

The background features a large, faint watermark of the Wisconsin State Law Library seal. The seal is circular and contains the text "Wisconsin State Law Library" around the perimeter and "Est. 1826" at the bottom. In the center of the seal is a stylized tree or floral emblem.

What the Wisconsin State Law Library Can Do For You

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Wisconsin State Law Library

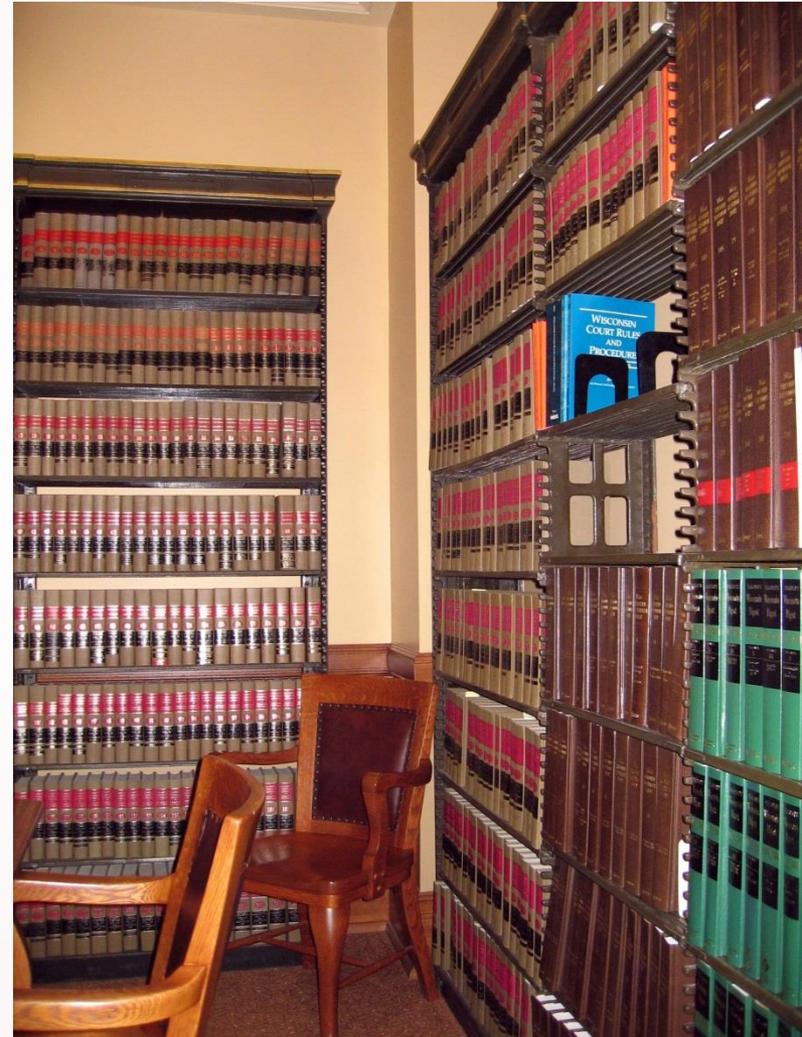
“The supreme court shall maintain a state law library for the use of officers and employees of this state, attorneys and the public.”

Wis. Stats. §758.01, SCR 82.01.

