

Legal Reference Questions

Overview of the Research Process & Free
Online Legal Information Resources

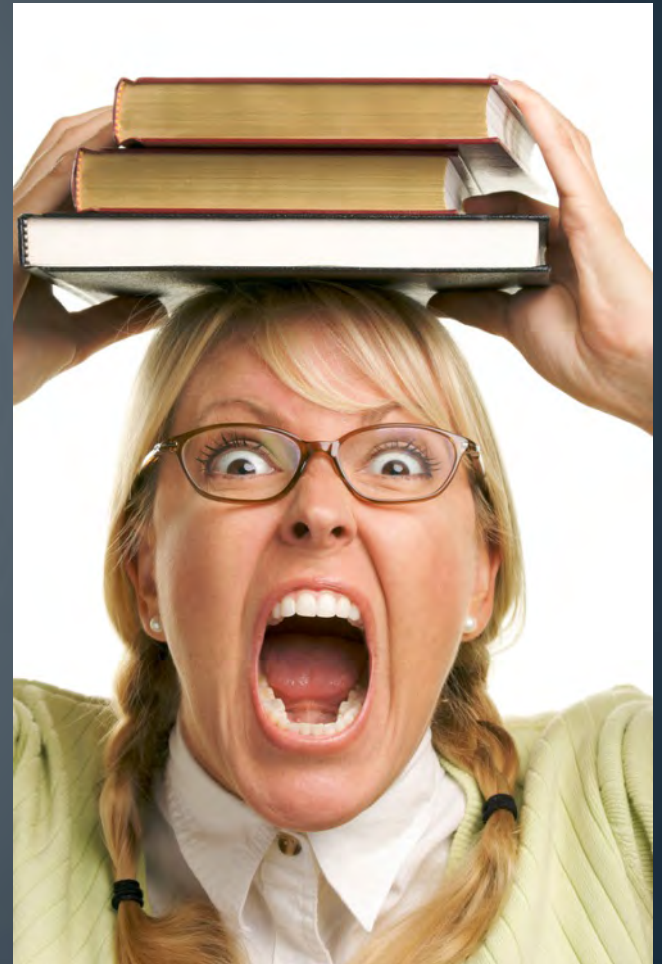
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Legal Reference vs. Legal Advice

Common Misconceptions

- Library staff cannot give legal advice
- The fabled “fill-in-the-blank” form
- “My legal question has a simple, straightforward answer that I can find 10 minutes before my court date”



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Legal Reference vs. Legal Advice

Advice

- “Let me look for the law” or “I’m going to search the statutes and find an answer for you”
- “This is the divorce form you need”
- “This [statute/case] means...”

Reference

- “I’ll show you how to research the law”
- “Here’s the [Oregon Judicial Department’s Family Law website](#)”
- “Here’s a dictionary/book that discusses the topic”

Golden Rules of Legal Reference

- Do No Harm
- Provide Legal Resources – not advice or information when asked questions about a person's specific legal situation
- Know What You Don't Know – and know it thoroughly
- Refer – repeat, and refer again – and again

Stock Phrases

- “I don’t know. I’m not a lawyer”
- “Here is the Oregon State Bar’s contact information”
- “Only your attorney can answer questions about your specific situation”
- “Here are some organizations that may be able to assist you”
- “Laws, regulations, and court rules can change frequently”
- “These books and web sites might be useful”
- “I don’t know. I’m not your attorney”

Reference Interview Questions

- What research have you done so far?
- Is the case (statute, regulation, etc.) you are trying to locate a federal or state one?
- Have you read any of the legal self-help books on the subject?
- Have you looked at the [Oregon State Bar's public information page](#)?
- Have you looked at the [Oregon Judicial Department's self-help page](#)?
- Do you know how to find an attorney to represent you?
- Do you know if the form you need is a standard one, a state-specific one, a county-specific one, or if you need to draft your own?
- Have you looked at the [court rules](#) (state and local)?

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Brief Overview of Legal Research Resources and Process

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Legal Research: Primary Materials

- Produced by one of the three (or four!) branches of government
- Legislative: statutes, ordinances
- Judicial: cases/opinions (reporters)
- Executive: constitutions (ORS vol. 17)
- Administrative: rules and orders

Legal Research: Secondary Materials

- Two major publishers: Thomson-Reuters (Westlaw and West Publishing), Reed-Elsevier (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender)
- Treatises and practice books
- Legal encyclopedias
- Law reviews and journals
- Digests and annotated materials (finding tools)

Updating Materials

- Citators (Shepard's, KeyCite)
- Pocket Parts (print only)
- Current vs. outdated law



Legal Research Process

- Generate a list of search terms
- Check secondary sources and practice aids
- Find the relevant constitutional provisions, statutes, or administrative rules
- Find related cases using case digests or online databases
- Read the cases
- Update with pocket parts and/or a citator like Shepard's
- Stop researching when there are no gaps left in your research and you begin to retrieve repeated results

(Oregon Legal Research 2d, Suzanne Rowe)

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Free Online Legal Research Resources

Implementing the Legal Research Process

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Secondary Sources

(where to begin...)

