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Legal Apps

Filming interactions between law enforcement and the community is on the rise with the use of police car dash-cams and more and more police-worn body cameras. The Seattle Police Department even has a recently launched [YouTube channel](#) to store its body camera footage for the public to view.

Also on the rise is the use of smartphones by the average citizen to film such interactions as we have seen in the cases of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, and Freddie Gray. U.S. courts have ruled that filming the police is legal based on First Amendment rights. See, for example, [ACLU of Illinois v. Alvarez](#) or [Gericke v. Begin](#).

Along with the rise in smartphone use comes a growing number of apps that streamline the process of capturing and broadcasting videos of police interacting with citizens.

To the right are just a few of the apps available.



[Cop Watch Video Recorder](#) app can be set to begin recording as soon as it is launched and upload video to YouTube automatically. This app also includes *Filming the Police: A Basic Guide* from the Network for the Elimination of Police Violence.

[Stop & Frisk Watch](#) app allows New Yorkers to record with the push of a trigger on the phone's frame and stop filming by a shake of the phone. Recordings are then sent to the New York Civil Liberties Union for review. Users can also be alerted when people in their vicinity are being stopped by the police.



[Mobile Justice](#) app, available in [Oregon](#), [Missouri](#), [Mississippi](#), and [Nebraska](#), has features similar to the Stop & Frisk Watch app.

Transgender Resources

The [ACLU of Washington](#) recently published [The Rights of Transgender People in Washington](#) (March 2015). This 32-page guide is designed to help transgender individuals understand their legal rights in Washington State. It covers such areas as discrimination & harassment, identity documents, family matters like marriage and parental rights, health care coverage, rights in jails & prisons, and immigration.

Other Resources:

[Ingersoll Gender Center](#)

[Gender Justice League](#)

[Washington Gender Alliance](#)

[Washington State Human Rights Commission](#)

[National Center for Transgender Equality](#)



WestlawNext Training

Westlaw Classic is retiring on August 31, 2015!

For those of you who have not made the transition to **WestlawNext**, please join us for some hands-on training in our computer center.



This free class will cover basics such as searching, navigation, downloading/printing and the new KeyCite layout.

Three sessions to choose from:
9:30— 10:30 a.m.
11 a.m.— noon
1— 2 p.m.

When: Tuesday, June 23rd
Where: Law Library Computer Center

Seating is limited, so sign up early! Please RSVP by June 12th. Call (360) 357-2136 or stop by the reference desk.

Law Day 2015

President Dwight Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. In 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the [official date](#) for celebrating Law Day.

This year's theme is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law." See the ABA Law Day 2015 [website](#) for information and resources on Law Day 2015 as well as a link to a new website called [Magna Carta: Icon of Liberty](#) which tells the story of the significance of Magna Carta through images and multimedia components including an interactive timeline.

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New HeinOnline Library

State Reports: A Historical Archive is now available through the HeinOnline database on all public computers in the library. This new library provides access to Hein's State Report Checklist and links to the full text of historical state reports in an image-based format. Click [here](#) for more information on this new resource and [here](#) to browse available titles.

Upcoming Events at the TOJ

May 28—

Supreme Court Symposium
Reentry: Do We Really Care About
People Succeeding After Prison?

This symposium, presented by the Washington State Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission in conjunction with Seattle University School of Law, will explore the many barriers ex-offenders face as well as some programs designed to help them successfully integrate back into our communities.

Time: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. with reception following

See the symposium [flyer](#) for more information.

June 15—

Honoring the Rule of Law Today
Celebrating the Magna Carta 800th

This event sponsored by the Washington Courts Historical Society commemorates the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta. Featured speakers include Robin Twyman, British Consul at the UK Government Office in Seattle, and Robert Stacey, Dean of Arts and Sciences and professor of history, University of Washington.

Time: 12:00— 2:00 p.m.

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Comments Welcome!