

# LEGAL FORMS IN NEVADA

Currently the State of Nevada has not established standardized court forms. However, several Nevada and Clark County Courts have created a variety of forms that are available online. It is always wise to check the court in which the documents will be filed for forms and information. Links to forms in various courts can be found on the Clark County Law Library's Legal Forms page at [www.accessclarkcounty.com/law\\_library](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/law_library).

The United States District Court-District of Nevada forms and local rules can be located at [www.nvd.uscourts.gov/Forms.aspx](http://www.nvd.uscourts.gov/Forms.aspx).

If a suitable form is not available on the Internet, you may have to create a form using a sample, an outline or instructions from a variety of resources. The library staff can recommend resources that may be useful, but cannot choose or comment on forms, samples, or information.

**Comprehensive Forms Index** – This index has been prepared by the Clark County Law Library to provide a quick reference to forms and samples of forms available on the Clark County website, in the Nevada Association of Legal Secretaries (NALS), and our Forms Bank. A link is provided at the top of our Legal Forms page. If you are unable to locate the form you need in this index, the Law Library staff can assist in locating other sources that may be of more assistance.

**Nevada Association of Legal Secretaries Handbook of Legal Forms (NALS)** – This set contains samples of forms that are frequently used in the Nevada Courts. These forms are samples that need to be re-typed using the Nevada Court Styling format. These forms are general in nature and the language may have to be adjusted to fit your particular needs.

**Court Styling** – Court Styling refers to the format in which documents in the Nevada Courts must be typed. It contains a breakdown of the information that is commonly used in Nevada Courts.

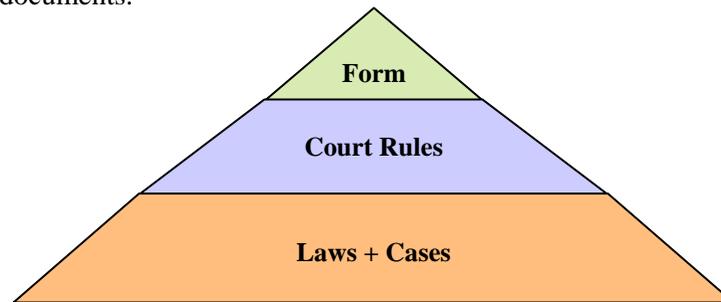
**Document Preparation Pamphlet** – This pamphlet gives detailed information on how to prepare a document. It has been prepared by the District Court Clerk Office and is available on their website at [www.clarkcountycourts.us/clerk/legal-forms/DOCPREPGUIDE08-09.pdf](http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/clerk/legal-forms/DOCPREPGUIDE08-09.pdf).

**Nevada Civil Practice Manual** – The Nevada Civil Practice Manual covers a variety of civil practice issues and may contain explanations and sample forms for your particular issue.

**Rules of Court** – provides court rules of procedure for the various Nevada Court jurisdictions. The Rules of Court govern a variety of issues, such as the layout of court forms, how days are calculated and appellate procedure.

\*Note: Whether you are a lawyer, or are representing yourself in court, judges will expect you to know and follow all court rules.

**Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)** – are the state laws for Nevada. The NRS contains all of the Statutes of Laws of Nevada of a General, Public and Permanent Nature. The NRS is the primary source of law for the state of Nevada. Some state laws may include an outline or specify the information to be included in the documents.



***Represent Yourself in Court: How to Prepare & Try a Winning Case*** by Paul Bergman & Sara J. Berman-Barrett; 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Berkeley, CA: NOLO, 2007. This book is specifically written for people who are not attorneys and find themselves involved in legal matters. It can offer general information regarding the court process and legal procedures.

**Black's Legal Dictionary** – provides definitions for legal terms commonly used in court documents.

**Westlaw All Forms Library** – this database provides a link to forms and sample language available in a variety of resources published by West.

**American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms** – an encyclopedia of legal language that may be used to create legal documents. The following are examples of legal language you may find:

- Relocation of Child from State
- Petition for Title of an Abandoned Vehicle
- Opposition to the Motion of an Adverse Party

Legal terms may be defined within the following resources:

- Nevada Revised Statutes
- Black's Law Dictionary
- American Jurisprudence Encyclopedia
- Corpus Juris Secundum Encyclopedia
- Words and Phrases

The Clark County Law Library staff cannot define legal terms, but can assist you in using the above resources to define the following legal terms you may encounter, and should familiarize yourself with, in Nevada Courts:

- Answer
- Briefs
- Civil
- Criminal
- Complaint
- Defendant
- Motion
- Order
- Petition
- Plaintiff
- Pleadings
- Pro Se
- Response
- Summons