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Introduction‡

This selective annotated bibliography lists and describes primary and secondary sources recommended for researching the law in Arkansas. It includes statutes, codes, regulations, administrative decisions, case law, citators, periodicals, and legal practice treatises. It is organized in five main sections: Primary Materials, Government Resources, State Specific Resources, General Jurisprudence, and Practice Materials by Topic.

With a few exceptions, older materials are intentionally excluded. For continuing publications, we have used the most recent publisher, for example, Thomson Reuters and LexisNexis. Availability in HeinOnline, Lexis, and Westlaw is noted.

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I. Primary Materials

A. Statutory Materials

State Code

Arkansas Code

<https://www.arkbar.com/home>

Access to the Fastcase platform is provided by the Arkansas Bar Association to bar members. Unannotated editions of current and historical Arkansas Codes are accessible through the bar association's website.

Available in Fastcase (2005–).

Arkansas Code of 1987

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/rcode/>

Provided by the Bureau of Legislative Research, this unannotated Arkansas Code is maintained by LexisNexis with Lexis search features. It is also accessible on the Arkansas General Assembly website via a link on the home page (<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us>).

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated. Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis (Michie), 1987–. 55 volumes with 4 softbound-volume index, updated biennially with pocket parts and supplements; volumes replaced as needed. Interim *Advance Code Service* pamphlets published as needed.

One of two commercially available statutory codes, this Lexis publication is designated official by the state. This annotated code provides Arkansas statutory law in Titles 1–29; the set includes a constitutions volume, tables volumes, and softbound court rules volumes. Editorial features include history notes, Arkansas Code Revision Commission notes, case notes, research references, and cross references.

Available in Lexis+.

West's Arkansas Code Annotated. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson West, 2004–. 48 volumes with 2 softbound-volume index, updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. Unannotated interim pamphlets published as needed.

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This unofficial annotated Arkansas code provides Arkansas statutory law in Titles 1–29, two constitutions volumes, a tables volume, and softbound court rules volumes. It has the same arrangement as the official version; however, this version features standard West enhancements such as relevant topics and Key Numbers. Historical and statutory notes, cross references, administrative code references, library references, and case notes are also provided.

Available in Westlaw.

Session Laws

Acts of Arkansas. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, (Published by the Arkansas Secretary of State through 1999), 1837–. Annual.

The acts are the chronological compilation of laws passed in the regular, extraordinary, and fiscal sessions of the Arkansas General Assembly. The regular session convenes in odd-numbered years and the fiscal session convenes in even-numbered years. Contains a list of legislators and constitutional officers, act descriptions with page numbers, and separate indexes to general and fiscal legislation.

Available in Westlaw (2005–).

Arkansas Code Annotated, Advance Legislative Service. Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis (Michie), 1995–. Biennial.

Softbound volumes contain the full text of laws enacted during the sessions of the Arkansas Legislature. They include a summary of act titles, a cumulative table of code sections affected, and a subject matter index.

Available in Lexis+ (1989–).

Arkansas General Assembly Acts

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>

This site provides the Arkansas session laws in PDF format (1987–). An advanced search option is available, as is browsing. The Code Sections Amended table is a quick way to determine whether a code section has been revised.

Session Laws Library – Arkansas

HeinOnline's *Session Laws Library – Arkansas* collection provides Arkansas session laws beginning with the territorial period (1818–1836) and state legislative acts from statehood in 1836 to present.

Available in HeinOnline (1818–).

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West's Arkansas Code Annotated, Legislative Service Acts. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2004—. Multiple softbound volumes, updated irregularly.

Provides current session laws in softbound volumes. Includes official Act numbers, approval dates, table of contents, a cumulative index to laws, and cumulative tables of sections affected.

Available in Westlaw.

Municipal Codes

American Legal Publishing Corporation

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/regions/ar>

Provides full-text municipal codes for a Sebastian County and the City of Tonitown.

Municipal Code Corporation

<http://www.municode.com/library/ar>

Provides full-text municipal codes and ordinances for nearly three dozen Arkansas cities and counties. Coverage varies by jurisdiction.

Available in Lexis+.

