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1. Constitution of Virginia – found in print version of Code of Virginia 1950 (below) and West’s Annotated Code of Virginia (below). Also available online at <http://legis.state.va.us/Laws/Constitution.htm>
2. State Code: Code of Virginia 1950 (Va. Code Ann.) or West’s Annotated Code of Virginia (Ann. Code Va.). Also available online at <http://legis.state.va.us/Laws/CodeofVa.htm>
3. State bills: Available online via Virginia’s Legislative Information System (LIS) at <http://leg1.state.va.us/>
4. State administrative code: Virginia Administrative Code (VAC); also available online at <http://legis.state.va.us/Laws/AdminCode.htm>
5. County/municipal codes:  
See online listings at:  
American Law Sources On-line (Virginia page at <http://www.lawsources.com/also/usa.cgi?va#Z9Q>)  
General Code Publishers Corp. (Virginia page at <http://www.generalcode.com/webcode2.html#virg>)  
Municipal Code Corp. (Virginia page at [http://www.municode.com/resources/code\\_list.asp?stateID=46](http://www.municode.com/resources/code_list.asp?stateID=46))
6. State jury instructions: Instructions for Virginia and West Virginia. 4 vols. Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis, 1998 (updated with pocket parts)  
Virginia Jury Instructions. Eagan, MN: West, 2004.  
Virginia Model Jury Instructions – Civil. 2 vols. Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis, 1993 (updated as looseleaf)  
Virginia Model Jury Instructions – Criminal. 2 vols. Charlottesville: LexisNexis, 1998 (updated as looseleaf)
7. State form books: Virginia Forms. 6 vols. Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis, 1998-2003 (updated with pocket parts).  
Note: some treatises and continuing legal education (CLE) materials may also contain forms. See <http://www.vacle.org/books.htm> for a list of Virginia CLE books, and refer to A Guide to Legal Research in Virginia and/or Legal Research in The District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (below) for a list of treatises.  
Some forms are available online via the Virginia Courts’ website at <http://www.courts.state.va.us/forms/home.html>, and via Legal Services of Northern Virginia at <http://www.lsnv.org/publicforms.htm>
8. State legal encyclopedia: Michie’s Jurisprudence of Virginia and West Virginia. Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis.
9. State cases:  
South Eastern Reporter. St. Paul, MN: West.  
Virginia Reports (Supreme Court of Virginia decisions). Atlanta, GA: Darby Printing.  
Virginia Court of Appeals Reports. St. Paul, MN: West.

Virginia Circuit Court Opinions (selected opinions only). Charlottesville, VA:  
LexisNexis. PREMISE for Virginia (full-text caselaw on CD-ROM). St.  
Paul, MN: West.

Virginia CaseFinder (full-text Virginia caselaw on CD-ROM). St. Cloud, MN: Geronimo  
Development Corp.

Virginia Primary Law (*nee* Virginia Law on Disc) (full-text Virginia caselaw on CD-  
ROM). Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis.

Note: slip opinions for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Virginia are also  
available online via the Virginia Courts' website at

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/opin.htm>

10. State digest: Virginia and West Virginia Digest: Covering Cases from State and Federal  
Courts. St. Paul, MN: West.  
See also: Virginia Domestic Relations Case Finder, Virginia Criminal Law Case Finder,  
Virginia Insurance Case Finder, Virginia Torts Case Finder, and Virginia Workers'  
Compensation Case Finder. Charlottesville, VA: LexisNexis.
11. How to join the local AALL chapter: to become a member of the Virginia Association of  
Law Libraries (VALL), go to VALL's website at <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/> ; listserv  
open to members only.
12. Referral policies. Note that even though many academic law libraries are open to the  
public, subscription databases such as Westlaw and Lexis are often restricted to use by  
law students and faculty only.  
Appalachian School of Law Library: open to public. Policies online at  
<http://www.asl.edu/library/information.php>  
Arthur J. Morris Law Library (University of Virginia School of Law): open to public.  
Policies online at <http://www.law.virginia.edu/home2002/html/librarisite/library.htm>  
(select "Policies" under "General Information")  
George Mason Law Library: open to public (sign-in required, ID may be requested).  
Policies online at <http://www.law.gmu.edu/libtech/about.html>  
Marshall-Wythe Law Library (Marshall-Wythe Law School, College of William &  
Mary): open to public. Policies online at  
[http://www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary/about/about\\_policies.shtml](http://www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary/about/about_policies.shtml)  
Muse Law Library (School of Law, University of Richmond): open to public. Policies  
online at <http://law.richmond.edu/librarytech/servgde.htm>  
Regent University Law Library policies online at  
<http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/library/circpoli.html>  
Wilbur C. Hall Law Library (Washington and Lee University): open to public. Policies  
online at <http://law.wlu.edu/Library/services/guide.asp>
13. Federal Depository Libraries in Virginia: list available online via GPOAccess (the  
Government Printing Office's web site); Virginia page at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-  
bin/modalldep.cgi?cmd+VA](http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/modalldep.cgi?cmd+VA)
14. Bar associations: Virginia State Bar (mandatory bar) online at <http://www.vsb.org/> ;  
Virginia Bar Association (voluntary bar) online at <http://vba.org/>
15. Virginia research guides:  
A Guide to Legal Research in Virginia. Charlottesville, VA: Virginia CLE Publications.  
Legal Research in The District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Buffalo, NY: Wm.  
S. Hein & Co.

The Appalachian School of Law Library research guides online at

[http://www.asl.edu/library/Legal\\_Links/index.php](http://www.asl.edu/library/Legal_Links/index.php)

Arthur J. Morris Law Library (University of Virginia School of Law): research guide online at

<http://www.law.virginia.edu/lawweb/lawweb2.nsf/0/739601e6e75c2a1a852566d0004e8129?OpenDocument>

Edward Bennett Williams Library (Georgetown University Law Center): guide online at

[http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/sass/va\\_guide.html](http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/sass/va_guide.html)

Marshall-Wythe Law Library (Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary): research guide online at <http://www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary/research/howto/va-intro.shtml>

Muse Law Library (University of Richmond School of Law) research guides online at

<http://law.richmond.edu/library/pubs/>

VALegalAid.org: Contains a series of articles designed for the lay patron which discuss common legal topics. Also has a directory of legal aid programs. Online at

<http://www.valegalaid.org/VA/index.cfm>