

Free and Affordable Law Firm Tools

Your guide to obtaining primary law, public records, court filings, legal forms, jury instructions, legislative materials, and more without a subscription to Westlaw or Lexis.



Introduction

Legal research can be *outrageously* expensive. When I first started practicing law, I was blissfully unaware of how expensive legal research platforms like Lexis and Westlaw were -- until I was called into a partner's office one day for racking up a \$20,000 Westlaw charge. Most of that charge was due to printing sections of a treatise. I was incredulous. *How could printing sections of a book cost \$20K?*

I remain baffled by that charge, even though I now have much more experience with Westlaw and Lexis bills. After spending years at a large firm, where I was generally insulated from seeing these types of bills, I joined a three-attorney litigation boutique and saw our firm's Lexis bill each month. Our small firm had subscribed to a "cheap" Lexis plan, which limited our searches to a single jurisdiction. And yet, the bills each month were shockingly high. *Can we just stop subscribing to Lexis and Westlaw altogether?* I wondered. *But what would we use for legal research?*

I am now happy to say that yes, you can stop subscribing to Westlaw and Lexis! This guide aggregates free and affordable sources of legal research materials, including:

- Legal research platforms
- Public records
- Legal forms and templates
- Jury instructions
- Secondary sources, including legal encyclopedias and law review articles
- Legislative history materials

The first section of this guide offers sample budgets for attorneys who want access to all of the resources listed above without a subscription to Westlaw or Lexis. The rest of the guide explains how and where you can access these materials for free (or at a reasonable price).

Happy researching!

Best regards,
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I. Your Legal Research Budget

How much does it cost to access legal research materials without a subscription to either Westlaw and Lexis? Costs vary depending on your jurisdiction and practice area, but the good news is, you can access all the legal research materials you need for much less than a Westlaw or Lexis subscription.

Two sample budgets are provided below, based on recommended legal research platforms and sources of legal forms, court filings, and public records.

Least expensive: Budget for a California attorney (or an attorney in any other jurisdiction offering free jury instructions)¹

Type of material	Source	Cost
Legal research platform	Casetext	\$65 per month for a solo practitioner on an annual plan
Public Records	Tracers	\$35 per month (with Casetext discount)
Legal Forms	US LegalForms	Pricing varies for different form packages. A comprehensive subscription to Business Legal Forms costs \$29.95/month
Jury Instructions	Judicial Council of California	Free
Secondary sources	ABA Legal Technology Resource Center - Free Full-text Online Law Review/Law Journal Search Engine	Free
Dockets and court filings	DocketBird	\$25 per user/month

¹ The following jurisdictions publish their jury instructions online for free: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and all U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Legislative materials	California Legislative Information	Free
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Total monthly cost: \$154.95

Most Expensive: Budget for a New York attorney (or an attorney in any other jurisdiction that only offers jury instructions for sale through private publishers)²

Type of material	Source	Cost
Legal research platform	Casetext	\$65 per month for a solo practitioner on an annual plan
Public Records	Tracers	\$35 per month (with Casetext discount)
Legal Forms	US LegalForms	Pricing varies for different form packages. A comprehensive subscription to Business Legal Forms costs \$29.95/month
Jury Instructions	Thomson Reuters (only source for NY civil jury instructions)	Can access an electronic copy of civil jury instructions for \$104 per month
Secondary sources	ABA Legal Technology Resource Center - Free Full-text Online Law Review/Law Journal Search Engine	Free
Dockets and court filings	DocketBird	\$25 per user/month
Legislative materials	New York State Senate and New York State Assembly	Free

Total monthly cost: \$258.95

² The following jurisdictions only offer jury instructions for purchase through private companies: New Hampshire, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia.

II. Legal Research Platforms

Recommended choice: Casetext. All of the options listed below provide access to state and federal cases. The key difference lies in the quality of legal research tools offered by these platforms. What sets Casetext apart is its A.I.-based search engine, CARA, which analyzes both the facts and legal issues in a document to find on-point cases. Casetext's CARA and related features make legal research painless and efficient.