Other Legislative Information

General

Arkansas State Legislature – General Assembly

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>

The Arkansas Senate and House of Representatives together form the General Assembly, which meets in two-year sessions. In odd-numbered years, a Regular Session convenes; in even-numbered years, a Fiscal Session convenes. This website provides access to information from current and prior sessions. Legislative information, including bills and Acts, is available from 1997 to present. A link to the unannotated Arkansas Code and Arkansas Constitution is provided. Information about Meetings and Events, including links to agendas, documents, and video recordings of the events, is available in the Calendar menu. Access documents from prior sessions of the General Assembly at <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/PreviousLegislatures/>. The Search Center menu provides easy search access to several of the above-mentioned features.

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Bureau of Legislative Research

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bureau>

The Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) provides support to the General Assembly, including assistance drafting legislation. They conduct general subject research, legal research, budget research, and fiscal research; and produce annual and biennial legislative summaries. Select BLR reports are available on their website under Publications.

Uncodified Historic Legislation

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/ArkansasLaw/HistoricLegislation>

Available via the Arkansas State Legislature website, this is an unofficial index database for historical and uncodified legislation.

Legislative Summaries

Previous Legislatures. Arkansas State Legislature, 1987–.

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/PreviousLegislatures/>

Access legislative summaries from prior General Assembly sessions by first clicking the session, then clicking Session Documents from the menu on the right.

Summary of Action on General Legislation. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research, 1987–. Biennial (with the exception of extraordinary sessions in even years).

Summarizes Arkansas's general legislation in a helpful topical arrangement, with references to act and bill numbers. Some years contain an index by act number. Beginning in 2009, summaries include a table of effective date of acts without an emergency clause.

Summary of Action on Fiscal Legislation. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas General Assembly, Bureau of Legislative Research, 1987–. Annual.

A summary of fiscal legislation is compiled for every session. As above, select the "Session Documents" link from the homepage of a session for the fiscal summaries.

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Bills and Pending Legislation

Arkansas Bill Tracking

Westlaw's *Arkansas Bill Tracking* collection includes current and recently-ended Arkansas legislature, and summaries and status information on bills, which are tracked from introduction throughout the legislative process.

Available in Westlaw.

Arkansas Bill Tracking Reports

Lexis' *Arkansas Bill Tracking Reports* collection, provided by StateNet, includes summary and legislative chronologies of pending Arkansas legislation from 1990.

Available in Lexis+.

Arkansas State Legislature – Bills.

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>

The "Bills" menu of the Arkansas State Legislature provides access to Regular and Extraordinary Sessions from 1987 to present, and Fiscal Sessions from 2010 to present (see "Advanced Search" option.) Features of the Bills menu include Search by Range, Advanced Search, Recent Activities, Recently Filed, Personalized Tracking, Returned from Committee, and Conflicts. This menu provides the text of bills and resolutions, bill status reports, and the text of amendments. From this menu, you can search bills by keyword, bill number, act number or sponsor. The Personalized Tracking feature offers personalized bill tracking, custom reports options, and daily email on bills during sessions for those who register.

DIGESTArkansas. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Legislative Digest, Inc., 1992–.

<https://ardigest.net/>

Provides real-time information on bills and resolutions, session laws, summaries, bill tracking and status, news, news alerts, rosters, statistics, and other legislative information. It offers reports on bill status, meetings, calendars, and contributions to legislators. Several methods of electronic delivery are available.

Initiatives and Referenda

Acts of Arkansas. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, (Published by the Arkansas Secretary of State through 1999), 1837–. Annual.

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Since 1995, full-text ballot initiatives and referred acts and constitutional amendments have been printed in a separate volume of the *Acts of Arkansas*. In prior years they are included with the general acts.

Available in HeinOnline (Session Laws Library – Arkansas).

Arkansas Secretary of State – Elections

<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/initiatives-and-referenda/>

Provides the text of current ballot initiatives and explains the procedures for getting initiatives and referenda on the ballot. Select “Historical Initiatives & Referenda Election Results (1938–2018)” for a table containing the name of the proposal, the issue, the source, and the election outcome.

