal and general Web site resources.

Inyo County Law Library

Inyo County Library

Independence County Courthouse
168 N. Edwards Street, Basement
(P. O. Box Drawer K)
Independence, CA 93526

Tel: (760) 878-0260

COLLECTION: 3,775 volumes

SERVICES: The Law Library is operated by the Independence Public Library; the print collection is in a closed room, accessible only through librarians at the public library. The library maintains subscriptions to legal databases. Self help legal assistance is available through Inyo Superior County Superior Court's Self Help Legal Center.

[Kings County Law Library](#)

Kings County Government Center
1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Building 4
Hanford, CA 93230

Tel: (559) 582-3211

COLLECTION: 12,700 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available. The library's legal database subscriptions, word processing and the internet for limited legal research may be accessed on the library's public computer. Interlibrary loans are available. The Library's Web site includes a complete description of the library's print and digital collection, the library's policies, research links, and information about other County services.

[Lake County Law Library](#)

255 N. Forbes Street (mail)
175 3rd Street (physical)
Lakeport, CA 95453

Tel: (707) 263-2205

Fax: (707) 263-2207

Email: kathleen.Oconnor@lakecountyca.gov

COLLECTION: 7,000 volumes + electronic titles. The EBSCO Legal reference center collection of the full text of Nolo self help legal publications is available from the library's Web site.

SERVICES: The library's Web site provides a description of Lake County's print collection, a list of the electronic resources available on its two public access computers, and legal research links. The Library will do interlibrary loans with other libraries. There is an extensive collection of self help/Nolo Press legal publications.

[Mariposa County Law Library](#)

Mariposa County Self Help Center
5092 Jones Street
Mariposa, CA 95338

Tel: (209) 742-5322

Fax: (209) 966-2079

COLLECTION: 2,742 volumes

SERVICES: The [Mariposa Self Help Center](#) Web site lists self help resources and services available at the Mariposa Superior Court & Self Help Center. There are a number of self help legal books at the Center.

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[Madera County Law Library](#)

209 West Yosemite Avenue
Madera, CA 93637

Tel: (559) 673-0378
Email: maderalawlibrary@sbcglobal.net

COLLECTION: 13,500 volumes

SERVICES: The library's online catalog is linked to [ValleyCat](#), the San Joaquin Valley library system catalog. Legal self help is available at the [Madera County Superior Court](#). The Library is open Monday-Friday mornings.

[Merced County Law Library](#)

670 West 22nd Street
Merced, CA 95340

Tel: (209) 385-7332
Fax: (209) 385-7448

COLLECTION: 17,295 volumes + CD-ROM titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone on a limited basis. The library will do interlibrary loans with the California state law library. The Library's collection is described on the library's Web site. Self help legal assistance is available at the [Merced County Superior Court](#).

[Mono County Law Library](#)

[Mono County Public Libraries](#)

P.O. Box 1120
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Tel: (760) 934-8670
Fax: (760) 934-6268

Bridgeport Branch

94 N. School Street
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Tel: (760) 932-7482
Fax: (760) 932-7539

Mammoth Lakes Branch

400 Sierra Park Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Tel: (760) 934-4777
Fax: (760) 934-6268

COLLECTION: The Mono County Law Library is now part of the Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes Public Libraries.

(Description of services is on next page.)

SERVICES: Reference assistance, interlibrary loans with other libraries, and other public library services are listed on the libraries' Web site. Self-help legal assistance is available at the [Mono County Superior Court](#) .

[Nevada County Law Library](#)

Nevada County Courthouse

Tel: (530) 265-2918

201 Church Street, Suite 9

Tel: (530) 470-2594

Nevada City, CA 95959

Email: Law.Library@nevadacountycourts.com

COLLECTION: 6,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available as are computers for using the library's legal database subscriptions, word processing and creating legal pleadings. The library Web site provides access to its online public access catalog. The [County's Public Law \(self help\)](#) Center and County Small Claims Advisor are located within the law library.

[Placer County Law Library](#)

[Sparks Law Library of Placer County](#)

Tel: (530) 823-2573

1523 Lincoln Way

Auburn, CA 95603

COLLECTION: 8,751 volumes + electronic titles + digital access to the full text of EBSCO's legal reference center of Nolo Press titles.

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available. Public computers provide access to the legal database subscriptions maintained by the Law Library and word processing software. The law library's catalog is included within the online catalog of the [Placer County Library](#).

