



DALLAS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

The Law Library Has Moved (Yes, Again)

On Monday, March 27, 2023 the Dallas County Law Library officially opened in our new space. The Library relocated from the 7th floor of George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Building to the *basement*, to make way for the planned Probate Courts renovation. The 4,000+ square foot facility has many new and exciting upgrades.

The existing footprint of the previous tenant, the Tax Department, led the library design team to make the reference desk the focal point of the build. Patrons entering the library are immediately presented with access to the three on-duty Librarians and Library Assistants stationed at the front desk. The entry area also contains two copy machines for public use.

New space means new technology and the entry area of the Law Library contains a large-screen monitor on the wall which will scroll through information relative to library patrons. Along the walls are eight new individual computer stations with free access to the internet, Westlaw, Lexis and the Lexis/Nexis Digital Collection.

The library's print collection resides in the middle of the space, just to the side of the reference desk. The stacks hold the library's collection of Texas reference books, including the complete set of Vernon's, Texas Digest 2nd, Texas Jur 3rd, General Laws of Texas 1822-current and all major Texas reference sets, such as the Litigation Guide and O'Connor's. The general collection contains sets such as Federal Practice and Procedure, West's Legal Forms and relevant pro se litigant guides.

Behind the stacks are four tables for patrons to sit and work on their documents. Along the back wall there are individual carrels, for quiet study. On the opposite wall, a large smartboard has been installed.

The smartboard is designed to work in conjunction with our most exciting addition:

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. The legal aid attorney and administrative aide who previously were located on the fifth floor, now have a suite within the law library, with a designated sitting area for clients. In the future, LANWT and the law library will be able to offer clinics and classes to people in need of legal information, utilizing the new space and technology.

An attorney work area has also been created. It includes two offices with phones, scanners and a computer, and a conference room with another smart board are accessible through a request/reservation at the reference desk. Plans are in place for a ***legal kiosk*** from ***Legal Services of Texas*** to be installed in the library conference room.

The Dallas County Law Library is open from 8am-4:30pm on Monday-Friday.

Come check us out!

Law Library Services & Resources

Information Desk



Copy Center



Legal Print Collection



Computers



Library Study Area



Attorney Work Area:

Offices



Conference Room



Texas Legal Services Center: Virtual Court Kiosk



Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

LEGAL AID of NorthWest Texas



**Helping You
Represent
Yourself**

Pro Se Assistance Office (LAPSA)

**George Allen Courts Bldg.
Suite B-40, Basement (Law Library)**

Call us: 214-653-6108

Walk in: 8:30 am to 11:30 pm, Monday through Thursday

Legal Services Provided:

- Legal advice
- Hearing preparation
- Assistance with drafting pleadings & documents
- Statement of Inability to Afford Court Costs to waive filing fees

Areas Of Law:

- CONSUMER LAW (Debt Collection)
- FAMILY LAW (Custody, Custody Modification, Divorce, Name Change)
- HOUSING / PROPERTY LAW (Evictions, Foreclosures, Title Issues, Property Taxes)
- EXPUNCTIONS / NON-DISCLOSURES
- SMALL CLAIMS COURT PRACTICE
- PROBATE LAW (Small Estate Affidavit, Affidavit of Heirship)
- OCCUPATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

All assistance is subject to LANWT eligibility



DALLAS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

**George L. Allen Sr. Courts
Building**

**600 Commerce Street
Suite B40 (Basement)
Dallas, TX 75202**

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Email:

LawLibrary@dallascounty.org

**Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday**

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

*Did you know the Law
Library has free access to*

WESTLAW

The Law Library has free access to Westlaw. On library public computers.

Westlaw content includes primary law, secondary resources, litigation, and Practical Law.

LEXISNEXIS

The Law Library has free access to its LexisNexis on library public computers.

LEXISNEXIS DIGITAL LIBRARY

The Law Library has free access to its LexisNexis eBook collection.

The eBook collection contains Dorsaeno's Texas Litigation Guide, Texas Family & Procedures, Search & Seizure and other valuable legal resources.

LexisNexis Digital Library can be accessed at the Law Library or remotely.

*Please visit the Law Library's website for more
information about these resources.*

Website: dallascountylawlibrary