- Law Library Guides
- Legal Research Blogs
- Free Legal Research Websites
- Court Websites
- State Bar Website

Law Library Guides & Legal Blogs



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The Oregon Legislative Library's Reference Librarian answers our floor letter question. (The "Note from Mother" question is answered at the end of this blog post. Who said watching the Oregon Legislature wasn't fun?)
April 23, 2013

Video Conferencing and Skype Service Sites in Oregon
Looking for a place to host a meeting in Oregon that enables participation by those who can't attend in person?
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Oregon and Federal Court Case Notification Service: Willamette Law Online
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April 19, 2013

TOP TEN Q & A

1. When can I leave my kids home alone?
2. Where can I get a copy of my divorce records?
3. Where can I get a free Power of Attorney form?
4. What can I do about my neighbor's barking dog?
5. I'm having issues with my landlord, what can I do?
6. I'm a grandparent, what are my custody/visitation rights?
7. How do I represent myself in court?
8. What is the statute of limitations for small claims court?
9. What are the differences between divorce/separation/annulment?
10. Can I look online to see when my hearing is scheduled?

LEGAL NEWS

"Court seems split on doctor's discrimination suit"
How Appealing
April 24, 2013

Convicted terrorist sentenced to life for 1998 US embassy bombings
First Legal

- Also...

- Zimmerman's Research Guide

<http://law.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmermans/>

- Gallagher Law Library

<http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/guides.html>

- J.W. Long Law Library


http://www.willamette.edu/wucl/longlib/research_guides/index.html

- Georgetown Law Library

http://www.law.georgetown.edu/library/research_guides/index.cfm

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Dealing With Aaron Swartz in the Nixonian Tradition: Overzealous Overcharging Leads to a Tragic Result

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By John Dean

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SELF-HELP**RESOURCES & LINKS**

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Court Information Finder

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Primary Law Sources

- Bills and Session Laws
- Constitutions
- Statutes
- Administrative Rules
- Case Opinions

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Senate Chamber Convenes at 11:00 AM
On Wednesday, April 24, 2013

House Chamber Convenes at 10:30 AM
On Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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Oregon Legislative Information System

Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) is an application designed to streamline access to session information. OLIS provides access to bills, committee information, and the daily events of the session. Click on the image above for access to OLIS. [Learn how to submit meeting materials digitally.](#)

The State of Oregon has a Citizen Legislature consisting of the Senate, whose 30 members are elected to serve four-year terms, and the House of Representatives, which has 60 members elected for two-year terms.

The Legislature convenes annually in February at the State Capitol in Salem, but sessions may not exceed 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years. Five-day extensions are allowed by a two-thirds vote in each house. In odd-numbered years, the Legislative Assembly convenes on the second Monday in January, to swear-in newly elected officials, elect legislative leaders, adopt rules, organize and appoint committees, and begin introducing bills.

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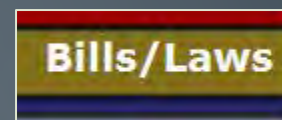
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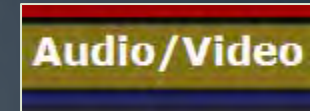
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- Read impartial summaries of each bill
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- Also allows view/listen to live media from current sessions

Oregon Revised Statutes(ORS)

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OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

Oregon State Legislature

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Oregon Revised Statutes - 2011 Edition

Browse the ORS Chapters

The 2011 Oregon Revised Statutes and other law publications are available for purchase from the [Office of Legislative Counsel](#).

The 2011 Edition does not include changes to the law enacted during the 2012 regular session of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly. Changes to the law by the 2012 regular session will be reflected in the 2013 Edition of Oregon Revised Statutes. Because the Acts of the 2012 regular session are not incorporated into the 2011 Edition, examine both the 2011 Edition and the [2012 Oregon Laws](#) for the most up-to-date version of the law. See the [Instructions for Using the 2012 Oregon Laws](#) for details on how to determine the current state of the law.

Each ORS chapter below that is affected by an Act of the 2012 regular session contains a notice (directly below the ORS chapter number) describing how the ORS chapter is affected. To see how an entire ORS volume is affected by the 2012 regular session, see the [2012 Update to 2011 Oregon Revised Statutes](#).