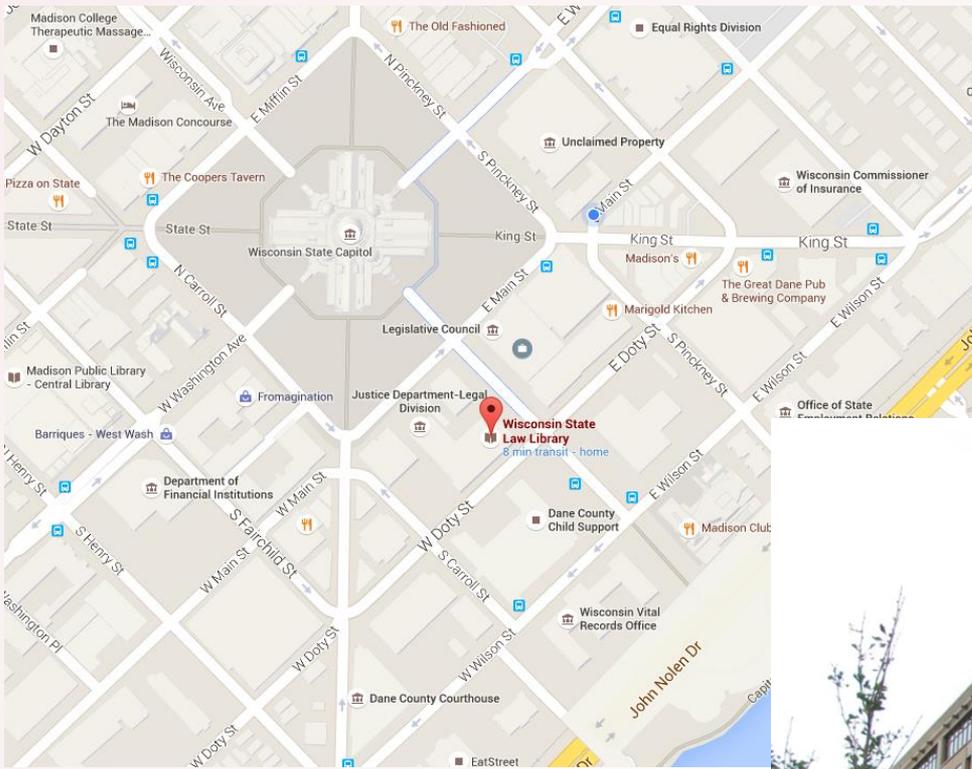


History

- Established by the Act of Congress that created the Territory of Wisconsin in 1836
- Previously located in the State Capitol



Location



**David T. Prosser Jr.
State Law Library
in the Risser Justice Center**

**120 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Madison**

Wisconsin State Law Library

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Inside the Library



- Rare Books, Conference, and Training Rooms
- Four individual work rooms
- WiFi
- Quiet Space

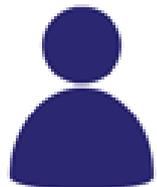


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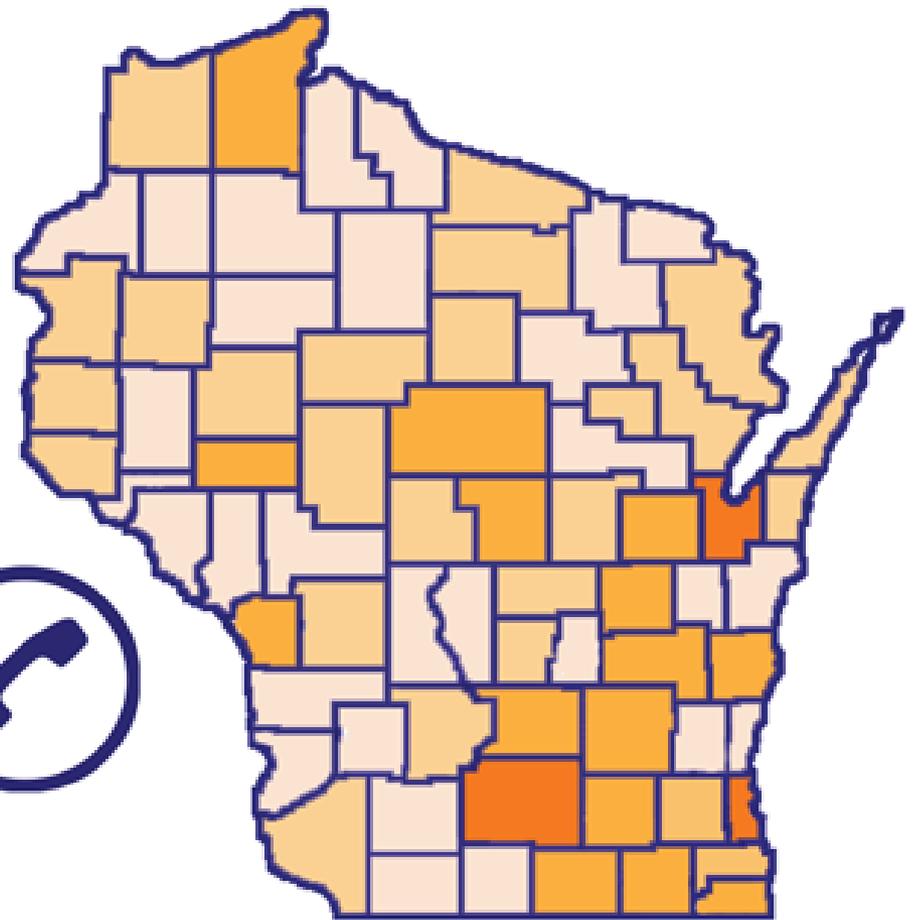