Casetext: www.casetext.com

- Features and coverage: Casetext offers cases, statutes, regulations, and rules for all state and federal jurisdictions. Its federal and state statutes, regulations, and rules include annotations. Casetext also offers a citator service called SmartCite, which indicates how a case has been treated on appeal and how a case has been cited and analyzed by other cases. But Casetext's key differentiator is CARA A.I., an artificial intelligence search engine that will analyze the legal and facts of a document to find relevant cases. Just upload a brief or complaint to CARA, and CARA will show you all cases that pertain to the factual and legal issues in your document. You can also use CARA to check a brief to see which the relevant cases have been omitted. Finally, you can use CARA to cite-check your brief.
- Pricing: A subscription to Casetext starts at \$65 per month on the annual plan for solo practitioners. Additional information about Casetext's prices can be found here: <https://casetext.com/pricing>

Casemaker: <https://public.casemakerlegal.net/>

- Features and coverage: Casemaker offers cases, statutes, regulations, and rules for all state and federal jurisdictions. It offers a citator service called CaseCheck+, which indicates a case's treatment on appeal. Casemaker does not offer annotated statutes, regulations, or rules, and does not provide an artificial intelligence search engine or a brief checker.
- Pricing: Casemaker is free to members of bar associations that join the Bar Consortium. You can find out whether you have access through the Bar Consortium by visiting this page: <https://public.casemakerlegal.net/bar-association-consortium/>.

Fastcase: <https://www.fastcase.com/>

- Features and coverage: Fastcase offers federal and state statutes, federal and state appellate cases and federal district and bankruptcy court opinions. Fastcase's Authority Check will give you citing decisions for your case, while the Bad Law Bot indicates how a case has been treated on appeal. Fastcase does not offer annotated statutes,

regulations, or rules and does not provide an artificial intelligence search engine or brief checker.

- Pricing: Information about Fastcase's different pricing plans can be found here: <http://www.fastcase.com/pricing-plans/>

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

- Features and coverage: Google Scholar offers cases from all state and federal jurisdictions. It does not offer statutes, regulations, or rules, any annotations, or a way to cite-check cases or briefs.
- Pricing: Free

III. Public Records

Recommended choice: Tracers. Tracers offers a comprehensive investigative database, which provides all the information you need to run a skip-trace, collect a judgment, or authenticate documents. Its breadth of coverage for a low price sets Tracers apart from other options.

Tracers: <https://go.tracersinfo.com/casetext>

- Features and coverage: Tracers provides over 50 different search options, allowing you to search through federal, state, and local sources of private and regulated data to conduct a comprehensive background check on people and businesses. The records you can access include criminal records, civil judgments, bankruptcy and foreclosure records, vehicle ownership, court records, lien records and other asset records.
- Pricing: Casetext subscribers qualify for the discounted rate of \$35 per month. This provides you with \$35 for search fees, and if you go over this you will be charged a la carte per search, which will be added to your monthly Tracers bill. If you are not a Casetext subscriber the monthly minimum charge to access Tracers is \$39/month.

PeopleSmart: <https://www.peoplesmart.com/>

- Features and coverage: Its BeenVerified system searches through public records to retrieve information regarding a person's full name, maiden name, age, known aliases, address history with "last seen" date, current address and email addresses, and phone numbers. You can also access public criminal records.
- Pricing: Subscriptions start at \$26.89 per month

Spokeo: <https://www.spokeo.com/>

- Features and coverage: Spokeo allows you to look up an individual by name, address, email address or phone number. The full name search shows you where the individual has lived, the individual's age, aliases, relatives, phone numbers, email addresses, and marital status. Certain court records are available for an additional fee.
- Pricing: A full name report costs \$1.95. Cost of court records varies.

Locate Plus: <https://locateplus.com/>

- Features and coverage: Locate Plus offers "unlimited person search," which includes searches of an individual's assets, licenses, criminal records, civil judgments, property records, phone, motor vehicle records, and business records.
- Pricing: Subscriptions start at \$79.95 per month.

IV. Legal Forms

Recommended choice: USLegal Forms. USLegal Forms offers comprehensive packages of forms, tailored to your jurisdiction and practice area. Its pricing model is flexible and affordable; you are not locked into a subscription but can select whichever package of forms you would like.

Jurisdiction	Source	Coverage and cost
All 50 states	US Legal Forms	<p>This site offers state-specific legal forms in a variety of practice areas, including real estate, family law, estate planning, landlord-tenant, and business formation, and other areas.</p> <p>Pricing varies for different form packages. A comprehensive subscription to Business Legal Forms costs \$29.95/month</p>
All 50 states	https://www.findforms.com/	<p>Offers forms for use in a wide variety of practice areas, including real estate, employment, family law, and wills and trusts, as well as common legal forms in business transactions (confidentiality forms, purchase agreements, loan agreements).</p> <p>A number of forms are free, while others are available for purchase at a low price (\$19.95).</p>
Any (not state specific)	https://legalforms.lawinfo.com/	<p>This site offers free legal documents and templates from the following practice areas: (1) business & corporation, (2) wills & estate planning, (3) debt & finance, (4) trademarks, patents, & copyrights, (5) family law, (6) real estate & landlord / tenant, and (7) "general" which includes bills of sales, affidavits, public records requests, and other miscellaneous forms.</p>

