



# The Starting Place:

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## The Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project

In response to the growing home foreclosure crisis in Washington State, the Washington State Bar Association, in partnership with the Northwest Justice Project, is developing a well-trained “army” of volunteer lawyers who have agreed to provide pro bono representation to homeowners with foreclosure related legal problems. The statewide project will last for one year – from June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010 – and will serve those whose income is up to 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Recruitment of volunteer lawyers began in May and the WSBA continues to need and recruit lawyers for the project. For more information or to sign up for the project, go to the [WSBA's website](#) and click on the link to the Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project. You can also read a [report](#) on the project from WSBA Executive Director Paula Littlewood in the June 2009 issue of the *Washington State Bar News*.

## New U.S. Supreme Court Nominee

On May 26, 2009, President Obama nominated Judge Sonia Sotomayor to replace Justice Souter on the United States Supreme Court. Research specialists at the [Law Library of Congress](#) have compiled a selection of resources including articles and books by Sotomayor, Congressional documents, cases, and web resources. In addition, the Georgetown Law Library has updated its [Supreme Court Nominations Research Guide](#) to include resources on Judge Sotomayor. This guide also has extensive information on the nomination and confirmation process.

### **New Edition of Methods of Practice**

The fifth edition of this title from the Washington Practice series is not an update of the prior edition but rather an introduction and overview of the entire series. The Washington State Law Library will retain all copies of the fourth edition in its collection in order to provide access to this unique material which will no longer be available on Westlaw.

### **From the BRC (Books Recently Catalogued) List**

[American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Law, explanation and analysis: P.L. 111-5, as signed by the president on February 17, 2009](#), CCH, 2009

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For information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, go to [Recovery.gov](#). The mission of this site is education, transparency and accountability by explaining the ARRA; showing how, when and where the money is spent; and providing data that will allow citizens to evaluate the Act's progress and provide feedback. To see how the ARRA impacts Washington State, go to [Recovery.wa.gov](#)

### **Women's Voices, Women's Votes**

[Washington Women's Suffrage Centennial Exhibit](#) – This exhibit premiered at the Washington State History Museum on February 28, 2009, and continues through September 27, 2009. It highlights the history of the struggle to attain women's right to vote in Washington State and illuminates how women's voting has influenced territorial and state history. The exhibit is co-curated by the [Washington State Historical Society](#), the Women's History Consortium and the [Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture](#).

### **Other News**

Budget cuts – Due to a reduction in its publications budget, the Washington State Law Library has cut its collection of law reviews by 98 percent. It will rely on electronic databases such as HeinOnline for future coverage with the exception of Yale, Harvard, Stanford, Seattle University, Gonzaga, and Washington law reviews, which will remain in print. Patrons can access HeinOnline in the library or ask library staff to email them articles.

[Unredacted](#) – The Washington State Attorney General's Office recently launched this resource page where the [Open Government Ombudsman](#), Tim Ford, shares questions he is frequently asked about public records and open public meetings and provides his informal written analysis.

### **On Display**

Please stop by the Main Reading Room display cabinet to view oral histories of former Washington State Supreme Court Justices [Carolyn Dimmick](#), [James Dolliver](#), [Charles Z. Smith](#), and [Robert F. Utter](#). These can also be viewed online by clicking on their names.

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