39% by email

45% by phone



16% in the library



Legal Reference

**Legitimate
sources**

- Jurisdiction
- Context/Reliability
- Currency
- Agreement

Example Reference Questions

Is it legal to open carry a loaded firearm with a concealed to carry permit?

My neighbors leave their children home alone all day. Isn't that considered child abuse?

Do I have to pay child support if my rights were terminated?

I want to move out of the state with my three minor children. How do I go about getting permission to do so?

Is it legal for a neighbor to have a surveillance camera aimed directly at my garage?

At what age is it legal to babysit?

Can my son get a pardon?

How We Can Help

Research assistance

- **608-267-9696 or wsl.ref@wicourts.gov**

Website

- **wilawlibrary.gov**

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How & Where to Begin Your Research

- [Law: An Introduction](#)
Wisconsin and Federal guides to the types of law, how laws are made, and how government works.
- **Directories**
 - [WI Law Libraries Open to the Public](#)
- [Finding Legal Information](#) (*WI Court System Self-Help Center*)
Explanation of primary & secondary sources of law. Resources for finding law.
- [Free & Low Cost Legal Research](#) (*Georgetown Law Library*)
- [Guide to Wisconsin Legal Information Sources](#) (*UW Law Library*)
- [Introduction to Legal Materials: A Manual for Non-Law Librarians in Wisconsin](#) (*Law Librarians Assoc. of WI*)
Explanation of the three branches of government with description of sources of case law, statutory and administrative law. Provides information about secondary sources of law, links to web resources & a glossary of legal terms.
- [State Online Legal Information](#) (*American Assoc. of Law Libraries*)



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Start Here: Bail & Conditions of Release a list of resources

By Jaime Healy-Plotkin

Wisconsin Books

[Criminal practice and procedure](#), by Christine

M. Wiseman and others

Wisconsin practice series v.9

KFW 2930 .W661 v.9 and in Westlaw

[Effective justice strategies in Wisconsin: a report of findings and recommendations](#): a

report to the Director of State Courts and the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Effective Justice Strategies Subcommittee

KFW 2908 .E44 2012 and online

[Wisconsin criminal defense manual](#), by

Kathleen Pakes

State Bar of Wisconsin PINNACLE, 2015

KFW 2975 .D48 C746 and in Books Unbound

[Wisconsin judicial benchbooks](#)

Volume 1-1A, Criminal and Traffic

State Bar of Wisconsin PINNACLE

KFW 2915 .W5 J85 and in Books Unbound

[Pretrial release: a description of the Wisconsin system and discussion of pretrial release evaluation in Wisconsin and selected states](#)

Legislative Council, 1980

KFW 2418 .L43 v.40

[Legislation relating to pretrial release](#)

Wisconsin Legislative Council, 1983

KFW 2418 .L43 v.48

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Articles

Specialty Resources

Westlaw

Books Unbound by State Bar

Wisconsin Briefs

Judicial Council Materials

Superseded Wisconsin materials

Rolls of Attorneys

50 State Surveys

State Family Medical Leave Laws

STATE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE LAWS			
State	Coverage/Eligibility	Family Medical Leave Provisions (unpaid unless noted)	Provides Leave To Care For:
California (unpaid)	Private employers with 50 or more employees and all public sector employers	Up to 12 weeks of unpaid family leave plus 4 months of maternity	Child, spouse, parent, domestic partner, child of domestic