Any (not state specific)	https://www.lawsmart.com/	This site offers wills, trusts, marital documents, real estate purchase agreements, and other common consumer legal documents for free.
All 50 states	https://store.nolo.com/products/online-legal-forms	This site offers comprehensive legal forms and templates for purchase from the following categories: business forms, online LLC formation, planning, landlord, tenant, and leases, intellectual property, real estate, employment / HR, nonprofits, finance, family and parenting, and accident and injuries. You can purchase legal forms for general U.S. use (any jurisdiction) or select your specific state. Prices vary.
All 50 states	https://www.ilrg.com/forms/	This site offers over 2,000 legal forms for use in a number of different practice areas, including the following: business (includes joint venture agreements, LLC agreements, and related business formation and purchase agreements, credit and collection, employment, leases and real estate, transfer and assignments, and miscellaneous releases, affidavits, and indemnity agreements. You can select forms for general U.S. use or a state-specific form. Some forms are free; others are available for purchase at a low price (\$9.95).
All 50 states	https://agreements.realdealdocs.com/	This site offers hundreds of legal documents drafted by attorneys for their clients. Search and view for free. However, if you wish to save a document you must pay a membership fee. Monthly access starts at \$67 per month.

V. Jury Instructions

Currently, 25 states and nearly all U.S. Circuit Courts³ publish civil and criminal jury instructions online for free. Another 15 states offer jury instructions for a reasonable price through state bar associations, the judiciary, or state libraries. The remaining states and the District of Columbia publish their jury instructions through private companies.

Jurisdiction	Source	Cost
Alabama	Pattern Jury Instructions - Criminal Proceedings: http://judicial.alabama.gov/library/juryinstructions	Free
Alaska	Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions: https://courts.alaska.gov/rules/crimins.htm Civil Pattern Jury Instructions: http://www.courts.alaska.gov/rules/civilins.htm	Free
Arkansas	Model Jury Instructions - Civil: https://govt.westlaw.com/armji/Index?transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)	Free

³ The only exception is the Second Circuit, which does not publish jury instructions online because it does not have model civil or criminal jury instructions.

<p>California</p>	<p>Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI): https://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/317.htm</p> <p>Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM):https://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/312.htm</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Colorado</p>	<p>Pattern Civil Jury Instructions:https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Supreme Court/Committees/Committee.cfm?Committee_ID=18</p> <p>Criminal Jury Instructions: https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Supreme Court/Committees/Committee.cfm?Committee_ID=9</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Connecticut</p>	<p>Civil Jury Instructions: https://www.jud.ct.gov/JI/Civil/default.htm</p> <p>Criminal Jury Instructions: https://www.jud.ct.gov/JI/Criminal/default.htm</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Delaware</p>	<p>Civil Pattern Jury Instructions: https://courts.delaware.gov/superior/pattern/</p> <p>Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions: https://courts.delaware.gov/superior/pattern/pattern_criminal.aspx</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Florida</p>	<p>Criminal, Civil, Contract & Business, and Involuntary Civil Commitment Jury Instructions: https://jury.flcourts.org/</p>	<p>Free</p>

Georgia	Pattern Jury Instructions (Civil and Criminal) - https://georgiasuperiorcourts.org/pattern-jury-instructions/	You can subscribe to access civil jury instructions for \$125 per year, or criminal jury instructions for \$125 per year, or both for \$200 per year
Hawaii	Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions: https://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal-references/circuit-court-standard-jury-instructions	Free
Idaho	Civil Jury Instructions: https://isc.idaho.gov/main/civil-jury-instructions Criminal Jury Instructions: https://isc.idaho.gov/main/criminal-jury-instructions	Free
Indiana	Criminal Jury Instructions: http://www.indianajudgesassociation.org/pdf/IJA%20Public%20Access%20Criminal%20Pattern%20Instructions.pdf Can access Model Indiana Civil Instructions via Hamilton County Law Library website: https://lawlibrary.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/ebooks-of-the-week-indiana-and-kentucky-jury-instructions/	Criminal jury instructions are available for free from the Indiana Judge Association. Model Indiana Civil Instructions from Hamilton County Law Library are available through a library subscription. The cost of an annual subscription for an individual or a solo practitioner is \$110. See https://lawlibrary.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/join/application/
Illinois	Civil Pattern Jury Instructions: http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/CircuitCourt/CivilJuryInstructions/default.asp Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions: http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/CircuitCourt/CriminalJuryInstructions/default.asp	Free

