

Law Library Newsletter



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DALLAS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building

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

Email:

LawLibrary@dallascounty.org

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 4:30PM



Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas works to ensure equal access to justice by providing free civil legal services to low-income individuals and families in the 114 counties they serve across North and West Texas.

[https://legalaidtx.org/locations/
dallas/1515 Main St.
Dallas, TX 75201
214-748-1234](https://legalaidtx.org/locations/dallas/1515%20Main%20St.%20Dallas%20TX%2075201)



New From Texas Law Help

Eviction Help

For help representing yourself in your eviction case, legal information on the eviction process can be found on their website:

**TEXAS
LAW
HELP
★.ORG**



- Overview of the eviction process
- How to respond to an eviction lawsuit (file an Answer)
- How to appeal an eviction
- What to do if your landlord has locked (or threatened to lock) you out of your home
- What to do if your landlord has turned off your utilities (or threatened to turn them off)
- A detailed tenant's rights handbook
- If you have an eviction hearing, but need more time to prepare or speak with an attorney, learn how to ask for a continuance.
- If you missed your eviction hearing, learn about setting aside default eviction judgments.

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/eviction>

Texas Law Library Improved Access for Historical Legal Research

The Texas State Law Library recently completed a project to make historical research more efficient.

Vernon's Statutes

Vernon's has been compiling Texas statutes since 1914. People often use these volumes for historical research and practical legal work to:

- find older statutes
- see what the law said at a specific date
- track changes in law over time
- find relevant court decisions, cross-references, and commentary

Though Texas has no official print publisher of its codes, Vernon's has become a quasi-official publication. The Legislative Reference Library describes the evolution of Vernon's in their article *Who Is... Vernon?* You can find digitized copies of Texas statutes from 1879 through 1984 on our website.



<https://www.sll.texas.gov/spotlight/2025/09/improved-access-for-historical-legal-research/>

Dallas Volunteer Attorney Project

DVAP volunteers provide advice and full representation in a variety of cases, including family, housing, employment, landlord-tenant, real property, consumer, wills, expunctions and non-disclosures, probate, Chapter 7 bankruptcy, small business issues, veterans benefits, and more.

Find a clinic near you.

South Dallas Legal Clinic

Martin Luther King Community Center
2922 Martin Luther Blvd, Dallas, TX 75215

West Dallas Legal Clinic

West Dallas Multipurpose Center
2828 Fish Trap Road, Dallas, TX 75212

East Dallas Legal Clinic

Grace United Methodist Church
4105 Junius St, Dallas, TX 75246

Veterans Legal Clinic

Veterans Affairs Medical Center- Spinal Cord Injury
Center
4500 St Lancaster Rd, Dallas, TX 75216



<https://dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org/>

Podcasts

Featuring news and discussions relevant to the legal profession, from the latest industry trends to caselaw.

- ***State Bar of Texas**

<https://legaltalknetwork.com/podcasts/state-bar-texas/>

- **Texas Appellate Law Podcast**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/texas-appellate-law-podcast/id1504009131>

- **Young Gunners**

<https://tyla.org/resource/young-gunners-podcast/>

- **Texas Family Law Insiders**

<https://www.familylawyerpodcast.com/>

OLD RED COURTHOUSE

The county's "Old Red Courthouse," was erected in 1892 in a Romanesque Revival style. As hailed in the Dallas Morning News in 1892, Old Red was a "fine, modern, fireproof structure" and included "domes, towers and gables and many angles harmonizing to perfection." Decades of modifications and renovations would eventually lead to Old Red's decline. After years of work and research, the building has been restored to its original 1892 appearance both inside and out and stands once again as an impressive Dallas landmark.

Old Red, is scheduled to return to its original civic use. It will become the new home of the Texas Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Once again, court proceedings and the work of overseeing justice will fill the rooms of Old Red.

<https://countyprogress.com/dallas-county-courthouse-county-seat-dallascounty-population-2345815/>



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.

Westlaw

The Law Library has free access to Westlaw.

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

Westlaw can be accessed at the Law Library.