Wisconsin	Employers who employ at least 50 individuals on a permanent basis, including any state government entity. An employee who has been employed by the same employer for more than 52 consecutive weeks and who has at least 1,000 hours of service during that time.	Up to 6 weeks of leave for the birth or adoption of a child; up to 2 weeks of leave care of a child, spouse, parent, domestic partner or parent of a domestic partner with a serious health condition; and up to 2 weeks of leave for the employee's own serious health condition. Does not require spouses to share leave. Allows an employee to substitute employer-provided paid or unpaid leave for portions of family or medical leave.	Child, spouse, parent, domestic partner, or parent of a domestic partner.
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Borrow from the Collection



Legal Databases

Bloomberg Law

Access to BNA / Bloomberg Law books. Available in the David T. Prosser Jr. Library

Books Unbound

Wisconsin State Bar books. Available in the library.

Fastcase

Wisconsin Jury Instructions and Wisconsin case law. Available in the library.

HeinOnline

Log In

Law reviews, US primary law, opinions, and agency documents. [Available titles.](#)

Only cardholders in firms with fewer than 25 attorneys may log in to HeinOnline.

Index to Legal Periodicals

Log In

Law reviews and newspapers, US publications. [Available titles.](#)

Coverage: 1979-

League of Wisconsin Municipalities

Legal opinions and League manuals. Available in the David T. Prosser Jr. Library.

Lexis Advance

Case law, primary law, journals, and books including *Nichols on eminent domain* and *Applema*

LLMC Digital

Log In

Wisconsin Attorney General Opinions, historical government documents.

National Consumer Law Center

The National Consumer Law Center library features full access to 20 treatises on consumer law *Discrimination; Fair Credit Reporting; and Student Loan Law.* Available in the library.

Oxford English Dictionary (OED)

The OED is a well-established source on the meaning and history of words in the English language.

Westlaw

Case law, primary law, journals, books from Thomson Reuters / West. Available in the library.