Iowa	<p>Criminal Jury Instructions: https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.iowabar.org/resource/resmgr/jury_instructions/ia_criminal_jury_instruction.pdf</p> <p>In addition, Iowa state bar members can download the entire set of Iowa Criminal Jury Instructions and Iowa Civil Jury Instructions in PDF or Word formats from the ISBA's website by clicking on "Jury Instructions" under the "Practice Tools" tab and selecting either "Criminal Jury Instructions" or "Civil Jury Instructions," respectively</p>	Free
Kansas	<p>Pattern Civil Jury Instructions: https://www.kansasjudicialcouncil.org/publications/pattern-jury-instructions-kansas-civil-4th</p> <p>Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions: https://www.kansasjudicialcouncil.org/publications/pattern-jury-instructions-kansas-criminal-4th</p>	Registered Kansas attorneys can access jury instructions for free online. Non-Kansas attorneys can access civil or criminal jury instructions for \$75 for a 1-year online subscription (\$75 per set of instructions).
Kentucky	<p>You can access civil and criminal Kentucky jury instructions via e-Book, <i>Kentucky Instructions to Juries</i>, by Cooper & Cetrulo, available through the Hamilton County Law Library website: https://lawlibrary.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/ebooks-of-the-week-indiana-and-kentucky-jury-instructions/</p>	This resource is available with a subscription to the Hamilton County Law Library. The cost of an annual subscription for an individual or a solo practitioner is \$110. See https://lawlibrary.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/join/application/
Louisiana	You can access plain language jury instructions for civil cases from the Louisiana Supreme Court, set forth in	Free

	<p>LA Supreme Court Rule XLIV and available here: http://www.lasc.org/rules/supreme/RuleXLIV.asp. Also available here: https://lajudicialcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2Finish-Strong-Jury-Charges-and-Jury-Interrogatories1.pdf</p>	
Maine	Maine Jury Instruction Manual (includes civil and criminal)	Maine Jury Instruction Manual in eBook format is available for purchase, for \$205 from LexisNexis store, https://store.lexisnexis.com/products/maine-jury-instruction-manual-skuusSku7266
Maryland	Civil and Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions are published by the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA)	<p>You can order an electronic set of civil jury instructions from the MSBA for \$299 here: https://msba.inreachce.com/Details/Information/c3b4113d-50c5-4846-9544-457f4413eba1</p> <p>You can order an electronic set of criminal jury instructions from the MSBA for \$299 here: https://msba.inreachce.com/Details/Information/8d7e9d40-d3d6-4ed3-8c63-2178e5af4dea</p>
Massachusetts	<p>Model Jury Instructions for use in criminal cases available from the Massachusetts Court System here: https://www.mass.gov/model-jury-instructions.</p> <p>Massachusetts Superior Court Civil Practice Jury Instructions are available</p>	Model jury instructions are criminal cases are free from the Massachusetts court system. Civil jury instructions are available via eBook for purchase for \$198.75-\$265.00, depending on whether one is a "new lawyer" or has a member discount.

	<p>from Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc., and are available for purchase here:https://www.mcle.org/product/catalog/code/1970287B00</p>	
Michigan	<p>Model Civil Jury Instructions are published by Michigan's Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, available here:https://courts.michigan.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/mcji/Documents/Model%20Civil%20Jury%20Instructions.pdf</p> <p>Model Criminal Jury Instructions are published by Michigan's Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, available here</p>	Free
Minnesota	<p>Minnesota's Jury Instruction Guides are published by Thomson-West.</p> <p>The guide to civil jury instructions can be accessed here: https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Jury-Instructions/Jury-Instruction-Guides-ndash-Civil-6th-Vols-4--4A-Minnesota-Practice-Series/p/106152647</p> <p>The guide to criminal jury instructions can be purchased here: https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Practice-Materials/Jury-Instruction-Guides---Criminal-6th-Vol-10--10A-Minnesota-Practice-Series/p/106152696?trkcode=re</p>	You can access the civil jury instructions from Thomson-West for \$25.60 per month and the criminal jury instructions for \$20.80 per month

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Mississippi	Model Jury Instructions (civil and criminal) are available from the Mississippi court system via the following link: https://courts.ms.gov/research/research.php	Free
Missouri	Missouri Supreme Court - approved Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions: https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=589	Free
Montana	Criminal jury instructions are available from the Criminal Jury Instructions Commission of the Montana Supreme Court and can be accessed here: https://courts.mt.gov/courts/supreme/boards/crim_jury#81694259-2009-criminal-jury-instructions Pattern civil jury instructions are available for purchase from the State Bar of Montana	Criminal jury instructions can be downloaded from free from the Criminal Jury Instructions Commission. Pattern civil jury instructions can be purchased from the State Bar of Montana for \$203.75.
Nebraska	Civil and criminal jury instructions are published by Thomson Reuters and are available for purchase here: https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Practice-Materials/Nebraska-Jury-InstructionsmdashCivil--Criminal-2d-2019-2020-ed-Vol-1-Nebraska-Practice-Series/p/106535422	Access to civil and criminal jury instructions can be purchased from Thomson Reuters at \$30.40 per month.
Nevada	Civil jury instructions are available for purchase from the State of Nevada Bar: https://members.nvbar.org/c	Civil jury instructions can be purchased from the State of Nevada Bar for \$30.00

