

NYS PUBLIC ACCESS LAW LIBRARIES

and Library Staff Offer Many Legal Research Services and Resources

NEW YORK STATE JUDICIARY LAW ¹ MANDATES a law library be open to the public in each county. In most counties, a designated public access law library is conveniently located in or near the county courthouse and in other counties, a public library fulfills that role.

Public Access Law Libraries provide the public with access to legal information, including print and digital resources as well as assistance in using it. New York State, federal and other state legal information resources, in print and digital formats, include

- Primary legal resources including current laws, regulations, agency decisions, rules of court, and case decisions
- Appellate court records for New York State
- Current secondary legal resources that explain law including texts and treatises, formbooks, legal encyclopedias, legal periodicals and newspapers
- Historic New York primary and secondary legal resources

ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES

- Lexis Advance
- Westlaw
- Lexis ebook digital library

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT (VARIES BY LIBRARY)

- PCs
- Microform readers
- Scanners, printers, copiers

NYS Court Public Access Law Library locations:

<http://www.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/publicaccess.shtml>

NYS Court Help Center locations:

<http://www.nycourts.gov/CourtHelp/GoingToCourt/helpcenters.shtml>

¹ New York State Judiciary Law § 813.



**LAW LIBRARY STAFF
PROVIDE IN-PERSON AND
REMOTE ACCESS
ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING**

PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

- Reference and information
- Interlibrary loan
- Legal research assistance
- Training on how to access print and digital legal resources

REMOTE REFERENCE (varies by library)

- Phone
- Email
- Ask a Law Librarian chat
- Help finding forms, court procedures and rules (in conjunction w/NYS Court System Help Centers)

OTHER SERVICES

- Document Delivery, via email, of specific, cited legal documents (cases, statutes, regulations, etc.)
- Referral to sources of legal help or other service providers (attorney services, gov't agencies, etc.)
- Online catalog of the statewide trial court libraries holdings
- Additional services may be available at specific public access law library locations

**LEGAL RESEARCH
QUESTION?**

**ASK A LAW
LIBRARIAN**