GEORGE R. FARMER, JR. LAW LIBRARY

West Virginia University College of Law

The George R. Farmer, Jr. Law Library is the largest public law library in the state, providing access to thousands of print volumes and online legal resources. The Library supports the teaching, research, and public service responsibilities of the College of Law, and proudly serves members of the West Virginia practicing bar and the public at large.

A central mission of the Library is to support students throughout their law school careers. To that end, this guide provides an overview of the most important Library resources and services for incoming 1Ls. Congratulations and welcome to the WVU College of Law!

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

WVU Law Students can access the Library at any time (i.e., 24/7) via student ID swipe access.

Circulation

304-293-5300

wvulawbooks@mail.wvu.edu

Reference

304-293-8286

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Follow the Law Library on Facebook and Twitter: @WVULawLibrary

Online Collection

WVU Law Library Website

Our **website** serves as a portal to all online study aids, legal databases, the Library catalog, and Library information and policies. The Library also has a **TWEN** page (which provides, among other things, off-campus access codes for legal databases), and is on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

Print Collection

Main Floor (Ground Floor)

- Circulation: Print Reserve Collection
- United States Code
- West Virginia Code
- Case Law Reporters
- Legal Encyclopedias
- Law Reviews

Top Floor

- Books on General Topics
- Looseleaf Materials
- Legal Forms

Student Resources

Print Reserve Collection

The Library has course textbooks and study aids available for check-out behind the Circulation Desk. This reserve collection includes the textbooks used in all law school courses and the major course supplements series.

West Study Aids Subscription

The Library provides students with access to the **West Study Aids Subscription**, a very popular student resource. The online supplements in this e-collection include major series such as Gilbert's, the Nutshell series, Black Letter Outlines, etc.

CALI

Students also have access to **CALI**, an online platform that provides interactive lessons on law school course subjects— including all 1L courses. CALI registration instructions will be emailed to students and also are available from Circulation staff.

Legal Research Databases

Westlaw, **Lexis Advance**, and **Bloomberg Law** are legal research databases crucial for the law school curriculum. Students will be emailed registration instructions for these databases.

Library Services

Computers, Printing, and Scanning

Computers, printers, copiers, and digital scanners are located on both floors of the Library. Copying/printing is 6¢ per page, color copying/printing is 25¢ per page, and digital scanning is free. Payments are made via your Mountaineer Card, and money can be added to your Card at the **Mountie Bounty** website. You also can print Lexis Advance documents for free to the Lexis printer located on the main floor of the Library.

Study Areas

There are study tables on both Library floors in addition to couches and "comfy" chairs. Study rooms may be reserved by law student groups only.

Carrels

Individual study carrels are located on both floors of the Library. Carrels are a good place to study, but you are responsible for all materials left unattended.

Borrowing Materials

Library Catalog

WVU Libraries has an **online catalog**. Through the online catalog, you can search for books, e-books, journal articles, and other resources. If you are looking for a print resource, you can use the call number located in the catalog record to find it in the Library stacks.

InterLibrary Loan

Students can use BookExpress, E-ZBorrow and ILLiad to request materials from other libraries. Access to these interLibrary loan services can be found **here**.

Circulation Policies

Students can borrow reserve materials for two hours and other circulating books for one semester. Students must present their Mountaineer Card to borrow books and other materials. For more information on borrowing, go to the **student circulation policies page** on the Library's website.

WVU Libraries

To find resources and information for the entire WVU Libraries system, please see the **WVU Libraries** main website.

CREATING YOUR LEGAL DATABASE ACCOUNTS

Registration instructions for Bloomberg Law, Lexis Advance, and Westlaw will be emailed to all 1Ls. For any questions or issues regarding the creation of your accounts, the law school representatives from each company (listed below) are available to assist you.

You should register for each database immediately—not only for legal research purposes, but because the classroom support software of TWEN (on Westlaw) and WebCourse (on Lexis) are the platforms through which WVU Law Professors post syllabi and readings, email students, etc.

Jennifer Dubetz, the Law Library Technology Specialist, may also be contacted with any database registration or TWEN questions at jennifer.dubetz@mail.wvu.edu. For questions regarding law school technology (e.g., accessing the wireless network), contact Keith Walton, the Director of Law School and Library Technology, at keith.walton@mail.wvu.edu.

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