

Read up on the Law at the Law Library!

Ever wonder about a law, or hear about an interesting case on television?

Do you or someone in your family have legal issues? Is your sister going through a child custody dispute, or do you have parents who are considering establishing a trust? Are you thinking about forming a business enterprise? Ever been denied SSI or Social Security benefits or want to appeal a DMV issue? Have you written a song, a screenplay, or a computer program--and would like to learn more about how the law affords protection to intellectual property? Have you been having problems with your homeowners' association?



Many people have legal questions--but they don't know how to start, or where to find answers without the assistance of an attorney.

Most people don't realize that they have a potential source of information available -- free of charge--and it has been available all along: **The Clark County Law Library.**

- The Clark County Law Library is the place to find:
- Laws, both state and federal.
- Court cases from the state Supreme Court level (yes, even out-of-state), or any level of the federal courts.

- State and federal regulations and agency decisions.

If you need legal forms, the library has thousands of them -- both contractual and pleading including:

- Forms for buying and selling property, business interests, or services.
- Forms for forming a partnership.
- Forms for petitioning a court for redress.
- Forms to respond to a complaint and summons.
- Guardianship forms, power of attorney forms.
- Forms for a temporary protective order, or any other form of injunction.
- We even have forms to petition a court for title for that abandoned car your brother-in-law left in your driveway last year.

Add to that the fact that the library has available, through its treatise collection, thousands of titles ranging from aviation accident law to zoning, and everything in-between.

So...the library has the information. But you might still have some trepidation about actually visiting the library as getting information out of library sources can be a difficult, frustrating, and time-consuming experience.

The knowledgeable and helpful staff of the law library can facilitate your legal research by recommending time-saving strategies, alternative sources, or offer an explanation on the organization and use of the materials contained in the library. The power of the library is in its collection, coupled with the helpful staff who can explain the use of that collection.



Note, however, that while the staff can explain the structure of a law book, the interpretation of the contents and the future application of this information rests solely in the hands of the patron. It is a violation of state law for a non-lawyer to render legal advice. We cannot recommend a legal course of action. As a general rule, the staff can assist in locating informative materials, but cannot interpret the materials to the patron. Legal research, just as in any library research, requires individual initiative and elbow grease to make it work. We are a research library, not a legal clinic. We "let our books do the speaking" to the patron.

The Law Library also functions as an information and referral agency: we can make appropriate referrals to various other help agencies, such as the Senior Citizen's Law Project, Self-Help Center, Pro Bono Foundation, or Nevada Legal Services, to name a few. If we don't have it, we very likely know where to find it.

The staff of the Clark County Law Library answers over 14,000 reference questions per year. Give us a chance to answer yours!

For more information on how the Law Library can potentially be of help to you, visit our website at www.co.clark.nv.us/law_library/home_page.htm or give the library a call at 455-4696. We're awaiting your questions!

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