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New Washington Supreme Court Website

If you have visited the [Washington Courts' website](#) recently, you may have noticed a new link for the [Supreme Court](#). This is a new section of the website devoted specifically to the state's highest court.



Highlights of the new website include:

- A new welcome page, with tabs for information on members of the Court, visiting the Court and a calendar of events
- Quick links to frequently accessed information about the Court, including accepted cases, briefs, current docket, issue summaries, petitions for review, recent opinions and the State Law Library
- Direct links to oral argument programming on TVW
- A "News and Resources" site, including recent media coverage and a link to the Washington Courts' newsroom
- A photo gallery of recent public events held by the Supreme Court

Court Interpreter Training Materials

The Washington State Law Library recently added court interpreter training materials to its collection. [The Interpreter's Edge: Practical Exercises in Court Interpreting, 3rd ed.](#), by Holly Mikkelsen, is a complete set of Spanish-English self-study materials consisting of a book and a set of eight one-hour audio CDs. The material is designed to provide interpreters and interpreting students with training in all the techniques of court interpreting. A total of 62 lessons are broken down into simultaneous interpretation, consecutive interpretation and sight translation.

We also have language-specific add-on CD sets that come with [The Interpreter's Edge, Generic Edition](#), including [Korean](#), [Mandarin](#), and [Vietnamese](#).

For information on the Washington State Court Interpreter Program, click [here](#).

New U.S. Supreme Court Nominee

On May 10, 2010, President Obama nominated Solicitor General Elena Kagan to succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens 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 Kagan, Congressional documents, cases, and web resources. In addition, the Georgetown Law Library has updated its [Supreme Court Nominations Research Guide](#) to include resources on Elena Kagan. This guide also has extensive information on the nomination and confirmation process. Confirmation hearings began June 28.

On Display

On display in the Library's Main Reading Room is a selection of items chronicling the early history of Washington State including this recent acquisition:

[History of Washington; the rise and progress of an American state](#), Century History Co., 1909.

Tech Tip

The Washington State Law Library has recently added two legal databases to the electronic resources available on its public workstations.

EBSCO's *Legal Information Reference Center* provides full-text for over 300 publications (many of them through Nolo Press) and thousands of legal forms offering the everyday user the tools to independently address a wide range of legal issues including business law, financial planning, family law, property and real estate, and rights and disputes.

Through CCH's IntelliConnect, patrons will have access to the CCH Labor and Employment Law Library including Labor Arbitration Awards, Employment Practices Decisions and treatises such as *Americans with Disabilities Handbook*, *Employee Dismissal Law and Practice*, and *Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*.

Other databases available in the library include WestLaw, HeinOnline, Loislaw, and LexisNexis' Shepard's.

From the BRC (Books Recently Catalogued) List

[Administrative Law and Practice, 3rd ed.](#), West, 2010
Call # KF5407 .K63 2010

[Broken Landscape: Indians, Indian Tribes, and the Constitution](#), Oxford University Press, 2009
Call # KF8205 .P63 2009

[Maritime Law Deskbook](#), Compass Pub. Co., 2010
Call # KF1104 .D3 2010

[Washington Probate Procedure and Tax Manual with Forms, 3rd ed.](#), Washington State Bar Association, 2009
Call # KF765 .W36 2009

[Waters and Water Rights, 3rd ed.](#), LexisNexis, 2009
Call # KF645 .W3 2009

In the News

Just in case you haven't heard, law enforcement officers statewide began stopping and ticketing drivers June 10, 2010, for speaking on the phone while holding it to an ear or texting while driving. Lawmakers modified the law to make [talking](#) on a cell phone without a hands-free device or [texting](#) a primary offense and a \$124 fine.

Click [here](#) to view the session law version of Substitute Senate Bill 6345.

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