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Implementing the Affordable Care Act



[The Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) was signed into law on March 23, 2010. After challenges, the United States Supreme Court upheld the law in its [decision](#)

rendered on June 28, 2012. The law puts in place comprehensive health care reform that will roll out over a number of years. Click [here](#) for a timeline of the key features of the ACA.

On October 1, 2013, federal and state-run Health Insurance Marketplaces, sometimes

called Exchanges, will open for public enrollment as part of the ACA. In preparation, the Obama administration created a [website](#) and a telephone call center (800-318-2596) to provide information to consumers.

Washington State has chosen to implement a state-based exchange model. The [Washington Health Benefit Exchange](#), created by [statute](#) in 2011, is creating [Washington Healthplanfinder](#), an online marketplace for individuals, families and small businesses in Washington State to compare and enroll in health insurance plans.

More information can be found on the websites of the Washington State [Health Care Authority](#) and the [Office of the Insurance Commissioner](#).

Indian Child Welfare Act

The [Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\)](#) was in the news recently with the U.S. Supreme Court decision in [Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl](#), in which they ruled on the application of the ICWA to a South Carolina adoption case.

We thought this would be a good time to highlight some of the resources available, both print and electronic, regarding this Act. First, a recent addition to our collection, is [A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act](#) by the Native American Rights Fund, 2007. An [online edition](#) is also available on the NARF website. Also in our print collection is [The Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook](#) by B.J. Jones, Mark Tilden, and Kelly Gaines-Stoner, 2008.

Electronic resources include:

[Indian Child Welfare Act](#), a publication by the Northwest Justice Project available on Washington LawHelp.

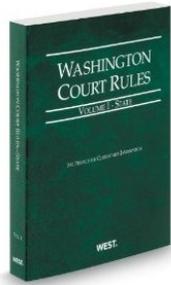
[National Indian Child Welfare Association](#)

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Child Welfare Information Gateway page on the [ICWA](#).

Indian Child Welfare Act: A Legislative History of Public Law No. 95-608, William H. Manz, ed., Wm. S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2012. (Available in the American Indian Law Collection of HeinOnline.)

Changes to Court Rules

On July 10th, the Washington Supreme Court formally adopted a [comment](#) to the Rules of Professional Conduct 4.4, Respect for Rights of Third Persons, stating that a lawyer should not use a person's immigration status to intimidate or obstruct their participation in a civil case. Click [here](#) for more on this comment that takes effect September 1.



Also on July 10th, the Washington Supreme Court adopted [amendments to the Admission to Practice Rules \(APR\)](#), effective January 1, 2014. Among other changes, the amendments permit admission by exam for foreign lawyers and those with a J.D. from a non-ABA approved law school; affect reciprocity; and require members to provide a public email address. See the Washington State Bar Association's [APR Task Force website](#) for more information including links to the report and recommendations of the task force.

New Look to Our Website

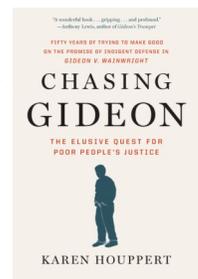


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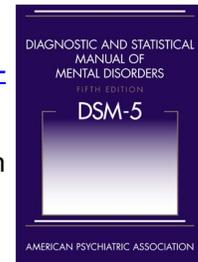
research online legal resources, sign up for our newsletter, and take a photo tour of the library. We continue to strive to make improvements to our website and welcome feedback.

New Books

On the heels of the 50th Anniversary of the landmark decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, comes [Chasing Gideon: The Elusive Chase for Poor People's Justice](#) by Karen Houppert, New Press, 2013. The author provides a historical look at this decision and chronicles the stories of people in all parts of the country who have relied on its promise of free legal counsel to those who need it.



The controversial and much anticipated fifth edition of the [Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders \(DSM-5\)](#) was finally published last month. See the DSM-5 Development [website](#) for information on implementation of the manual, answers to frequently asked questions and DSM-5 corrections.



Both now available at the library

New CLE

[The Essential Toolkit for the Solo and Small Practice](#), co-sponsored by the WSBA Solo & Small Practice Section and WSBA Continuing Legal Education, 2013. This 5-CD set and accompanying coursebook are available in our audio/visual collection.

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