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New Search Page on Legislature's Website

The Washington State Legislature has redesigned the [search page](#) on their website, replacing their "advanced search" system.

The new search page has two vertical boxes on the left. In the top box you enter search terms and choose whether you are searching for a webpage or a specific document. A space between words is now treated as AND.

Example: "parent child" instead of "parent AND child". Also, bill numbers are now placed in the "search terms" box, not the "document named like" box.

In the bottom box you can narrow your search by selecting specific areas of the website (e.g. committee or caucus pages, etc.) or the type of document you want (e.g. RCW, WAC, bills, resolutions, etc.).

Results appear on the right. Unlike the former system, you can print search results by choosing the documents you want and combining them in a new window.

To see these changes clearly, see the [How to Perform Searches](#) page or the more detailed [Public LegSearch Help](#) guide.

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Search system update - The search system used on the Legislature website has been updated. In the new system, the web and on more information about using the new search system, please see the [How to Perform Searches](#) page.

Legislative Search Help

Search Terms Preferences

Enter search criteria in the fields below: Reset

Search Term(s):

Search Type: Web Document

- Click the **Web** button to search all web pages within the legislative website.
- Click the **Document** button to refine your search to specific legislative documents, bills or laws, or rules.

You may refine your selections in the panels below

Search

Website Section Selection

Click the section of the Legislature website you wish to search: Reset

Website Sections

- Entire Legislature website

Update on Library Shift

The shift of books in our library is progressing.

The library is reducing the size of its collection due to deep budget cuts. This does not mean a reduction in access to materials. **We are only removing selected books** in lesser demand which are available electronically or through interlibrary loan.

We found new homes for print law reviews that have been scanned and are available in PDF at our computer center. These are on the HeinOnline database. Law reviews not on HeinOnline, as well as other high demand law reviews (e.g. Washington Law Review, Seattle University Law Review, Gonzaga Law Review, etc.) are still on the shelf in print.

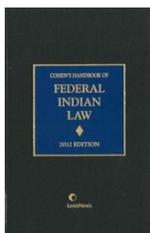
Some shelves in the mezzanine and on the lower level are currently empty, but they will soon be filled with books from off-site storage. In addition, sets currently divided between two floors will be reunited in one location.

Recent returns include all [House Bills](#), [Senate Bills](#) and [Ruling Case Law](#). Future returns will include Washington Reports (1st series) briefs, American Jurisprudence (1st series) and Corpus Juris.

Thank you for your continued patience during this period of transition. If you are looking for something that is not on the shelf, please ask at the reference desk. Chances are, it's either available electronically, or we can get it for you quickly through interlibrary loan.

Featured books

The 2012 ed. of [Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law](#), LexisNexis, just arrived. We have two copies, one behind the reference desk on the lower level, and the other in the classified shelving at KF8205.A33 2012.



Features of the 2012 edition include many expanded sections and new sections. New sections added are: Relation of Indian Child Welfare Act to State Laws Protecting Indian Children (11.09), Review of Indian Gaming Contracts (12.08) and Gaming Enterprise Ownership and Use of Indian Gaming Revenues (12.09).

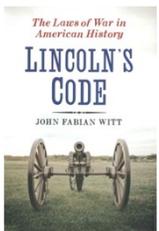


[Foreclosures: Mortgage Servicing, Mortgage Modifications and Foreclosure Defense](#), 4th ed, by John Rao, et al., National Consumer Law Center, 2012

[Opinion Writing](#), 3rd ed, by Ruggero J. Aldisert, Senior United States Circuit Judge, Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.



John Fabian Witt's [Lincoln's Code: The Laws of War in American History](#), Free Press, 2012, is "a groundbreaking history of the pioneering American role in establishing the modern laws of war.... Abraham Lincoln's top military advisors commissioned a code of rules to govern the armies of the United States.... The code Lincoln issued ... quickly became foundations of the modern laws of war and today's Geneva Conventions." (publisher)



Click [here](#) for a New York Times review of this book.

Now on Washington LawHelp

[Northwest Justice Project](#) (NJP) and [Communities Connect Network](#) have partnered to create instructional videos for [Washington LawHelp](#). Titles range from "[Introduction to CLEAR*Online](#)" to "[Good Faith Foreclosure Mediation \(& Not-So-Good\)](#)", and many of the videos have both English and Spanish versions.



These videos can also be found on Washington LawHelp's [YouTube](#) channel.

New Washington Practice Volume

Washington Practice series has a new volume 26, titled [Washington Elder Law and Practice: Basic to Advanced](#). This is a soft-bound volume that will be replaced on an annual basis. Washington Practice is also available on the library's Westlaw subscription.

Congress.gov

On September 19th, Library of Congress launched a beta version of their new website, [Congress.gov](#). While currently in beta phase with limited coverage, plans are to eventually incorporate all information from [THOMAS.gov](#) in a user-friendly, modern format.

Features on Congress.gov include simultaneous searching of content across all available years, easier tracking of bill progress/status, and mobile device-friendly displays.

Profiles of each member of congress can also be found on the site with links to legislation they sponsored.



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