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## New Website for WA Appellate Opinions

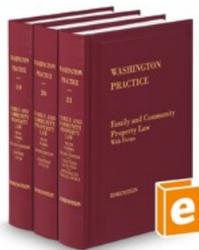
In February, Washington Courts launched a new website for free access to Washington Judicial Opinions. The site contains the full set of the state's published appellate opinions — both Supreme Court and Court of Appeals — dating through territorial days.

The Washington State Judicial Opinions free-access website is linked on the [Washington Courts website](#), or directly accessible at [www.lexisnexis.com/clients/wareports](http://www.lexisnexis.com/clients/wareports). The site houses fully edited and updated versions of court opinions when they are published in advance sheet and bound volumes, and text of opinions is intended to mirror the opinions in the

“official” Washington Reporter volumes. It has the full text of each of Washington's published opinions, along with background statements on the case.

The website has a fully-functional search engine based on the search engine LexisNexis uses for its own commercial website, which allows for searching with terms and connectors or natural language searches, and enables enhanced searching as compared to other free legal websites. Search fields include keyword, citation, party name, and judge. Users can sort search results by relevance or date, and search within results.

## New WA Practice Edition



A new edition of [Washington Practice, Family and Community Property Law with Forms](#), recently hit the law library's shelves. This second edition, written by Scott J. Horenstein, is the first new edition since 1997.

In addition to bringing content from the first edition current, the second edition covers several new topics. Included in this edition are artificial insemination, domestic partnerships, domestic violence, same sex marriage, spousal and domestic partner maintenance, and more.

## Library Open House

Please save the date! The Washington State Law Library will host an open house on Friday, April 15th, in conjunction with National Library Week. We invite you to join us in our Periodical Reading Room, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., to browse the library, meet our newest staff members, and enjoy beverages and snacks.



## New to the Collection

[American Indian Law: Cases and Commentary](#), by Robert T. Anderson, et. al. (West Academic Publishing) 2015

[Children and the Law in a Nutshell](#), by Douglas E. Abrams, et. al. (West Academic Publishing) 2015

[Constitutional Personae](#), by Cass R. Sunstein (Oxford University Press) 2015

[Elder Law in a Nutshell](#), by Lawrence A. Frolik and Richard A. Kaplan (West Academic Publishing) 2014

[Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples](#), by Joan M. Burda (American Bar Association) 2015

[Land Use Regulation: A Legal Analysis and Practical Application of Land Use Law](#), by Peter W. Salsich, Jr., and Timothy J. Tryniecki (American Bar Association) 2015

[Lost in the Weeds: An Introduction to Legal Issues for Business People Leading Cannabis Companies](#), by Joshua Ashby (Highwater Press) 2014

[Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World](#), by Linda Hirshman (Harper) 2015

[Washington Environmental Law Handbook](#), by Theda Braddock (Bernan Press) 2015

## Now on Display

On your next visit to the library, stop by the Main Reading Room to view our newest display on the Voting Rights Act. Items from our collection, along with copies of photographs of the Selma march and signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other historical documents, are on view.

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## Juvenile Justice Findings

The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#)'s research division, which developed and maintains the [Juvenile Justice Geography, Policy, Practice & Statistics](#), recently launched new state profiles summarizing juvenile justice findings in the 50 states. State profiles include the most up-to-date trend data on juvenile arrests in the state, and compare state data to national data. The profiles include information on policy and practice, as well as other statistics, in six topic areas: jurisdictional boundaries, juvenile defense, racial and ethnic fairness, juvenile justice services, status offenses, and systems integration. You can navigate to each state by selecting it on the map [here](#). You can view Washington State's profile [here](#).

## New Pro Se Resources

Three new guides are available on Washington LawHelp's self-help website: [Washington Wills](#), by wa-wills.com; [Women and Fair Housing Rights](#), by Northwest Fair Housing Alliance; and [Youth: Taking Care of Your Credit](#) by Northwest Justice Project.

## Librarian of Congress Update

Our article, "Library of Congress: Stepping Into the Future?" in the [Fall 2015 issue](#) of "The Starting Place" gave readers an overview of changes at the helm of the Library of Congress. On February 24th, President Obama announced his nominee for Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden.

A historic choice, Dr. Hayden would be the first African American and the first woman Librarian of Congress if confirmed. Dr. Hayden has served as CEO of Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland, since 1993. You can learn more about Dr. Hayden and her vision for the nation's library in this [YouTube video](#) linked on [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov).

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