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§ 107.101 Policy regarding parenting

It is the policy of this state to:

- (1) Assure minor children of frequent and continuing contact with parents who have shown the ability to act in the best interests of the child;
- (2) Encourage such parents to share in the rights and responsibilities of raising their children after the parents have separated or dissolved their marriage;
- (3) Encourage parents to develop their own parenting plan with the assistance of legal and mediation professionals, if necessary;
- (4) Grant parents and courts the widest discretion in developing a parenting plan; and
- (5) Consider the best interests of the child and the safety of the parties in developing a parenting plan [1907 c. 707 § 1]

Annotations

Law Review Citations

35 WLR 523, 585, 443 (1999)

Notes of Decisions

Trial court has authority to establish liquidated sum as amount owed by spouse under settlement agreement. Horner and Horner, 111 Or App 112, 849 P2d 560 (1993).

Atty. Gen. Opinions

Emergency or necessity as the only grounds for waiver of 60-day period, (1971), Vol 35, p 987

Law Review Citations

55 ORL 267-277 (1976), 77 WLR 51 (1991)

Research Trail

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107.005 Annulment of void marriage

107.015 Grounds for annulment or dissolution of marriage

107.025 Irreconcilable differences as grounds for dissolution or separation

107.034 Doctrines of fault and in part defective abolished

107.044 Appearance by public official

107.055 Appearance by respondent

107.075 Residence requirements

107.085 Petition

107.086 Where to file petition

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Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)

OARs are the rules that state agencies and subunits operate by. They are promulgated by the agencies themselves and published by the Oregon Secretary of State. Current OARs are maintained on the Oregon State Archives Website.

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Chapter	Agency
A-B	
801	Accountancy, Board of
	Administrative Services, Department of
125	Administrative Services, Department of
122	Budget and Management Division
121	Business Administration, Office of
110	Capitol Planning Commission
105	Human Resource Services Division
	Agriculture, Department of
603	Agriculture, Department of
972	Albacore Commission
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- Congressional Record
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- Federal Register
- Federal Case Law
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To Locate Federal Case Law, try:

- The issuing court's website
- [FDsys Website](#)
- [Cornell LII](#) (Federal Materials – Judicial Opinions)
- [Google Scholar](#)



Finding an Attorney

- Oregon State Bar Lawyer Referral Service

<http://www.osbar.org/public/ris/ris.htm>

- Legal Aid Services of Oregon

<http://sites.lawhelp.org/program/694/index.cfm>

- Oregon Law Center

<http://www.oregonlawcenter.org>

- St. Andrew Legal Clinic

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Legal Resources Not Available Online

- Superseded Oregon Revised Statutes

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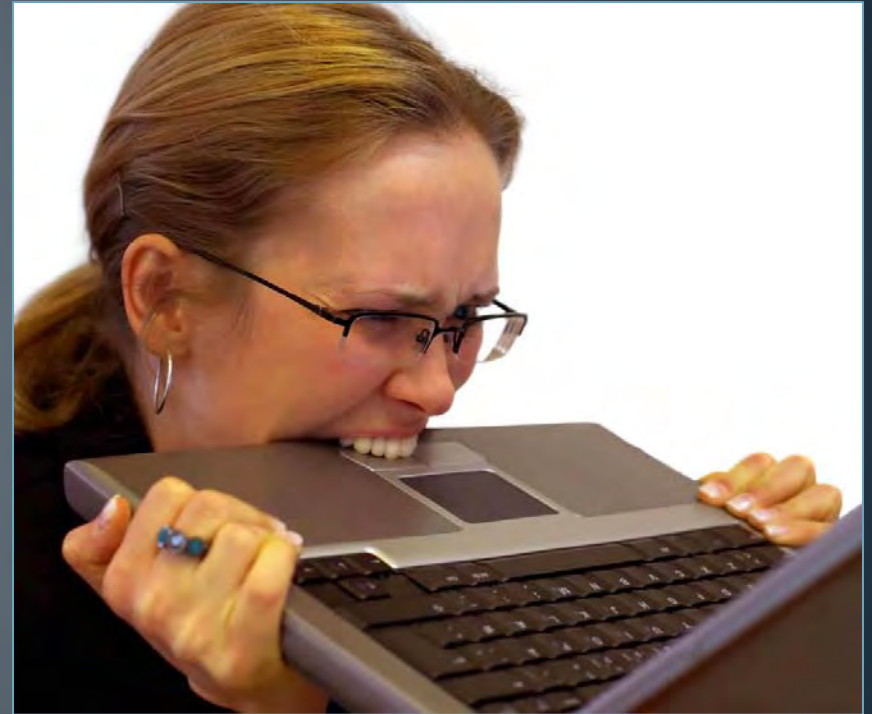
- Old Bills and Session Laws

Archived versions of Bills (1995-present) and Session Laws (1999-present) are available on the OR Legislature Website (http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/).

