



# The Starting Place

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## Elections 2012

### Washington State Primary Election:

Washington State's primary election is fast approaching. The deadline to register to vote or make any address changes for the August 7th primary is July 9th. First-time Washington voters have until July 30th to register in-person at their local [county elections department](#).

Many judicial races are determined in the primary. Candidates for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Superior Courts who are unopposed or who receive more than half of the votes in a primary election are thereby elected to the position. If there are three or more candidates, and no one wins more than half the votes, the top two face off in the November general election.

### Candidate Information:

The State of Washington is not printing a Voter's Guide for the primary so where can you get

information on judicial candidates?

- [Online 2012 Primary Voters' Guide](#) (published by the Office of the Secretary of State)
- [VotingforJudges.org](#)
- Check with your local [county elections department](#) for a local voters' guide

### Other election resources:

- [MyVote](#) (register to vote, update your address, see candidates appearing on your ballot)
- Washington's [Top 2 Primary](#) System
- [Redistricting Information for Voters](#)
- [R-74 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## Immigration Law Help

A new resource is available for low and moderate-income immigrants called [ImmigrationLawHelp.org](#). It includes a searchable directory of over 940 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states. Users can search by state, county, or detention facility and refine their search by types and areas of legal assistance provided, populations served and languages spoken, among other options.

Additional immigration resources are available at [WashingtonLawHelp.org](#).

We also wanted to make our readers aware of an advisory released by the [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#) to help community members understand President Obama's recent announcement regarding deferred action for some undocumented youth who came to the United States when they were children. Click [here](#) to read the advisory in English and Spanish.

## Update on UELMA

As of this writing, only one state, Colorado, has enacted the [Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act](#), and five others have introduced legislation. The Act requires that official electronic legal material be authenticated, preserved, and accessible on a permanent basis. Track legislative action regarding this Act through the link above where you can also view the text of the Act and a letter of support from the American Association of Law Libraries.

For a discussion of why states should adopt this Act, see the online article "[Why States Should Adopt UELMA](#)" by Judy Janes, director of the UC Davis Mabie Law Library.

## Court Interpreting Materials

The Washington State Law Library recently added several resources to its collection for the court interpreter community. Some items specifically deal with the legal rights of the deaf community including:

[Miranda Rights Signed in American Sign Language](#) (DVD), produced by Signs for Intelligence, 2006.  
Call # KF9625.M57 2006 (AV Collection)

[Interpreting the Miranda Warnings](#) (DVD), produced by Sign Media, 2007.  
Call # KF9625.I58 2007 (AV Collection)

[Language and the Law in Deaf Communities](#), edited by Ceil Lucas, Gallaudet University Press, 2003.  
Call # 480.5.D4L36 2003

For additional court interpreter materials, search our [catalog](#) or see the [list of titles](#) made available through the [Washington State Court Interpreter Program](#). Links to other [resources](#) for court interpreters are also available on their website.

## New Court Rule

The Washington Supreme Court [announced](#) June 15 that it has adopted APR 28, Limited Practice Rule for Limited License Technicians. The rule will allow non-lawyers with certain levels of training to provide technical help on simple legal matters effective September 1, 2012. Click [here](#) for the final order as well as the text of the new rule.

## New at the State Law Library



**New database:** We have added the Gale Legal Forms database to our list of electronic resources available on our public workstations.

Editable and customizable legal forms are available in a variety of formats (Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Rich Text) for a wide range of subjects including bankruptcy, dissolution, incorporation, landlord tenant, name change, power of attorney, real estate, wills & estates, and much more. Forms can be printed or downloaded to a flash drive provided by you. Also included is a legal dictionary, legal Q&A, and an attorney directory.

**New library added to HeinOnline**

**database:** We have also added the new [American Indian Law Collection](#) to our HeinOnline database subscription. Click [here](#) for a list of more than 800 titles included in this library.



## At Your Local Public Library

The [Legal Information Reference Center](#), providing full-text access to many consumer legal reference books published by Nolo, is now available at your local Timberland Regional Library [branch](#) or through their [online databases](#) using your library card and pin.

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