

## Suggested Purchases for MN County Law Libraries

County law libraries serve all types of users, including lawyers, judges, students, the general public, and self-represented litigants. Therefore we recognize the importance of maintaining a balance of resources for all law library users as stated by the American Association of Law Librarians in its [County Public Law Library Standards](#) (2015).

*“A proper mix of print and electronic resources is critical to county public law libraries. Format selection should be driven foremost by user needs and preferences.”*

The following resources are suggestions. Some titles might not be relevant to your library users. Others may be needed. Please contact the State Law Library for suggestions on particular topics.

NOTE: Titles identified with \* are free with your annual CLLP Membership. Titles identified with \*\* next to the cost, do require annual supplementation. The cost of supplementation is approximately 70% of the initial cost of the material. In order for resources to remain useful they should be continuously supplemented.

Level 1: Annual revenue of less than \$10,000

Level 2: Annual revenue \$10,000-\$40,000

Level 3: Annual revenue of more than \$40,000

	Title & Publisher	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Cost
	<b>Reference Collection</b>				
	<i>Black's Law Dictionary</i> (Thomson/West)	X	X	X	\$81.95
	Standard English Dictionary	X	X	X	Est.\$ 60.00
	Standard Spanish Dictionary (if relevant to library users)	X	X	X	Est. \$10.00
	<i>The Bluebook: a uniform system of citation</i> (Harvard Law Review)	X	X	X	\$28.00
	<i>MN Legislative Manual</i>	X	X	X	FREE *
	<b>MN Statutes &amp; Rules</b>				
	<i>Minnesota Statutes</i>	X	X	X	FREE *
	<i>Laws of Minnesota</i> (session laws)	X	X	X	FREE *
	Rules of Court (Thomson West deskbook)	X	X	X	\$143
Or online via Westlaw	<i>Minnesota Statutes Annotated</i> (Thomson/West)		X	X	\$10,000 (new) **
	<i>Minnesota Rules</i> (administrative regulations)	X	X	X	FREE *
	Local ordinances, if not online (See <i>Minn. Stat. 375.52</i> )	X	X	X	varies

	Title and Publisher	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Cost
	<b>MN Case Law &amp; Finding Aids</b>				
	Online access to Westlaw or Lexis		X	X	negotiated
or	<i>MN Reporter</i> from beginning of NW2d (Thomson/West)			X	
or	<i>North Western Reporter 2d Series</i>			X	
	<i>Dunnell's Minnesota Digest</i> (Lexis)		X	X	1999.00**
	<b>Self Help Materials: NOLO Books</b> (New ed. every 2-3 years)				
	<a href="#">101 Forms</a>	X	X	X	\$29.99
	<a href="#">Beat Your Ticket</a>	X	X	X	\$24.99
	<a href="#">Chapter 13 Bankruptcy</a>		X	x	\$39.99
	<a href="#">Credit Repair</a>	X	X	X	\$24.99
	<a href="#">Criminal Law: A Desk Reference</a>	X	X	X	\$44.99
	<a href="#">Estate Planning Basics</a>	X	X	X	\$24.99
	<a href="#">Every Dog's Legal Guide</a>	X	X	x	\$19.99
	<a href="#">Every Landlord's Legal Guide</a>		X	X	\$44.99
	<a href="#">Every Tenant's Legal Guide</a>		X	X	\$34.99
	<a href="#">How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy</a>	X	X	X	\$39.99
	<a href="#">How to Get a Green Card</a>		X	X	\$39.99
	<a href="#">IRAs, 401(k)s &amp; Other Retirement Plans</a>		X	X	
	<a href="#">Legal Research</a>	X	X	X	\$34.99
	<a href="#">Living Together: A Legal Guide for Unmarried Couples</a>	X	X	X	\$34.99
	<a href="#">Neighbor Law</a>	X	X	X	\$29.99
	<a href="#">Represent Yourself in Court</a>	X	X	X	\$39.99
	<a href="#">Social Security, Medicare &amp; Government Pensions</a>		X	X	\$29.99
	<a href="#">Stand Up to the IRS</a>		X	X	\$34.99
	<a href="#">U.S. Immigration Made Easy</a>	X	X	X	\$44.99
	<b>MN CLE's &amp; Treatises</b>				
	<i>Creditor-Debtor Deskbook</i> (MN CLE)	X	X	X	\$205.00**
	Or				
	<i>Minnesota Collections Handbook</i> (Vol. 26, Minnesota Practice Series)				\$256.00 (new edition published each year)

