

# A GUIDE TO THE CLARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

## ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The Clark County Law Library is a public research law library that provides equality of access to the most recent statutes, case law and the best available commentary regarding legal issues to the bench, bar, governmental agencies, and the residents of Southern Nevada.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

**RESEARCH** – patrons may use the library to research statutes, case law, and treatises on a variety of legal issues.

**REFERENCE SERVICES** – the staff of the Library can support the library user by showing patrons how to use the materials in the collection to research their legal needs.

**INTERNET LEGAL RESEARCH** – several computers are available to assist patrons in accessing legal information and resources available online.

**WESTLAW DATABASE** – patrons may use this database to search for laws and cases using keywords and citation search strategies. This service is free to the public through the Library's subscription.

**WORD PROCESSING COMPUTERS** – computers are available for the drafting of court documents.

**TYPEWRITERS** – are available at no charge.

**REFERRALS** – for legal issues beyond the scope of the Clark County Law Library's mission, staff will refer patrons to legal services or social service agencies for further assistance.

**CONFERENCE ROOMS** – patrons may reserve one of the library's conference rooms for legal purposes such as depositions, mediations and client meetings. Please call 702/455-4696 to make a reservation.

**OUR WEBPAGE** – the Clark County Law Library webpage: [www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary) provides hyperlinks to Nevada, Federal and other States laws, forms, and resources.

## RESEARCH MATERIALS

The library collection contains more than 70,000 volumes, over 260 periodical titles and computerized databases.

The Library's collection is available in several formats, such as hardbound books, microfiche, legal journals, CD-ROMs, Audio/Video media, and Internet resources.

- **Federal Law** – the United States Code Annotated (USCA) and the United States Code Congressional and Administrative News (USCAN) contain federal laws and legislation.
- **State Law** – the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) are the State Laws of Nevada. Laws for other states are available through Internet resources.
- **Case Law** – Reporters contain precedential decisions on all State Supreme Courts, Federal Administrative Agencies, Federal Appellate Courts and the United States Supreme Court.
- **Administrative Agencies Regulations** – are rules and regulations that govern agencies and interpret statutes. For example, Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).
- **Legal Encyclopedias** – provide concise information about legal issues and cross-references you to other legal resources.
- **Legal Dictionaries** – contain definitions of legal terms.
- **Law Reviews, Law Journals, and Restatements** – analyze and critique particular legal issues.

- **Computerized Database** – our database subscriptions allow patrons to search electronically for cases, laws and information.
- **Treatises** – legal books pertaining to a particular legal subject; such as Landlord/Tenant or Worker's Compensation.

To check title availability, please call us at 702/455-4696 or search our catalog at [www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary).

## POLICIES

In order to provide a productive environment for our patrons, the Clark County Law Library has instituted rules of conduct and polices, some of which are stated below. To view the complete Clark County Law Library Code of Patron Conduct, please see Pathfinder 2.

**Please keep your conversations to a whisper while in the library.**

**Cell phones must be turned off or set to “vibrate”.**

**Copies are \$0.25 a page.**

**A photo ID is required to use library computers.**

**Sleeping is prohibited in the library.**

**No food or drink is allowed in the library.**

**The solicitation of legal advice is prohibited.**

**Children must be closely supervised.**

**While library staff may assist you in using legal materials, they are strictly prohibited from interpreting laws, selecting forms or legal language, performing your legal research, or otherwise providing legal advice.**