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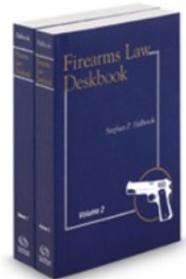
Firearms Law Resources

The state and national landscape of firearms law changes rapidly. We have several new resources to help researchers navigate this area of law:

Initiative 594, passed by voters in November and effective December 4th, will be published in the 2015 session laws. The text of the initiative, an explanatory statement from the Attorney General's office and a fiscal impact statement are currently on the [Secretary of State's website](#).

2014-2015 edition of [Firearms Law Deskbook](#) by Stephen P. Halbrook. This two volume set published by Thomson Reuters (formerly West) includes analysis of a number of 2014 U.S. Supreme Court opinions covering "the straw

sales doctrine" as addressed in *Abramski v. U.S.*, 134 S. Ct. 2259; definition of a firearm as addressed in *Bond v. U.S.*, 134 S. Ct. 2077; the effect of *U.S. v. Castleman*, 134 S. Ct. 1405 (interpreting the use of physical force) and aiding or abetting the use or carrying of a firearm as addressed in *Rosemond v. U.S.*, 134 S. Ct. 1240.



In our pro se collection you can find the 18th edition of [Traveler's Guide to the Firearm Laws of the Fifty States](#) by J. Scott Kappas, Esq., (2014). Arranged alphabetically by state, this book provides a summary of firearms laws, a checklist for travelers and a "total prohibition" to "total freedom" scale.

WSBA Deskbooks!

Washington State Bar Association deskbooks and a selection of recent CLE program materials are now available on library computers through Casemaker Libra.

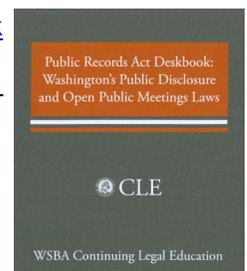
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This database provides an easy to use layout, chapter navigation and printing. Plus, you can browse or search all available titles (both CLE and deskbooks) in one subject area.

In addition, WSBA has published new editions of two of their most popular deskbooks. Both are now available for checkout.

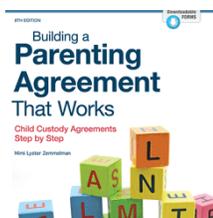
[Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook](#) (3rd ed.) This three volume set is organized according to the corresponding Civil Rule and includes practice tips, sample forms, checklists and pleadings. A summary of contents and index to forms is on the [bar's website](#).

[Public Records Act Deskbook](#) (2nd ed.). According to the [bar's website](#), this edition provides an accurate and balanced perspective with chapters both authored and edited by practitioners representing agencies and requestors.



Updated Pro Se Collection

This year the library updated our collection of pro se and self-help books, many of which provide access to free downloadable forms. New books include:

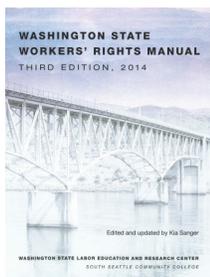


[Building a Parenting Agreement That Works](#), 8th ed., by Mimi Lyster Zimmelman (Nolo).

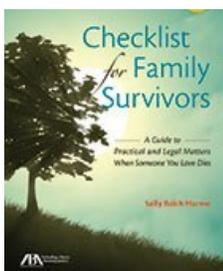
[The American Bar Association Guide to Wills and Estates](#), 4th ed. (American Bar Association).

[Estate Planning Through Family Meetings \(without breaking up the family\)](#) by Lynne Butler (Self-Counsel Press). This book covers how to hold an intergenerational family meeting, talking to family about sensitive estate issues, addressing immediate concerns and planning for the future.

[Washington State Workers' Rights Manual](#), 3rd ed. (Wash. State Labor Education & Research Center, South Seattle Community College). This easy to use manual covers basic workers' rights, workers' compensation, leave, independent contractors and military service members.



Abridged and full versions of the manual have also been translated into several languages, available for [download](#).



[Checklist For Family Survivors: a Guide to Practical and Legal Matters When Someone You Love Dies](#) (AARP & ABA). This guide is formatted as a workbook with space for notes for when dealing with everything from burial to preparing for probate.

Update Your Computer Skills with Microsoft IT Academy

Facilitated through [Washington State Library](#) and public libraries around the state, you can now update your skills of Microsoft products at no cost through June 2015.

These online, self-paced courses are for all skill levels including basic digital literacy, the latest version of Microsoft Office, SharePoint, web applications and advanced skills for IT professionals.

Changes to Washington Courts Website

Recordings of [Court of Appeals](#) oral arguments are now available on the Courts website! To listen to the arguments, go to the docket or docket archive page for the division that heard the case. An icon indicates recorded oral arguments are available for cases heard on that date.



[A Guide to Sealing and Destroying Court Records, Vacating Convictions, and Deleting Criminal History Records](#) was updated this summer. The updated version incorporates recent changes to statutes addressing sealing juvenile court records, vacating convictions for acts related to tribal fishing activities and vacating prostitution convictions.

New RCW and WAC Web Address

The web address for the RCW & WAC on the Legislature's website has changed. They are now at <http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/> & <http://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/> respectively.

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