Legislative Journals

Following is information on availability of the journals of the Arkansas House of Representatives and Senate, together known as the General Assembly. For years not covered here, contact the Arkansas Secretary of State’s office, where journals dating back to statehood (1836) are housed.

Journals of the Sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, 1836. Little Rock: Gazette Office, 1836–1840.

This publication provides the official daily proceedings of the first three sessions of the Arkansas General Assembly, publishing the proceedings of both chambers in the same volume, though not verbatim. Indexes are provided in some journals. Some volumes contain committee reports, agency reports, special reports, and petitions allowed under General Assembly rules.

Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas. 4th–60th, 1842–1955. Biennial.

The records of the official daily proceedings of the regular and extraordinary sessions of the Arkansas House of Representatives. Indexes are provided in most journals except for some early years. The journals typically include committee reports, either in the body of the journal or in the appendix; agency reports; special reports; and occasional petitions.

Journal of the Senate of the State of Arkansas. 4th–60th, 1842–1955. Biennial.

The records of the official daily proceedings of the regular and extraordinary sessions of the Arkansas. Indexes are provided in most journals except for some early years. The journals typically provide committee reports, either in the body

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of the journal or in the appendix; agency reports; special reports; and occasional petitions.

Arkansas House of Representatives—Resources – Journal

<https://www.arkansashouse.org/learn/resources#> (2017–)

House Journals from 2017 to the present can be found on House of Representatives website. Skeletal in format, the House Journal provides a record of bills introduced, titles of bills, resolutions, record of votes, House Speaker’s remarks, caucus business, and the text of amendments. The text of bills and summary of legislation are not a part of the journal but may be found on the General Assembly website (<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>).

Senate Journals.

<https://senate.arkansas.gov/senate-history-education/senate-journals/>

Includes fully searchable PDFs of the proceedings of the regular, extraordinary, and fiscal sessions of the Senate from 2001 to present. Skeletal in format, the *Senate Journal* provides a record of bills introduced, titles of bills, resolutions, record of votes, Senate President Pro Tem’s remarks, caucus business, and the text of amendments. The text of bills and summaries of legislations are not a part of the journal but may be found on the General Assembly’s website (<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>).

B. Case Law Materials

Case Reports

Opinions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Arkansas

https://opinions.arcourts.gov/ark/en/nav_su.do (browsing/full-text searching)

<https://opinions.arcourts.gov/ark/en/d/s/index.do> (advanced searching)

Since February 14, 2009, the Arkansas Judiciary website has been the repository of the official opinions of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Arkansas Court of Appeals. (See *In re Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Rule 5–2*, 2009 Ark. 330.) Also includes unofficial copies of published opinions from 1837 to 2009.

Arkansas Appellate Reports. Little Rock, Ark.: Administrative Office of the Courts, 1981–2009. Official reporter. 104 volumes.

Contains decisions of the Arkansas Court of Appeals. Bound with the *Arkansas Reports* with separate pagination and separate volume numbering. Publication

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ceased with Volume 104. Official opinions from 2009 to present are available online at the Arkansas Judiciary website (see below).

Available in Lexis+ and Westlaw.

Arkansas Reports. Little Rock, Ark.: Administrative Office of the Courts, 1837–2009. Official reporter. 375 volumes.

Contains reported decisions of the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Arkansas Court of Appeals from 1837 to 2009. Includes a table of cases; headnote index; list of “opinions not designated for publication;” the texts of proposed, new, and amended rules; the texts of administrative orders, committee appointments; and professional conduct matters. Beginning with Volume 266 (1979), and continuing through Volume 272 (1981), the *Arkansas Reports* published the decisions of the newly created Arkansas Court of Appeals. In 1981, the Court began publishing both sets of reports in one physical volume with separate pagination and separate titles. Publication ceased with Volume 375. Official opinions since 2009 are available at the Arkansas Judiciary’s website (see above).

Available in Lexis+ and Westlaw.

South Western Reporter. St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson West, 1886–. 1st series, 300 volumes (1886–1928); 2d series, 999 volumes (1928–1999); 3d series (1999–).

An unofficial reporter that begins with Volume 47 of the *Arkansas Reports*. The *South Western Reporter* publishes the reported decisions of the appellate courts of Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas.