	Title and Publisher	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Cost
	<i>Drafting Wills &amp; Trust Agreements</i> (2 vol., MN CLE)			X	\$375.00**
	<i>Employment in Minnesota</i> (Lexis)  Or <i>Employment Law and Practice, 3d</i> (Vol. 17, Minnesota Practice Series)			X	\$338.00**  \$225.00**
	<i>MN Civil Practice</i> (Lexis)  Or <i>MN State District Court Civil Practice Deskbook</i> , 2nd Ed. (MN CLE)		X	X	\$624.00**  \$185.00
	<i>MN DWI Handbook</i> (MN CLE)  Or Minnesota DWI Handbook (Vol. 31, Minnesota Practice Series)			X	\$185.00**  \$269.00 (new edition published each year)
	<i>MN Estate Administration Manual</i> (MN CLE)	X	X	X	\$245.00**
	<i>MN Family Law Practice Manual</i> (Lexis)	X	X	X	\$415.00**
	<i>MN Misdemeanors &amp; Moving Violations</i> (Lexis)	X	X	X	\$248.00**
	<i>MN Title Standards</i> MN State Bar Assoc.; Real Property			X	\$100.00 (irregular updates)
	<i>Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook</i> (MN CLE)			X	\$185.00**
Available on Westlaw	<i>Minnesota Practice</i> vols. 1 -10A (Thomson/West)		X	X	Price varies per volume
Available on Westlaw	<i>Minnesota Practice</i> vols. 11-31 (Thomson/West)			X	Price varies per volume
	<a href="#">All Minnesota CLE Deskbooks</a> (Tier 3 libraries might want to consider getting all deskbooks, based on budget and patron interest)			X	Price varies per volume

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	<b>MN Self-Help Materials - various publishers</b>				
	<i>Getting a Divorce: A Basic Guide to Minnesota Law</i> (2016 Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.48
	<i>Child Support Basics</i> (2016 Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.48
	<i>Dealing with Debt</i> (2014 Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.48
	<i>Orders for Protection &amp; Harassment Restraining Orders</i> (2014 Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.48
	<i>Rights &amp; Responsibilities of Unmarried Parents</i> (2016 Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.48
	<i>Tenant's Rights in Minnesota</i> (2016 Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.48
	<i>How to Be the Smartest Renter on Your Block</i> (Homeline)	X	X	X	\$20.00
	<i>The Landlord's Guide to Minnesota Law</i> (Homeline)	X	X	X	\$25.00
	<a href="#"><u>Conservatorship &amp; Guardianship in MN</u></a> (MN Conf. of Chief Judges)	X	X	X	Free
	<i>A Guide to Starting a Business in Minnesota</i> (34th Ed., 2016 State of MN, DEED)	X	X	X	Free
	<i>An Employer's Guide to Employment Law Issues in MN</i> (13th Ed., 2016 State of MN, DEED)	X	X	X	Free

### Free Brochures and Handouts:

[MN Attorney General's Office Pamphlets](#): [Car Handbook](#), [Credit Handbook](#), [Conciliation Court](#), [Home Buyer's Handbook](#), [Home Seller's Handbook](#), [Landlord & Tenant's Rights and Responsibilities](#), [Probate & Planning](#), [Seniors Legal Rights](#), [Veterans & Service Members](#)

Others as space and interest warrant.

[LawHelpMN.org](#): Fact sheets as space and interest warrant.

Pamphlets and factsheets:

- [Legal referral sheet](#) for your county
- [Volunteer Lawyers Network](#) (VLN)
- [LawHelpMN](#), I have a legal problem. What can I do?
- MN Department of Public Safety - [DWI Consequences](#)
- Brochures for local organizations

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