

Suggested Purchases for MN County Law Libraries

County law libraries serve all types of users including lawyers, judges, students, and self-represented litigants. Therefore we recognize the importance of maintaining a balance of resources for all library users as stated by the American Association of Law Libraries as part of the [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, and not an exhaustive list. Some titles might not be relevant to your library users; similarly your library may have need for subject matter not found on this list. Please contact the [State Law Library](#) for additional suggestions.

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

Level 1: Annual revenue of less than \$20,000

Level 2: Annual revenue of \$20,000-\$50,000

Level 3: Annual revenue of more than \$50,000

	Title & Publisher	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Cost
Reference Collection					
	Black's Law Dictionary (Thomson/West)	X	X	X	\$84.95
	standard English dictionary	X	X	X	\$60.00 (est.)
	Spanish legal dictionary (as needed)	X	X	X	\$35.00 (est.)
	The Bluebook: a uniform system of citation (Harvard Law Review)		X	X	\$45.00
	<i>MN Legislative Manual</i>	X	X	X	FREE *
MN Statutes & Rules					
	<i>Minnesota Statutes</i> (official)	X	X	X	FREE *
	<i>Laws of Minnesota</i>	X	X	X	FREE *
	Rules of Court	X	X	X	\$202.00
or online Westlaw	Minnesota Statutes Annotated (MSA) (Thomson/West)			X	\$17,568.00 (new) **
	<i>Minnesota Rules</i>	X	X	X	FREE *
	Local Ordinances, if not online, (See Minn. Stat. §§ 375.52 , 415.021)				

	Title and Publisher	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Cost
MN Case Law & Finding Aids					
	Online access to Westlaw or Lexis		X	X	negotiated
or	<i>MN Reporter</i> from beginning of NW2d (Thomson/West)		X	X	\$11,805.00
	<i>Dunnell's Minnesota Digest</i> (Lexis)		X	X	\$2,523.00**
Self Help Materials: NOLO books (New ed. every 2-3 years.)					
	<i>101 Legal Forms</i>	X	X	X	\$29.99
	<i>Chapter 13 Bankruptcy</i>	X	X	x	\$39.99
	<i>Criminal Law Handbook</i>	X	X	X	\$39.99
	<i>Estate Planning Basics</i>	X	X	X	\$24.99
	<i>How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy</i>	X	X	X	\$39.99
	<i>How to Get a Green Card</i>		X	X	\$39.99
	<i>IRAs, 401(k)s & other Retirement Plans.</i>		X	X	\$34.99
	<i>Legal Research</i>		X	X	\$49.99
	<i>Living Together: A Legal Guide for Unmarried Couples</i>	X	X	X	\$34.99
	<i>Neighbor Law</i>	X	X	X	\$29.99
	<i>Represent Yourself in Court</i>	X	X	X	\$39.99
	<i>Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions</i>		X	X	\$29.99
	<i>Stand Up to the IRS</i>		X	X	\$34.99
	<i>U.S. Immigration Made Easy</i>	X	X	X	\$44.99
MN CLE's & Treatises					
	<i>Creditor-Debtor Deskbook</i> (MN CLE) Or <i>Minnesota Collections Handbook</i> Vol. 26, MN Practice Series – (Thomson/West)		X	X	\$209.00** \$448.00 New edition published each year
	<i>Drafting Wills & Trust Agreements</i> (MN CLE)			X	\$499.00**

	Title and Publisher	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Cost
	<u>Employment in Minnesota</u> (Lexis) Or <u>Employment Law & Practice 3rd</u> Vol. 17, MN Practice Series – (Thomson/West)			X	\$380.00** \$353.00**
	<u>MN Civil Practice</u> (Lexis) Or <u>MN District Court Civil Practice Handbook, 2nd ed.</u> (MN CLE)		X	X	\$716.00** \$189.00
	<u>MN DWI Handbook</u> (MN CLE) Or <u>Minnesota DWI Handbook</u> Vol. 31, MN Practice Series – (Thomson/West)			X	\$189.00** \$470.00 New edition published each year
	<u>MN Estate Administration Deskbook</u> (MN CLE)		X	X	\$249.00**
	<u>MN Family Law Practice Manual</u> (Lexis) Or <u>Family Law</u> Vol. 14, MN Practice Series – (Thomson/West)	X	X	X	\$464.00** \$336.00 New edition published each year
	<u>MN Misdemeanors & Moving Violations</u> (Lexis)	X	X	X	\$284.00 New edition published each year
	<u>LexisNexis Practice Guide: Minnesota Criminal Law</u> (Lexis)		X	X	\$202.00 New edition published each year
or online Westlaw	Minnesota Practice vols. <u>12 & 13, 15 & 16, 25</u> (Thomson/West)		X	X	Price varies per volume All: \$1,609.00
or online Westlaw	Minnesota Practice vols. <u>1-2A, 3, 3A, 4 & 4A, 5-6A, 7-9A, 10 & 10A, 11, 18 & 19, 20 & 20A, 23, 24, 28 & 28A</u> (Thomson/West)			X	Price varies per volume All: \$9,835.00

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MN Subject Pamphlets: various publishers					
	<u>Getting a Divorce: A Basic Guide to Minnesota Law</u> (Legal Services State Support)	X	X	x	\$7.00
	<u>Child Support Basics</u> (Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.00
	<u>Dealing with Debt</u> (Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.00
	<u>Orders for Protection & Harassment Restraining Orders</u> (Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.00
	<u>Rights & Responsibilities of Unmarried Parents</u> (Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.00
	<u>Tenant's Rights in Minnesota</u> (Legal Services State Support)	X	X	X	\$7.00
	<u>The Landlord's Guide to Minnesota Law</u> (Homeline)	X	X	X	\$25.00
	<u>Conservatorship and Guardianship in MN</u> , MN Conf. of Chief Judges	X	X	X	Free
	<u>A Guide to Starting a Business in Minnesota</u> (State of MN, DEED)	X	X	X	Free
	<u>An Employer's Guide to Employment Law Issues in Minnesota</u> (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, Landlords & Tenants: 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

Brochures:

- Legal referral sheet for your county (from State Law Library)
- [Volunteer Lawyers Network](#) (VLN)
- [LawHelpMN](#)
- [Minnesota Legal Advice Online](#)
- [MN Dept. of Public Safety](#) - DWI Consequences, Road back to Driving
- Brochures for local organizations