

## Finding Legal Information

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Racine Public Library  
Adult Services  
262-636-9217

75 Seventh Street  
racinelibrary.info

Racine, WI 53403  
Interlibrary Loan  
262-636-9299

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### Primary Sources

Primary sources are the actual laws, regulations, and rulings of local, state and federal governing bodies.

### Secondary Sources

Secondary sources are used to locate and define law.

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## PRIMARY SOURCES

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### I. Legislative (Session) Law

#### Local

*Municipal Code of Racine, Wisconsin*  
R 352 R115CO3 Volume 1-2 (Ask at Reference Desk.)

*General Code of Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin*  
R 348.77596 M863G (Ask at Reference Desk)

*Racine County Code of Ordinances*  
R 348.77596 R115 (Ask at Reference Desk.)

#### State

*Wisconsin Statutes*  
R 345.12 W75 (5 vols.) (Ask at Reference Desk.)  
Older editions in Wisconsin Documents Z.5/2:1839-

For current legislative session activities:

*Bulletin of Proceedings* (Assembly, Senate, Joint  
Legislature and Administrative Rules) Open stack  
Wisconsin Documents

*Wisconsin Acts*  
Open stack Wisconsin Documents

*Laws of Wisconsin*  
Open stack Wisconsin Documents Z.5/2:(yrs.)

#### Federal

*United States Code*  
R 345 UN3U

*United States Statutes at Large*  
Open stack U.S. Documents AE2.111

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## II. Administrative Law

### State

*Wisconsin Administrative Register*  
Open stack Wisconsin Documents

*Wisconsin Administrative Code*  
R 345.12 W75AD (18 volumes)

*Opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin*  
R 348.7755 W753O (Bound volumes)  
Slip opinions in Wisconsin Documents Att.1/4:(yr.)  
(Kept until bound volumes received.)

### Federal

*Federal Register*  
Open stack U.S. Documents AE2.106

*Code of Federal Regulations*  
Open stack U.S. Documents AE2.106/3

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## III. Judicial (Case) Law

### State

*Callaghan's Official Wisconsin Reports*  
Open stack Wisconsin Documents Cou.1:2/175- (covering  
March 2, 1993 - )

### Federal

*United States Reports: Cases Adjudged in the Supreme Court*  
Open stack U.S. Documents JU 6.8 covering October 1975 -)

*United States Supreme Court Decisions: an Index*  
R 348.73413 G935U2

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## SECONDARY SOURCES

### Directories

*Congressional Directory*  
R328 UN3 (Ask at Reference Desk)

*United States Government Manual*  
R 353 UN3U (Ask at Reference Desk)

*Wisconsin Judges Directory*  
R 347.73 W753

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*Wisconsin Blue Book*

R 353.1 W75B

Older editions in Wisconsin Documents A.1: 1865 -

*Wisconsin Court Systems Directory*

R 347.775 W7532

*Wisconsin Lawyer Directory*

R 340 W753

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**Dictionaries and  
Encyclopedias**

*Black's Law Dictionary*

R 340.03 B56

*Gale Encyclopedia of Everyday Law V. 1-2*

R 349.73 G131

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**Forms**

*Basic Legal Forms with Commentary*

R 347.7355 H997B

*Complete Book of Personal Legal Forms*

R 347.7355 SI86C3

*Jones Legal Forms*

R 347.7 J72J V.1-3

To locate circulating copies of books with legal forms, do a subject alphabetical in the library's catalog and use the search term "forms (law)".

Forms for legal actions in Wisconsin are available on the web site of Wisconsin State Law Library—  
<http://wsll.state.wi.us>

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**Additional Sources**

*American Bar Association Family Legal Guide*

349.73 AM35A3

*Consumer's Guide to Wisconsin Law (State Bar of WI)*

349.775 C766C5

*It's the Law: a Primer on the Wisconsin Legal System*

Leg. 6/2: L3811999

*Represent Yourself in Court: How to prepare and Try a  
Winning Case*

347.735 R299

Materials are also available on more specific legal topics, such as tenants' rights, wills, patents, copyright, divorce, family law, and bankruptcy. **Ask at the Reference Desk for help finding these sources.**

**Useful Phone Numbers**

**Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.** (Racine) 262-635-8836

**State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service** (Madison)

M-Th 7:30 - 6 pm: F 7:30 - 3

608-257-2666 or 800-362-9082

**Tenant Resource Center** (Madison)

1-877-238-7368

**Milwaukee Legal Resource Center**

414-278-4900

**Wisconsin Legislative Hotline** (Madison)

1-800-362-9472

**Wisconsin State Law Library** (Madison) M-F 8-5

1-608-267-9696

1-800-322-9755

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**Internet Resources**

**How to research a legal problem**

<http://wsll.state.wi.us>

**Nolo Legal Companion Website**

<http://www.nolo.com/>

**Wisconsin Courts**

<http://wi.courts.gov>