



Quick Resource Guides: Finding the Law Online

California Cases, Rules of Court, Jury Instructions

Searchable California Appellate Opinions (1850-): <http://www.lexisnexis.com/clients/CACourts/>

- Official database of California's precedential appellate decisions published by the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal since 1850. Searchable by citation, party name, or keyword.

California Rules of Court: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules.htm>

- Complete text of the current *California Rules of Court* in PDF format.

California Jury Instructions (CACI & CALCRIM): <http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/juryinstructions.htm>

- Complete text of the official *California Civil Jury Instructions* (CACI) and the current *California Criminal Jury Instructions* (CALCRIM) in PDF format.

California State Constitution

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=CONS&tocTitle=+California+Constitution+-+CONS>

- Browsable version of the official *California Constitution*.

California Code and Bills

California Code (current): <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTextSearch.xhtml>

- Browse the current *California Code*, or search the text by word or phrase.

California Bill Search (1999-): <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

- Search California bills by bill number, code section, chapter number, author, keyword, or phrase.

California Regulations

California Code of Regulations (current): <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Search/Index>

- Search for a specific section of the current *California Code of Regulations*, or search by keyword.

California Regulatory Notice Register (2018-): https://oal.ca.gov/california_regulatory_notice_online/

- PDF versions of each *California Regulatory Notice Register* published since January 2018.

Federal and National Law

Google Scholar (Federal and 50 State Cases): <http://scholar.google.com/>

- Select **Case law** radio button for appellate cases. Search by case citation, party names, or keyword.

Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure: <https://www.uscourts.gov/forms-rules/current-rules-practice-procedure> Current links to the national federal rules and forms in effect, as well as local rules (which are required to be consistent with the national rules) prescribed by district courts and courts of appeal.

Federal Court Filings (PACER): <http://www.pacer.gov/pcl.html>

- Search U.S. District, Bankruptcy, and Appellate courts by party name or case number. Must sign up for account.

Advanced RECAP Search (Federal Court Filings): <https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/>

- Search through a database containing of millions of PACER documents and dockets.

Federal Statutes

U.S. Code (current): <http://uscode.house.gov/>

- Browse the current *U.S. Code*, or search by keyword or code section.

Federal Bills (1973-): <https://www.congress.gov/>

- Search federal bills by bill number or keyword.

Federal Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations: <https://www.ecfr.gov/>

- Browse or search the current *Code of Federal Regulations*.

Federal Register (1994-): <https://www.federalregister.gov/>

- Search the *Federal Register* by citation or keyword.

Alameda County Legal Resources

Alameda County eCourt Public Portal – Civil Case Info: <https://eportal.alameda.courts.ca.gov/>

- eCourt provides access to court records and information about General Civil, Smalls Claims, Probate, and Family Law cases. Litigants can also create and manage court date reservations. Search by party name or case number. An account and payment required.

Alameda County Criminal Case Information: <https://publicportal.alameda.courts.ca.gov/publicportal/>

- Search criminal case information by defendant name or criminal case number. An account is required.

Alameda County Local Rules of Court: [http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Local-Rules\(1\)](http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Local-Rules(1))

- The full text of the current *Alameda County Local Rules of Court* in PDF format.

Alameda County Administrative Code/Ordinances: <https://www.acgov.org/government/adminicode.htm>

- The full text of the current Alameda County Municipal Code, Administrative Code, and Charter.

Online Legal Dictionary

Nolo's Free Online Legal Dictionary: <http://www.nolo.com/dictionary>

- Find plain-English definitions for legal terms by browsing *Nolo's Plain-English Law Dictionary*.