	vweb/cgi-bin/msascartdll.dll/ProductInfo?productcd=PUB-845-D-2	
New Hampshire	<p>Draft criminal jury instructions from the Drafting Committee of the Bar's Task Force on Criminal Jury Instructions are available here: https://www.nhbar.org/criminal-jury-instructions/</p> <p>Civil jury instructions are available for purchase from LexisNexis: https://store.lexisnexis.com/products/new-hampshire-civil-jury-instructions-skuusSku6595</p>	Draft criminal jury instructions are available for free. Civil jury instructions are available for purchase from LexisNexis for \$208
New Jersey	<p>Model Civil Jury Charges are available here: https://njcourts.gov/attorneys/civilcharges.html</p> <p>Model Criminal Jury Charges are available here: https://njcourts.gov/attorneys/criminalcharges.html</p>	Free
New Mexico	<p>Uniform Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions are available here: https://nmcourts.gov/Metro/jury-instructions-.aspx</p>	Free
New York	<p>Criminal Jury Instructions and Model Colloquies (NY CJI2d and NY MC) are available from the New York Courts website here: https://www.nycourts.gov/judges/cji/index.shtml</p> <p>Civil Pattern Jury Instructions are available for purchase from Thomson Reuters:</p>	Criminal jury instructions are free. Civil pattern jury instructions can be purchase from Thomson Reuters for \$104 per month.

	https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Jury-Instructions/New-York-Pattern-Jury-InstructionsmdashCivil-2019-ed/p/106153898	
North Carolina	Pattern jury instructions for civil, criminal, and motor vehicle cases are available for download from the University of North Carolina School of Government online library: https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/north-carolina-pattern-jury-instructions/pattern-jury-instructions-online-library	Free
North Dakota	Civil and criminal pattern jury instructions are available from the State Bar Association of North Dakota: https://www.ndcourts.gov/legal-self-help/pattern-jury	Free
Ohio	You can access Ohio jury instructions (civil and criminal) by contacting the Hamilton County law library at reference@cms.hamilton-co.org .	This resource is available with a subscription to the Hamilton County Law Library. The cost of an annual subscription for an individual or a solo practitioner is \$110. See https://lawlibrary.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/join/application/
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions (civil, criminal, and juvenile) are available from the Oklahoma State Court Network: http://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/Index.asp?ftdb=STOKJU&level=1	Free
Oregon	Uniform Criminal and Civil Jury Instructions are available	Uniform Criminal Jury Instructions (2009 revision,

	<p>for purchase from the Oregon State Bar: https://hello.osbar.org/Product/catalog/index?defaultCategoryID=26</p>	<p>plus supplements through 2018) can be purchased for \$508.00.</p> <p>Uniform Civil Jury Instructions (2005 revision, plus supplements through 2018) can be purchased for \$465.00.</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>The Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions are published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and may be purchased here: http://www.pbi.org/search?keyword=civil%20jury%20instructions</p> <p>The Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions are also published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and may be purchased here: http://www.pbi.org/search?keyword=pennsylvania%20suggested%20standard%20criminal%20jury%20instructions</p>	<p>Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions may be purchased from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute for \$329.</p> <p>Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions may be purchased from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute for \$249.</p>
Rhode Island	<p>The Rhode Island Bar Association has published two editions of the Model Civil Jury Instructions. These materials can be purchased by contacting the Rhode Island Bar Association, available here: https://www.ribar.com/</p> <p>To date, there are not criminal jury instructions specifically for Rhode Island.</p>	<p>Model Civil Jury Instructions. can be purchased from the Rhode Island Bar Association for \$49.95.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Civil jury instructions are available in <i>South Carolina</i></p>	<p><i>South Carolina Requests to Charge-Civil (Second Edition)</i></p>

