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## **Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library**

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The Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library is located on the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> floors of the Ohio Judicial Center in Columbus, Ohio. Founded over 150 years ago, it is one of the largest state supreme court law libraries in the country. Established primarily for the use of the Justices and the staff of the Supreme Court, the Law Library also serves federal, state, and local government agencies, members of the legal profession, and the general public.

The Law Library staff is dedicated to organizing and maintaining a high-quality legal research collection and to providing the best possible service to its patrons. The Public Services staff identifies key print, online, and audiovisual resources; assists library patrons in developing effective legal research skills; and provides direction on the use of electronic databases. The Technical Services staff catalogs, organizes, and maintains the library collection, in addition to updating the online public access catalog.

The Law Library has a comprehensive collection of Ohio legal materials, including cases, statutes, court rules, administrative agency regulations, jury instructions, Ohio House and Senate bills, and the records and briefs of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The library also contains an extensive collection of federal, state, and international laws, state attorney general opinions, digests, law reviews, treatises, and legal encyclopedias.

The Rare Book Room on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the library contains rare and out-of-print books on the laws of Ohio, the United States, and Great Britain. The Audiovisual Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor contains a large collection of microfilm, microfiche, CD-ROMs, and DVDs, including Ohio Legislative Service Commission bill analyses, American Bar Association publications, superseded state statutes, bar journals, and the records and briefs of the United States Supreme Court.

The Law Library offers free online access to Lexis and Westlaw, legal research databases that include cases, statutes, administrative codes, and law reviews; and HeinOnline, a subscription-based collection of over 1,400 legal periodicals. The library also offers free Wi-Fi and Internet access. Computer terminals are located on the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> floors of the library.

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