



# The Starting Place

*Washington State Law Library's  
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## Native American Law

Researching Native American Law has never been easy. But, whether you are at the library or at work, it is getting easier.

Just over a year ago, HeinOnline introduced their *American Indian Law Collection*. A [HeinOnline Blog](#) release announcement states, "With more than 700 unique titles and 750,000 pages dedicated to American Indian Law, this collection includes an expansive archive of treaties, federal statutes and regulations, federal case law, tribal codes, constitutions, and jurisprudence." Available at the library's public terminals, this growing electronic library also includes legislative histories, scholarly articles, notable titles such as Kappler's Indian Affairs, and links to web resources.

In addition to housing standard Native American Law treatises, a lesser known library resource is the Washington State Bar Association deskbooks. Available in print or electronically through the library's LoislawConnect database, several of the deskbooks include chapters dedicated to Native American Law. These titles include Washington Real Property Deskbook, Washington Family Law Deskbook and Washington Probate Deskbook.

As more primary Native American Law materials are showing up on the Internet, it is hard to keep up with what is freely available on the web. Please see our newly updated [Native American Law](#) research guide for the latest links to Internet resources, as well as library print and electronic materials.

## Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013



Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy

On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed the reauthorization of the [Violence Against Women Act](#), strengthening Native tribes' jurisdiction over perpetrators of domestic violence. Here are some websites to watch on the topic:

**Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence-** [Native & Tribal Resources](#)

**Tribal Law and Policy Institute-** [Domestic Violence Resources](#)

**US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women-** [Tribal Communities](#)

## Card Catalog Returns to WSLL

Lost for many years, no longer needed and destined for use in a state carpenter shop, the library's original card catalog was saved in the 1980's by former State Law Librarian

Connie Bolden. Refusing to believe the catalog no longer had value, he placed it on the surplus equipment list for bid. Several antique dealers showed interest, but Bolden, himself, cast the winning bid. In February, Bolden generously returned the catalog to the library. It is displayed in the Main Reading Room.



## A New Look for WA LawHelp

Washington's most popular legal self help website has a new look. Sleeker and more visually appealing, [Washington LawHelp](http://www.walawhelp.com) has added new features to the site, including a **Legal Alerts** feature and a more accessible legal aid directory. What hasn't changed is the well organized high quality information that we have come to rely on. The site includes publications in 23 foreign languages and links to over 30 Northwest Justice Project legal education videos.

## New Lawbooks Listserv

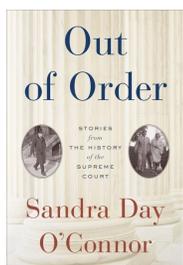
Did you know that the Law Library regularly distributes a list of new titles added to our collection? To sign up for our notification service, please contact Larisa John at [larisa.john@courts.wa.gov](mailto:larisa.john@courts.wa.gov). The Lawbooks listserv is hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Email addresses will not be used for any purpose other than to notify subscribers of titles added to the law library collection.



## New Books



[My Beloved World](#) by Sonia Sotomayor is the autobiography of our country's first Hispanic US Supreme Court justice. Ms. Sotomayor recalls her journey from humble beginnings to the US high bench.



[Out of Order](#) by Sandra Day O'Connor is a compilation of anecdotes revealing the evolution of our nation's highest court. Ms. O'Connor provides an inside look at the customs and traditions of the court and describes some notable justices who have served.

Both now available at the library

## Gideon at 50

The landmark Gideon v. Wainwright decision, guaranteeing criminal defendants the right to an attorney, turned 50 in March! To commemorate the occasion, the Washington Supreme Court, in conjunction with The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and University of Washington School of Law, presents a [Gideon v. Wainwright Reenactment](#). The reenactment of oral arguments takes place Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at University of Washington, Gates Hall. More on Gideon:

[U.S. Courts Supreme Court Landmarks](#)

[NLADA's "Gideon and the Right to Counsel"](#)

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