Remote Access



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New Features on Westlaw

Finding Wisconsin Public Records

Open Meetings

Google Power Search

Wisconsin Legislative History

Legislative History

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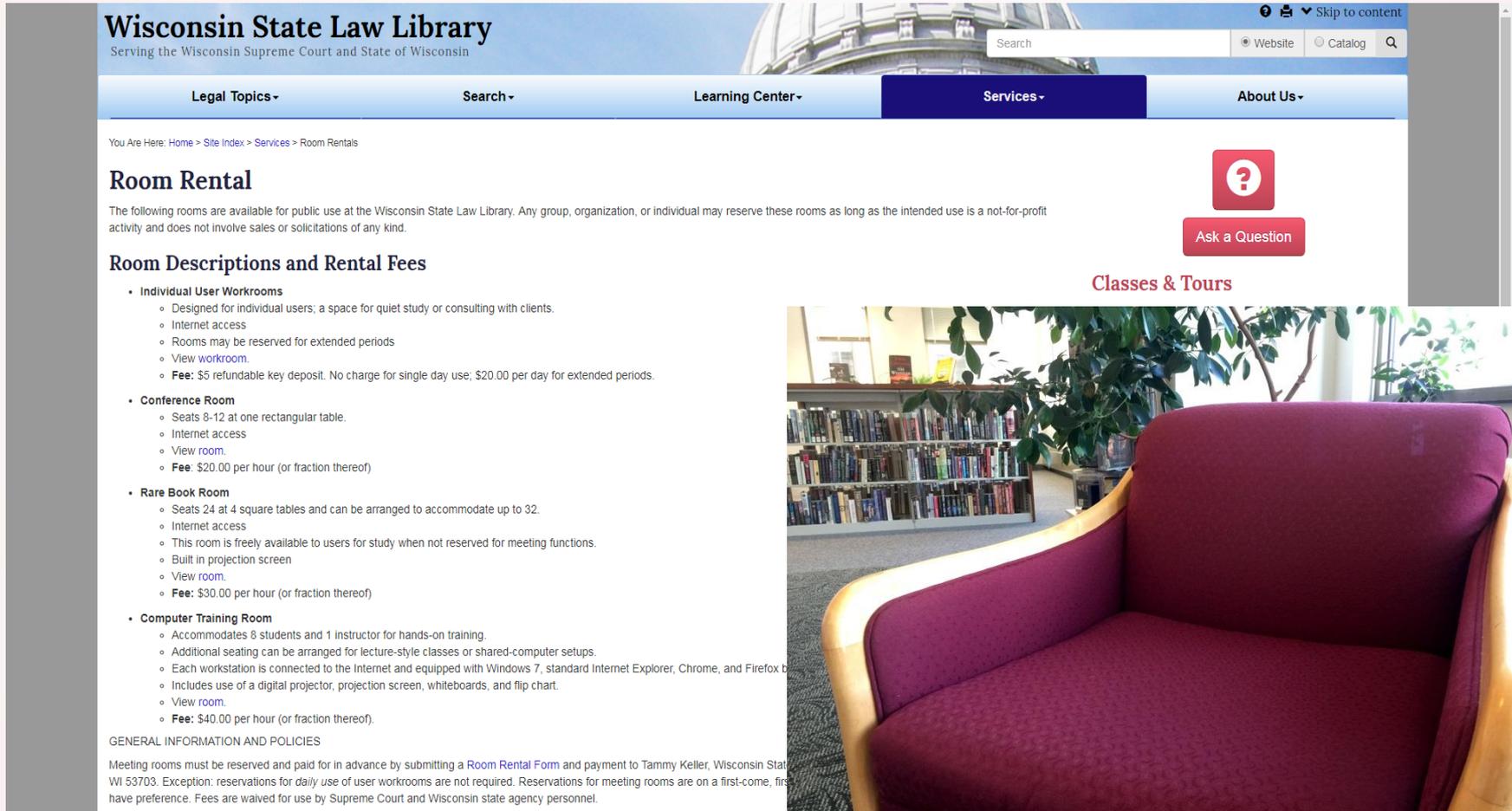


Evening & Weekend Access

- 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
- 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- Access to the library's print and microform materials, in-library databases and Wi-Fi.
- Make photocopies, use the public scanner to email documents, and check out library materials after hours.
- The current cost is \$108.00 for the calendar year



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Room Rental

The following rooms are available for public use at the Wisconsin State Law Library. Any group, organization, or individual may reserve these rooms as long as the intended use is a not-for-profit activity and does not involve sales or solicitations of any kind.

Room Descriptions and Rental Fees

- Individual User Workrooms**
 - Designed for individual users; a space for quiet study or consulting with clients.
 - Internet access
 - Rooms may be reserved for extended periods
 - View [workroom](#).
 - Fee:** \$5 refundable key deposit. No charge for single day use; \$20.00 per day for extended periods.
- Conference Room**
 - Seats 8-12 at one rectangular table.
 - Internet access
 - View [room](#).
 - Fee:** \$20.00 per hour (or fraction thereof)
- Rare Book Room**
 - Seats 24 at 4 square tables and can be arranged to accommodate up to 32.
 - Internet access
 - This room is freely available to users for study when not reserved for meeting functions.
 - Built in projection screen
 - View [room](#).
 - Fee:** \$30.00 per hour (or fraction thereof)
- Computer Training Room**
 - Accommodates 8 students and 1 instructor for hands-on training.
 - Additional seating can be arranged for lecture-style classes or shared-computer setups.
 - Each workstation is connected to the Internet and equipped with Windows 7, standard Internet Explorer, Chrome, and Firefox browsers.
 - Includes use of a digital projector, projection screen, whiteboards, and flip chart.
 - View [room](#).
 - Fee:** \$40.00 per hour (or fraction thereof).

GENERAL INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Meeting rooms must be reserved and paid for in advance by submitting a [Room Rental Form](#) and payment to Tammy Keller, Wisconsin State Law Library, 53703. Exception: reservations for *daily use* of user workrooms are not required. Reservations for meeting rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees are waived for use by Supreme Court and Wisconsin state agency personnel.

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