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[Sacramento County Public Law Library](#)

813 Sixth Street, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tel: (916) 874-6011
Fax: (916) 874-7050

COLLECTION: 67,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone, email, and on the Web using [AskNow's law librarian live chat service](#). To access the library's digital subscriptions and the internet, public computers are available. Other services at the library include classes and workshops, a regular Lawyer in the library event, tours of the library, the [Sacramento County civil self help center](#), MCLE resources for attorneys and federal and state depository publications (the library is both a selective federal and state depository). Using the library's Web site, users can arrange for interlibrary loans with other libraries, document delivery, search the library's online public access catalog, read or view tutorial guides under the tab for "library services," watch a video on Conservatorships, or take a virtual tour of the library.

[Stockton-San Joaquin County Law Library](#)

Kress Legal Center
20 N. Sutter Street
Stockton, CA 95202

Tel: (209) 468-3920
Fax: (209) 468-9968

COLLECTION: 27,759 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Legal resources are listed and linked to on the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public library Web site. The public library's Web site includes online access to the library's catalog of resources. The library is a selective depository of U.S. government publications which are housed in the [Cesar Chavez Central Library](#).

[Sierra County Law Library](#)

Sierra County Courthouse
100 Courthouse Square
Downieville, CA 95936

Tel: (530) 289-3269

(Collection and service information are listed on next page.)

COLLECTION: 1,000 volumes

SERVICES: The Sierra County law library has a small collection of California legal resources which are available to the public, and maintained by the Sierra County District Attorney's Office. The Sierra County Superior Court houses the office of the Family Law Facilitator; the Court's Web site, under the tab for self-help provides legal resource links to services available on the internet, legal forms, court rules and much more.

Stanislaus County Law Library

1101 13th Street

Modesto, CA 95354-0907

Email: lawlibrary@arrival.net

Tel: (209) 558-7759

Fax: (209) 558-8284

COLLECTION: 22,172 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person and by phone. Legal databases and word processing are available on the library's computers. The main page of the library's Web site provides what they consider the most useful tools for finding information for attorneys and the self represented litigant under two separate "Quick links." Other services include the availability of a conference room to rent and interlibrary loans with other libraries.

Sutter County Law Library

Sutter County Superior Court

430 Center Street

Yuba City, CA 95991

COLLECTION: There is no longer a traditional law library.

SERVICES: Resources are available at the Sutter County Superior Court and on the Court's Web site. The [Self Help Legal Center](#) at the Court has its services listed under the Web site menu listing for "family" services. FAQ's are arranged under the menu tabs of civil, criminal, traffic and small claims.

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[Tulare County Public Law Library](#)

221 South Mooney Boulevard, Room 1
County Courthouse
Visalia, CA 93291-9543

Tel: (559) 636-4600
Fax: (559) 730-2613
Email: lawlibrary@co.tulare.ca.us

COLLECTION: 18,000 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference service is available in person, by phone on a limited basis and email. 5 public computers provide access to electronic products subscribed to by the library and Wi-Fi. Library tours are available. The Library's catalog is available on the library Web site, as is the full text of Nolo Press legal titles under the tab for "links."

[Tuolumne County Law Library](#)

Legal Resource and Self-Help Center
41 West Yaney Avenue
Sonora, CA 95370

Tel: (209) 533-6565
Fax: (209) 536-0718

COLLECTION: 8,575 volumes

SERVICES: The law library is within the County's self help center. The Center provides reference assistance; legal databases and word processing are on the center's computers. The Tuolumne County Superior Court's Web site offers extensive information on legal matters by subject.

[Yolo County Law Library](#)

204 Fourth Street, Suite A
Woodland, CA 95695
Email: law.library@yolocounty.org

Tel: (530) 666-8918
Fax: (530) 666-8618

COLLECTION: 17,500 volumes + electronic titles

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available in person, by phone and email. Four public computers are available to access legal databases subscribed to by the library and the internet. Legal resource links to state, county and general resources are available on the library's Web site.

Yuba County Law Library

303 Second Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Tel: (530) 749-7380

Email: gzurakowski@co.yuba.ca.us

COLLECTION: There is no longer a traditional law library.

SERVICES: Reference assistance is available from the Yuba County Public Library. The Yuba County Library provides electronic access to law library materials. There is an online catalog of print and electronic resources.