



## Reference Training Guides

### ***Florida Legal Reference Subject Guide***

Many people are looking for legal information for the state of Florida. Family law, Landlord/Tenant, Small Claims, and limitations of actions are some of the most common topics requested. In this guide we hope to provide you with the knowledge to get started in your research.

#### **Useful keywords/subject headings for searching**

Legal subject plus “Florida” (For example, Civil Procedure -- Florida)

Domestic relations

Divorce

Landlord and tenant

Small claims

Criminal procedure

Real estate

#### **Call numbers to search under**

340s for all general law/legal information

#### **Internet Links**

*Online Sunshine*

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us>

Search or browse the Florida Statutes, Laws of Florida, or Florida Constitution. Purchase law books as well from the Legistore.

*Florida Government Electronic Rulemaking system*

<http://www.flrules.org/>

Florida Administrative Code and Florida Administrative Weekly.

*Florida State Courts*

<http://www.flcourts.org>

Locate courts in the state of Florida. Find forms, rules, self help centers, and statistics.

*Osceola County Clerk of Courts*

<http://www.osceolaclerk.com>

Access court records, forms, foreclosure, jury, marriage, passports, and tax deed information.

*Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida*

<http://www.ninja9.org/>

Contains court orders, forms, legal research links, judge bios, schedules and contact information.

*Greater Orlando Area Legal Services (GOALS)*

<http://www.goals4you.org/>

Provides legal aid to persons of low income.



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*Florida Bar Association*

<http://www.flabar.org>

Find lawyers, court rules and forms, ethics opinions, continuing education courses, and links to many resources attorneys use.

*Osceola County Code of Ordinances*

<http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=11534&sid=9>

Searchable and browsable ordinances for Osceola County.

*City of Kissimmee Code of Ordinances*

[http://www.kissimmee.org/w\\_gov\\_commission.cfm?id=75](http://www.kissimmee.org/w_gov_commission.cfm?id=75)

Searchable and browsable ordinances for the City of Kissimmee.

*City of St. Cloud Code of Ordinances*

<http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=11600&sid=9>

Searchable and browsable ordinances for the City of St. Cloud.

## Databases

*Thomson Gale LegalForms*

Contains many forms for Florida courts. In the top left box on the page type 'Florida' with 'categories' selected. There will be over 600 forms specific to Florida.

*Orlando Sentinel*

Provides reports on developments in the Florida Legislature, status of popular cases and the public record.

## Print Resources

*The majority of the following resources are located in the Ray Shanks Memorial Law Library (LL) collection located at the Hart Memorial Central Library unless otherwise noted.*

### Un-cataloged materials

Florida Jurisprudence  
Florida Jurisprudence Legal and Business Forms  
Pleading and Practice Forms  
Florida Statutes Annotated  
West's Florida Digest

Miscellaneous treatises on attorney fees, civil procedure, condominium laws, construction liens, corporations, creditors' rights, debtors rights, criminal defense and sentencing, employment, evidence, family law, probate codes, landlord and tenant, and traffic dui.

### Cataloged Materials

*Florida Statutes*  
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## Reference Training Guides

Holdings in LL, STC, BVL, PC

*Laws of Florida*

REF 345 FLO

Holdings in LL only

*Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law*

Stephen Elias

REF 340.07 ELI

Holdings at Central, STC, BVL, PC

*Represent Yourself in Court*

Paul Bergman

REF 347.73 BER

Holdings in LL, Central, STC, BVL, PC

*Florida Rules of Court*

West Publishing Company

REF 347.759 FLO

Holdings in LL, STC, BVL, PC

*Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court in Florida*

Ralph E. Warner

REF 347.73 WAR

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### Local Organizations

*Osceola County Bar Association*

<http://www.osceolabar.com>

P.O. Box 422737

Kissimmee, FL 34742

407.343.4730

*Florida State Bar Association*

<http://www.flabar.org>

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

850.561.5600

*Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida*

<http://www.cfls.org/>

800 N Main Street

Kissimmee, FL 34744

407.847.0053