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### CALIFORNIA'S COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES

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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.](#)<sup>1</sup> 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 five years.

#### Services:

Reference and research assistance (but not advise) 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 classes for attorneys as well as classes on how to find legal information in print or

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<sup>1</sup>See the Legislative Counsel of California's Website ([www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://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.

online for paralegals and pro se litigants. Almost all the libraries offer fee based document delivery and an 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

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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### *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.

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

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

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

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### [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](mailto:accesscenter@imperial.courts.ca.gov) or [Maribel.Martinez@imperial.courts.ca.gov](mailto: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 website 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 Cosso 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

(The LA Law Library's legal paid subscription databases are available at these branches in a specially designated kiosk. A user can also email a question to a reference librarian at the Main Library. )

*Long Beach Branch*

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

*Norwalk Branch*

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

*Pomona Branch*

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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. The Library's subscriptions to LexisAdvance, WestlawNext, CEB Onlaw and HeinOnline are available.

[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:** 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,

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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.

**SERVICES (CONT'D):** 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. 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. The Library's Web site provides access to the library's online catalog, research guides in English and Spanish,

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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@sloccl.org](mailto:lawlibrarian@sloccl.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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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### [Bernard E. Witkin](#)

#### [Alameda County Law Library](#)

125 Twelfth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

Tel: (510) 208-4800  
Fax: (510) 208-3907

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

#### [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.)*

**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 website 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553-1276

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

#### *Richmond Branch*

Superior Court Building  
100 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 237  
Richmond, CA 94805

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

#### *Pittsburgh Branch*

Superior Court Building

Tel: (925) 252-2800

1000 Center Drive, Rm. 1045  
Pittsburg, CA 94565

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)

<http://www.delnorte.courts.ca.gov>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Room G04  
Eureka, CA 95501

Tel: (707) 476-2356

Fax: (707) 268-0690

Email: [lawlibrary@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:lawlibrary@co.humboldt.ca.us)

**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.

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### [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.

### [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](mailto: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](mailto: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 website 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](mailto: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. 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  
440 Fifth Street, Room 205  
[selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org](mailto:selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org)  
Hollister, CA 95023-3833

Tel: (831) 636-4057

Email:

**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 website provides descriptions of these services and useful legal links to primary and secondary resources.

[San Francisco Law Library](#)

Civic Center Main Law Library  
Veterans War Memorial Building\*  
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 400  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4552

Tel: (415) 554-6821

Fax: (415) 554-6820

*Branch Library in the Financial District*

Monadnock Building  
685 Market Street, Ste 420  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Tel: (415) 882-9310

Fax: (415) 882-9594

*Courthouse Reference Room*

Civic Center Courthouse

Tel: (415) 551-3647

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400 McAllister Street, Room 512  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Fax: (415) 551-3787

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

**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.

**SERVICES (CONT'D):** Other services include document delivery, interlibrary loans, tours of the library, and training classes. On the library's website, legal research and service website 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."

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

### [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

**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available in person and by phone on a limited basis. The library's Web site links to legal research sources and self-help legal materials.

**SERVICES (CONT'D):** 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 the library's Web site; however, the Web site description of the collection links the library's major titles to their publisher's web site for a full description of a title.

**[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](mailto: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.

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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](#).

### [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. The area 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](mailto: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](#)

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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

Tel: (530) 283-6325

Email: [lawlibrary@countyofplumas.com](mailto:lawlibrary@countyofplumas.com)

**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.

### [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

Tel: (530) 842-8390

Fax: (530) 842-8339

Email: [gderose@siskiyou.courts.ca.gov](mailto:gderose@siskiyou.courts.ca.gov)

**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.

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### *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](mailto: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

**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/](#)**

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

Tel (530) 458-5149

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**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. The library catalog is linked to on the library website under "Library [thing](#)."

### [Fresno County Public Law Library](#)

1100 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 600

Fresno, CA 93724

Email: [lawlibrary@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:lawlibrary@co.fresno.ca.us)

Tel: (559) 600-2227\*

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 websites, the library's online public access catalog and Fresno Superior Court's "representing yourself" information. (\*Changed 8/31/12)

### *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                      Tel: (760) 878-0260  
168 N. Edwards Street, Basement  
(P. O. Box Drawer K)  
Independence, CA 93526

**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                      Tel: (559) 582-3211  
1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Building 4  
Hanford, CA 93230

**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.

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### [Lake County Law Library](#)

255 N. Forbes Street (mail)  
175 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453

Tel: (707) 263-2205  
Fax: (707) 263-2207

Email: [kathleen.Oconnor@lakecountyca.gov](mailto: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 website.

**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.

### [Madera County Law Library](#)

209 West Yosemite Avenue  
Madera, CA 93637

Tel: (559) 673-0378

Email: [maderalawlibrary@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

201 Church Street, Suite 9

Nevada City, CA 95959

Email: [Law.Library@nevadacountycourts.com](mailto:Law.Library@nevadacountycourts.com)

Tel: (530) 265-2918

Tel: (530) 470-2594

**COLLECTION:** 6,000 volumes + electronic titles

**SERVICES:** Reference assistance is available as are computers for using the library's legal database subscriptions, word processing

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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](#).

### [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 website 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:**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 website, 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 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Modesto, CA 95354-0907  
Email: [lawlibrary@arrival.net](mailto:lawlibrary@arrival.net)

Tel: (209) 558-7759

Fax: (209) 558-8284

**COLLECTION:** 22,172 volumes + electronic titles

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**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 website. The [Self Help Legal Center](#) at the Court has its services listed under the website menu listing for "family" services. FAQ's are arranged under the menu tabs of civil, criminal, traffic and small claims.

### [Tulare County Public Law Library](#)

221 South Mooney Boulevard, Room 1                      Tel: (559) 636-4600  
County Courthouse    Fax: (559) 730-2613  
Visalia, CA 93291-9543                                      Email: [lawlibrary@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto: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 - [Search - Tulare County Public Law Library - 5.5.9 build 20100811](#) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.