- Oregon Appellate Court Case Opinions Prior to 1998
- Circuit Court Opinions
- Legal Forms...

The “Forms” Question

- There is no such thing as a simple legal form
- There isn't a prepared legal form for every issue
- Legal forms will vary by jurisdiction, even county to county
- Check the OJD and court websites for forms



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Forms & Fees

- Circuit Court Fees
- Appellate Court Fees
- Oregon Tax Court Fees
- Forms
- Family Law Forms
- Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) Forms
- DUII Diversion Forms

County Circuit Court Finder

Court Information Finder

Find out your state court hours, phone number, directions, map, address, and website:

Select a court location from the list.

Select a Court

- Baker
- Benton
- Clackamas
- Clatsop

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General Information



Map



Parking



Fee Rates

<http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/courts/Pages/index.aspx>

<http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/selfhelp/Pages/index.aspx>

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Common Legal Reference Questions

Family Law

- “I got served papers for the disillusionment of my marriage. How do I respond?”
 - [Oregon Judicial Department’s Family Law Website](#)
 - [Legal Aid Services of Oregon publications](#)
 - [St. Andrew Legal Clinic](#)
 - [OSB Public Information](#)
 - [Oregon Revised Statutes](#)
 - [NOLO Publication’s “Divorce & Family Law” Website](#)
 - OSB Deskbooks: [Family Law](#)
 - *Divorce and Money; Divorce Without Court; Divorce & Money; and Nolo’s Essential Guide to Divorce*, from [NOLO Press](#)
 - Continuing Legal Education Materials

Landlord/Tenant Law

- “We need to evict our son. What do we have to do and what can we do with his belongings?”
 - [Legal Aid Services of Oregon](#) Landlord/tenant publication and Legal Aid’s Tenant Hotline
 - [Community Alliance of Tenants](#): Renter’s Rights Hotline
 - [OSB Public Information](#)
 - [NOLO Publication’s “Landlords & Rental Property” Website](#)
 - [The Oregon Revised Statutes Website, “General Index” link](#)
 - *Landlord/Tenant Rights in Oregon*, by Janay Ann Haas
 - *Handbook for Oregon Landlords*, Stevens-Ness publication
 - Continuing Legal Education materials

Small Claims Court

- “I want to file a case in small claims court. What do I do?”
 - [NOLO Publication’s “Small Claims Court” Website](#)
 - [Oregon State Bar Website, “Small Claims Court” article](#)
 - [Small Claims Court forms are available on the Uniform Trial Court Rules Website in the “Appendix of Forms”. Applicable forms will be titled “Small Claims Department”](#)
 - [OJD “Self Help Resources & Links” Webpage](#)
 - [The Oregon Revised Statutes Website, “General Index” link](#)
 - *Everybody’s Guide to Small Claims Court*, from Nolo Press



Now It's Your Turn

Sample legal reference questions

1. “My neighbor has a large oak tree and the roots are coming up in my backyard and causing damage to my concrete patio. What can I do?”
2. “The heater in my apartment went out two months ago (it’s December) and my landlord refuses to fix it.”
3. “My ex refuses to follow the parenting plan. He keeps on picking our daughter up late and dropping her off early. How can I get him to follow the plan we agreed to when we got divorced?”

Question 1 Resources

- Local laws: city, county, etc.
- Self-help books: *Neighbor Law* from [Nolo Press](#)
- Mediation: Resolutions Northwest, Hillsboro Mediation Program, etc.
- [Small claims court](#)

Question 2 Resources

- Hotlines:
 - Community Alliance of Tenants – 503-288-0130
 - Oregon Law Center's Tenant Hotline – 503-648-7723
 - Fair Housing Council – 503-223-8197
- [Oregon Revised Statutes](#)
- Legal Aid Services of Oregon's [OregonLawHelp.org "Housing" website](#)
- Oregon State Bar's [Public Information website](#)
- [Oregon Housing and Community Services website](#)
- [Habitability resources](#)

Question 3 Resources

- Oregon Judicial Department [Parenting Plan information](#)
- [Oregon Revised Statutes](#) on parenting plan enforcement
- County Mediation/Conciliation Services
- Oregon Law Help [info on parenting plans](#)
- Oregon State Bar [info on custody and parenting time](#)

Any Questions?



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- On L-net, tag legal reference questions with “Oregon County Law Libraries”