	<p><i>Requests to Charge-Civil (Second Edition)</i>, which can be purchased from the South Carolina Bar: https://www.sctbar.org/shop-ple/publication/south-carolina-requests-to-charge-civil-second-edition/</p>	<p>can be purchased for \$125.</p>
South Dakota	<p>South Dakota civil jury instructions are available through the "Dakota Disc," a compendium of South Dakota jury instructions, forms, laws, and other legal materials, distributed by Fastcase. The following web page provides additional information: https://www.fastcase.com/dakota-disc/</p>	<p>The basic package for the "Dakota Disc," which includes quarterly updates on South Dakota civil jury instructions and other laws, is \$500. Additional pricing options are available here: https://www.fastcase.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Dakota-Disc-2019.pdf</p>
Tennessee	<p>Tennessee Pattern Jury Instructions, Civil and Criminal, are available for purchase from Thomson Reuters</p> <p>The 2019 changes and notes to the Tennessee Pattern Jury Instruction (Criminal) are available from the Administrative Office of the Courts' website: http://www.tncourts.gov/sites/default/files/docs/memo_to_website_sept_19_for_june_changes.pdf</p>	<p>The 2019 changes and notes to the Tennessee Pattern Jury Instruction (Criminal) are available for free from the Administrative Office of the Courts' website.</p> <p>The Tennessee Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions can be purchased from Thomson Reuters for \$43 per month: https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Practice-Materials/Tennessee-Pattern-Jury-Instructions---Criminal-23rd-2019-2020-ed-Vol-7-Tennessee-Practice-Series/p/106484996</p> <p>The Tennessee Pattern Civil Jury Instructions can be purchased from Thomson</p>

		Reuters for \$43 per month: https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Practice-Materials/Tennessee-Pattern-Jury-Instructions---Civil-19th-2019-2020-Vol-8-Tennessee-Practice-Series/p/106484988
Texas	<p>Texas criminal jury charges are available online through the Texas State Law Library: https://www.sll.texas.gov/library-resources/collections/digital-collection/?subject=51</p> <p>You can also purchase Civil and Criminal Pattern Jury Charges through Texas Bar Books: http://texasbarbooks.net/texas-pattern-jury-charges/</p>	<p>You can access Texas criminal jury charges are available online through the Texas State Law Library for free as a library patron, but you must be a Texas resident.</p> <p>A complete set of Civil Pattern Jury Instructions can be purchased from Texas Bar Books for \$600, while a complete set of Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions can be purchased for \$500</p>
Utah	<p>Model Utah Jury Instructions, Second Edition (MUJI 2d), which includes civil instructions, criminal instructions, and criminal jury verdict forms, are available from the Utah Courts here: https://www.utcourts.gov/resources/muji/index.asp</p>	Free
Vermont	<p>Model Criminal Jury Instructions are available from the Vermont Bar Association: http://vtjuryinstructions.org/</p> <p>Model Civil Jury Instructions are available from the Vermont Plain English Civil Jury Instruction Committee: http://www.vtbar.org/UserFiles/Files/WebPages/Attorney%20Resources/juryinstruction</p>	Free

	s/civiljuryinstructions/index.htm	
Virginia	<p>Model Criminal Jury Instructions are available here: http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/circuit/resources/model_jury_instructions_criminal.pdf</p> <p>Model Civil Jury Instructions are available here: http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/circuit/resources/model_jury_instructions_civil.pdf</p>	Free
Washington	<p>Pattern Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions are available from the Washington Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions, here: https://govt.westlaw.com/wc/cji/index?lTS=20191017192636131</p>	Free
West Virginia	<p>Criminal Jury Instructions are available from Public Defender Services: https://pds.wv.gov/Criminal-Law-Research-Center/publications/Documents/Jury%20Instructions%207th%20Edition.pdf</p> <p>Pattern Jury Instructions for Civil Cases can be purchased from the West Virginia Judiciary: http://www.courtswv.gov/legal-community/patternJuryInstructions/index.html</p>	<p>Criminal Jury Instructions are available for free from Public Defender Services.</p> <p>Pattern Jury Instructions for Civil Cases can be purchased from the West Virginia Judiciary for \$95.</p>
Wisconsin	<p>Civil, criminal, and "children" jury instructions are authored by the University of Wisconsin Law School, and</p>	<p>You can access jury instructions for free through the University of Wisconsin Law School, but you need a</p>

