

Arkansas Supreme Court Library

Guide for Law Clerks and Court Staff

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Welcome to the Supreme Court Library

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

The principal purpose of the library is to provide information and research services to support the work of the Arkansas appellate courts housed in the Justice Building. Except for its Rare Book Room, the library is unlocked and court staff have access at all times. In addition to the main library, the library staff maintains special collections in judicial chambers, Court of Appeals Library North, Court of Appeals Library South, and AOC Library, for staff use.

The main library is open to the general public from 8:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday-Friday (closed Arkansas state holidays). It is a reference collection for in-room use only, meaning, library materials are not loaned (except by permission of the library director).

Questions or comments may be directed to any librarian any time:

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Library Collection

The library holds approximately 100,000 items in its print collection, including books, periodicals, government documents, photos, and microforms.

The library's [online catalog is here](#).

A summary listing of the library's [subscription databases and e-resources is here](#).

PHYSICAL LAYOUT: Main Floor

“ARKANSAS” Collection:

- *Arkansas Law Review*
- *Arkansas Lawyer*
- *UALR Law Review*
- *Acts of Arkansas*
- *Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated* (Current – with pocket parts)
- *Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated* (Superseded) + pocket parts (separately bound)
- *Arkansas Statutes of 1947 Annotated* + pocket parts (separately bound)
- Arkansas historical digests = *Revised Statutes of 1837, English's Digest, Gould's Digest, Gantt's Digest, Mansfield's Digest, Sandels & Hill's Digest, Kirby's Digest, Castle's Digest, Crawford & Moses's Digest, Pope's Digest*
- *Arkansas Reports/Arkansas Appellate Reports*
- *Arkansas Digest*
- *Arkansas Court Rules*
- Arkansas Bar Association practice handbooks
- ThomsonReuters Arkansas Practice Series treatises
- *Handling Appeals in Arkansas* (Arkansas Bar Association)
- Selected Arkansas-specific practice handbooks & guides
- Arkansas Bar Examination: questions & “best” answers

“TREATISES“ Collection:

- *The Blue book: A Uniform System of Citation*
- *ALWD Citation Manual*
- Legal forms books
- Treatises
- Microforms & Microform Reader/Printer/Scanner
- Vertical Files (clippings, pamphlets, photos, etc.)

RARE BOOK ROOM:

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

PHYSICAL LAYOUT: Mezzanine

- Periodicals: newspapers, law journals, law reviews
- Arkansas government documents
- U.S. government documents

PHYSICAL LAYOUT: Basement

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

Arkansas Government Documents

The library is a selective Arkansas state depository, meaning it receives selected Arkansas government documents published by state government agencies. Arkansas government documents are arranged by Arkansas Documents classification numbers. The Arkansas Documents collection is located on library's mezzanine level.

U.S. Government Documents

The library is a selective federal depository, meaning it receives selected U.S. government documents from the U.S. Government Publishing Office. Federal government documents are classified according to the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) scheme. Federal documents, with rare exception, are located on the library's mezzanine level. Federal government publications in electronic format may be located via the federal government's [GovInfo](#) website.

Rare Book Room

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

Borrowing Print Resources

Staff may borrow any item for use in his or her office. To do so, please see a librarian so that the loan may be recorded --however, if court staff needs to borrow an item outside regular business hours, he or she should please record the loan in the Check-Out Records notebook located on the library's public service desk **AND** inform a librarian by email so that the loan may be recorded electronically.

Computers & Study Tables

Public computers are available for use in the main library. Two computers are located near the public service desk, which are networked to the laser printer at the public service desk. Small study tables are located in the library.

Document Delivery

Upon request, the librarian will locate and deliver items to you. For items that are not held by the Supreme Court Library, inter-library loans (hard copy or digital) will be arranged when possible.

Suggest an Addition to the Collection

Upon staff request, new materials may be purchased and added permanently to our collection by the library director. Recommendations are always very welcome - funds permitting, the item will be purchased and you will be notified when it is available.

Photocopier/ Fax Machine/Microfiche Reader-Printer-Scanner/Typewriter
are available in the library.

Other Libraries and Archives

- [Arkansas State Archives \(formerly Arkansas History Commission\)](#), One Capitol Mall, #215 (72201). Holds a large number of documents and artifacts related to the history of Arkansas, including manuscript materials, maps, newspapers on microfilm, photographs, census records, military records, and county, state, and federal records.
- [Arkansas State Library](#), 900 W. Capitol (72201). Arkansas state employees may [apply online for remote access to the State Library's online database subscriptions](#). Also, if you wish to borrow books, please visit the library on the 900 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, to obtain a library card.
- [Central Arkansas Library System \(CALs\)](#), 401 President Clinton Avenue (72201). Residents of the communities served by CALs [may obtain a library card in person or by online application](#). The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, a department of CALs, is a research collection for the purpose of promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of Arkansas history, literature, art, and culture.
- [William H. Bowen School of Law/UA-Little Rock-Pulaski County Bar Association Law Library](#), 1201 McMath Avenue (72202). This academic library works cooperatively with the Supreme Court Library regarding shared research and inter-library loans. Its [Special Collections](#) include Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records (civil cases, 1836-1926, criminal cases, 1836-1963).