

BHCC Library Legal Research & Information Collection

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Welcome Bunker Hill Community College faculty, students, alumni, and visitors. Our talented librarians and staff are here to meet your legal research needs. For more information about library resources and services, please ask a librarian.

Research Databases

BHCC Library Catalog <http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/library/>

Note: The Bunker Hill Community College Library has a collection of legal materials located within the general collection (in the K section) of the library. The legal collection has both primary and secondary legal materials that are library use only. This collection will undergo a continuous and ongoing growth to meet the needs of BHCC's rapidly expanding paralegal program.

The legal collection includes:

- Massachusetts Decisions
- Massachusetts General Laws Annotated
- Massachusetts Digest
- Massachusetts Digest 2d
- Massachusetts Practice
- Supreme Court Reporter

Other notable titles in our collection include Legal Encyclopedias, Legal Dictionaries, and more.

- American Jurisprudence 2d (Am. Jur. 2d)
- Encyclopedia of the American Constitution
- Guide to Legal Writing Style, 5th Ed.
- Black's Law Dictionary
- The Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation

Subscription to Westlaw

Please ask a BHCC librarian for patron access located at the reference desk in the Library. The librarians provide users with a username/password to give users access to a limited number of databases through the Westlaw website.

Massachusetts Materials

- Cases from the Supreme Judicial Court, Appeals Court, and selected trial courts (with KeyCite)
- Massachusetts General Laws Annotated
- Code of Massachusetts Regulations

Federal Materials

- Cases from all federal and state courts (with KeyCite)
- United States Code Annotated
- Code of Federal Regulations
- Federal Register

Secondary Sources

- Massachusetts Practice Series
- MCLE titles
- American Law Reports and American Jurisprudence 2d
- Restatements of the Law
- Journals and Law Reviews

Free Sites

Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries

www.lawlib.state.ma.us

This excellent starting point for Massachusetts legal research includes numerous research guides on Massachusetts law, links to primary source materials such as Massachusetts city and town bylaws, and (with free Membership, and with remote access.

Google scholar

<https://scholar.google.com/>

Contents include state appellate and supreme court cases since 1950, federal cases since 1923, and Supreme Court cases from 1791.

The Public Library of Law

<http://www.plol.org/Pages/Search.aspx>

Search cases from the U.S. Supreme Court (1791–present), U.S. Courts of Appeals (generally 1950–present), Cases from all 50 states back to 1997, Federal statutory law and codes from all 50 states, Regulations, court rules, constitutions, and more!

Congress.gov (formerly Thomas)

<https://www.congress.gov/>

This is a great source for federal legislation, including Legislation, Congressional Records, Committees, Members, Bill Searches and Lists.

The Government Publishing Office (GPO)

www.gpo.gov/fdsys

Another great source for federal legal research, this site also has executive resources like federal regulations and presidential documents.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact a BHCC librarian:

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