	<p>available on Fastcase: https://law.wisc.edu/newsletter/Law_Library/Wisconsin_Jury_Instructions_in_p_2018-03-14</p> <p>Pattern criminal jury instructions are also available from the Wisconsin State Public Defenders: https://wispd.org/index.php/legal-resources/specialty-practices/homicide-practice-group/jury-instructions</p>	<p>University of Wisconsin NetId, which is restricted to alumni and other individuals who have some affiliation to the school.</p> <p>Pattern criminal jury instructions can be accessed from the Wisconsin State Public Defender for free.</p>
Wyoming	<p>Civil, Criminal, and Juvenile Pattern Jury Instructions can be purchased from the Wyoming State Bar: https://www.wyomingbar.org/resources/bookstore/</p>	<p>Downloadable versions of Civil, Criminal, and Juvenile Pattern Jury Instructions can be purchased for \$75 each.</p>
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit	<p>Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions for the District Courts of the First Circuit are available from the U.S. District of Maine (last updated 6/21/19): https://www.med.uscourts.gov/pdf/crpjilinks.pdf</p> <p>Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions for the District Courts of the First Circuit (via the D. Rhode Island site): https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/sites/rid/files/documents/juryinstructions/PJI.pdf (dated 1997)</p> <p>District of Rhode Island jury instructions: https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/juryinstructions/jury-instructions</p>	<p>Free</p>

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit	The Second Circuit does not have pattern jury instructions	
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit	Model Civil and Model Criminal Jury Instructions are available from the Third Circuit's website: https://www.ca3.uscourts.gov/model-jury-instructions	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit	The Fourth Circuit does not have official pattern instructions. However, a set of regularly updated Fourth Circuit criminal instructions and annotations (last updated July 1, 2019) is available from the District of South Carolina web site: http://www.scd.uscourts.gov/pji/	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit	Jury Instructions for Criminal Cases (2015 ed) and for Civil Cases (rev. 2016) can be accessed from the Fifth Circuit online library: http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/juryinstructions/	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit	The Sixth Circuit has official criminal (updated 8/2019) (but not civil) pattern jury instructions, available here: https://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/pattern-jury-instructions	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit	The Seventh Circuit has pattern criminal and civil jury instructions, available here: http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/pattern-jury-instructions/pattern-jury.htm	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit	The Eighth Circuit has pattern criminal and civil jury instructions. Civil instructions	Free

	<p>are available here:http://www.juryinstructions.ca8.uscourts.gov/civil_instructions.htm</p> <p>Criminal instructions are available here: http://www.juryinstructions.ca8.uscourts.gov/criminal_instructions.htm</p>	
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit	<p>The Ninth Circuit has pattern criminal and civil jury instructions. Civil instructions are available here:</p> <p>Criminal instructions are available here: http://www3.ce9.uscourts.gov/jury-instructions/model-criminal</p>	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit	<p>The Tenth Circuit has official criminal (updated 2/2018), (but not civil) pattern jury instructions. The criminal pattern jury instructions can be accessed here: https://www.ca10.uscourts.gov/clerk/orders</p>	Free
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit	<p>Pattern Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions: http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/pattern-jury-instructions</p>	Free
District of Columbia	<p>The District of Columbia does not have official pattern jury instructions. Lexis sells Standardized Civil Jury Instructions for the District of Columbia and Criminal Jury Instructions for the District of Columbia.</p>	<p>Standardized Civil Jury Instructions can be purchased from Lexis for \$570: https://store.lexisnexis.com/products/standardized-civil-jury-instructions-for-the-district-of-columbia-skuusSku42533</p> <p>Criminal Jury Instructions can be purchased from Lexis for</p>

		\$249: https://store.lexisnexis.com/products/criminal-jury-instructions-for-the-district-of-columbia-skuSKU01278
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VI. Secondary Sources

Recommended choice: ABA Legal Technology Resource Center. The ABA Legal Technology Resource Center offers a free Full-text Online Law Review/Law Journal Search Engine, which allows you to search over 400 law reviews and law journals. With its comprehensive selection and unbeatable price (free!), the ABA Legal Technology Resource Center is an excellent resource for a secondary sources.

Jurisdiction	Source	Cost
Any (not state or jurisdiction specific)	WEX: http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/	Free - WEX is the Legal Information Institute's free legal dictionary and encyclopedia.
Any (not state or jurisdiction specific)	Nolo: https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia	Free- This legal encyclopedia offers articles on a wide range of practice areas including Bankruptcy, Disability law, Family Law, IP, Real Estate and Finance.
All (law reviews and law journals from all jurisdictions)	ABA Legal Technology Resource Center - Free Full-text Online Law Review/Law Journal Search Engine: https://www.lawtechnologytoday.org/free-full-text-online-law-review-journal-search/	Free - Search over 400 law reviews and law journals, as well as document repositories (e.g. SSRN and bepress) and related publications such as Congressional Research Service reports.
All (law reviews and law journals from all jurisdictions)	HeinOnline Law Library - Contains more than 2,700 law and law-related periodicals: https://shop.heinonline.org/index.php?colshow=journals	You can obtain a short-term subscription to browse law library materials and download what you need. Short-term subscriptions start at \$29.95 for 24 hours

VII. Dockets and Court Filings

Recommended choice: DocketBird. In addition to its comprehensive coverage of federal court filings, DocketBird offers user-friendly features, including the ability to batch download every document in a case docket in only a few clicks.

Jurisdiction	Source	Cost and coverage
All federal	DocketBird, www.docketbird.com	DocketBird covers all pending federal cases (appellate, civil, criminal, and bankruptcy). The cost is \$25 per user/month, but a firm of 10+ users can use the service for \$20 per user/month
All federal	PACER, https://www.pacer.gov/	Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) allows users to obtain case and docket information from federal appellate, district and bankruptcy courts, and the PACER Case Locator via the Internet. Registration required. \$.10 per page.
U.S. Federal District Courts	Justia Dockets & Filings, https://dockets.justia.com/	The Justia Federal District Court Filings & Dockets site republishes public litigation records retrieved from the US Federal District Courts. Search by party name, judge, jurisdiction, type of lawsuit, and date. This service is free.
Federal courts, plus select courts in Washington, Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Nevada Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Maryland,	CourtTrax: https://www.courttrax.com/	CourtTrax provides online court information search and retrieval services for Washington, Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Nevada state courts; the federal court system; and superior, district, municipal and appellate/supreme courts that offer

<p>Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Virginia state courts</p>		<p>online access in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Virginia.</p> <p>CourtTrax charges for each completed search; individual search costs range from free to \$39.00. Most searches cost between \$1.00 – \$3.00.</p>
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VIII. Free Legislative Materials

All federal and state jurisdictions offer at least some legislative materials for free online. The following table lists free sources of federal legislative materials, as well as free online legislative materials for select states.

For a complete list of where you can find legislative materials for all states, please see the *State Legislative History Research Guides Inventory* published by the Jerome Hall Law Library of Indiana University, available at: <http://law.indiana.libguides.com/state-legislative-history-guides>

Jurisdiction	Source	Cost and coverage
All federal	Library of Congress, https://www.congress.gov/	Free -This site offers access to a wide range of government documents and information, including legislation, committee reports, congressional records, and treaty documents. Its coverage of bills starts at the 101st Congress (1989) to the present. It is user-friendly, mobile-friendly, and offers faceted searching options
All federal	American Memory: http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwhbsb.html	Free -Includes House bills from 1799-1873 (6th - 42nd Congresses) with the exception of the 12th Congress and Senate Bills from 1819-1873 (16th - 42nd Congresses). You can browse by Congressional session and type of legislation and search by keyword.
All federal	U.S. Government Publishing Office, https://www.govinfo.gov/	Free -Includes bills from 103rd Congress (1993 - present); select hearings 99th, 100th & 102nd Congresses (1995 - present). You can browse by Congressional session and search by keyword
California	California Legislative Information, http://leginfo.ca.gov/	Free - includes California bill history (Senate and Assembly) from 1999 through the present
Colorado	Colorado State Archives / Legislative Records:	Free - includes an online database of House and Senate bills from 1997-2018

	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/legislative-records	
Florida	<p>Florida Statutes: http://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/</p> <p>Florida Senate Website Archive: http://archive.flsenate.gov/</p> <p>Laws of Florida: http://laws.flrules.org/</p>	<p>Free - "A permanent collection of state laws organized by subject area into a code made up of titles, chapters, parts, and sections. The Florida Statutes are updated annually by laws that create, amend, transfer, or repeal statutory material." View statutes by year.</p> <p>Free - includes historical information on bills (1998 - 2010), statutes (1997 - 2010), rules (1839 - 2014)</p> <p>Free - A "verbatim publication of the general and special laws enacted by the Florida Legislature in a given year and published each year following the regular session of the legislature." (1997 - present)</p>
Hawaii	<p>Hawaii legislative archives: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/archives/main.aspx</p>	<p>Free - access the legislative archives for the 1998 - 2018 sessions.</p>
Illinois	<p>Illinois General Assembly, http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/guide.asp</p>	<p>Free - This site includes introduced bills and resolutions, adopted amendments, engrossed bills and resolutions, conference committee reports adopted by both the House and the Senate, enrolled bills and resolutions, and re-enrolled bills for the 90th General Assembly (which began in January, 1997 and ended in January, 1999) up through the the 101st General Assembly (which began in January, 2019)</p>
New York	<p>New York State Assembly: https://nyassembly.gov/leg/</p> <p>New York State Senate:</p>	<p>Free - New York State Assembly Includes bills going back to 1999. New York State Senate includes bills going back to 2009</p>

	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation	
Texas	Legislative Reference Library of Texas: https://lrl.texas.gov/legis/billsearch/lrlhome.cfm	Free -Legislative Reference Library of Texas allows you to look up bills from 1871 to the present.