Available in Westlaw.

South Western Reporter, Arkansas Cases. St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson West, 1916–. 1st series, 38 volumes (1916–1928); 2d series, 60 volumes (1928–1999); 3d series (2000–).

Unofficial reporter that contains Arkansas appellate court decisions from the *South Western Reporter*.

Digests and Citators

Arkansas Digest. St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 1937–. 114 volumes updated semi-annual cumulative pamphlets, annually with cumulative pocket parts, volumes replaced as needed.

Arranged according to the West Topic and Key Number system, this digest covers reported Arkansas state and federal cases originating in Arkansas from

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1820 to present. The set contains Descriptive Word Index volumes, Table of Cases volumes, and Words and Phrases volumes.

Shepard's Southwestern Reporter Citations. Colorado Springs, Colo.: Lexis Nexis, 2010–. 18 volumes updated monthly with cumulative supplements, annually with cumulative supplements, volumes replaced as needed.

Lists citations to decisions in the *South Western Reporter*, *South Western Reporter 2nd*, and *South Western Reporter 3rd*. The scope of citing sources includes state and federal courts, regional reporters, and *American Law Reports* annotations.

Available in Lexis+.

Attorney General Opinions

Attorney General Opinions Search

<https://arkansasag.gov/arkansas-lawyer/opinions-department/attorney-general-opinions-search/>

Includes Arkansas Attorney General opinions from 1991 to present and summaries of opinions from 1984 to present. The opinions database is accessible via full text search and is indexed by category, date, and opinion number. Documents are available in PDF or HTML format. Opinions from prior years are available from the Attorney General's office.

Available in Lexis+ (July 1970–) and Westlaw (1977–).

Court Records and Pleadings

Administrative Office of the Courts Public CourtConnect, Administrative Office of the Courts, 2006–.

<https://caseinfo.arcourts.gov>

Public CourtConnect provides basic case information (parties, attorneys, judge, case filings, charges and dispositions, future events, and judgments) for the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the Circuit Courts in every county in Arkansas, and for a growing number of district courts. Case images for some documents considered public information are available. Coverage varies based on implementation date, beginning 2006. Appellate briefs are available from 2013 forward.

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Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records. Civil: 1836–1926. Criminal: 1836–1963.

The UALR/Pulaski County Law Library at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law holds this collection of early historical Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records. This collection is managed by the Special Collections Department of the ULAR law library (<https://ualr.edu/lawlibrary/special-collections/special-collections-2012-draft/>).

Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records. Civil: 1927–. Criminal: 1964–.

The Arkansas Supreme Court Clerk's Office provides access to the briefs and records of all appellate cases.

Arkansas Briefs

Westlaw's *Arkansas Briefs* collection contains selected briefs filed with the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals from 2001 to present.

Arkansas Civil Trial Court Documents

Westlaw's *Arkansas Civil Trial Court Documents* collection contains selected motions, trial court memoranda, trial pleadings and other civil trial filings from Arkansas state and federal trial courts from 2001 to present.

Arkansas Criminal Trial Court Documents

Westlaw's *Arkansas Criminal Trial Court Documents* collection contains selected criminal trial court documents from Arkansas state and federal trial courts from 2005 to present.

All Arkansas Dockets

Lexis' *All Arkansas Dockets* collection, provided by CourtLink, includes dockets from all civil, criminal, and disciplinary cases of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals from 2004 to present. Provides dockets from all civil, domestic relations, and probate cases of sixty of the state's circuit courts from 2012 to present.

All Arkansas Pleadings, Briefs & Motions

Lexis' *All Arkansas Pleadings, Briefs & Motions* collection contains documents from Arkansas appellate courts from 2013 to present. Coverage is not comprehensive.

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Court Rules

Arkansas Court Rules Annotated. Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis (Michie), 1987–. 2 volumes. Annual.

Provides the official, annotated Arkansas court rules. In addition to Arkansas court rules, this volume provides the local rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, and the court rules for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. It also contains the Arkansas Code of Judicial Ethics, and procedural rules for the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Committee and the Arkansas Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

Available in Lexis+.

Arkansas Court Rules

https://opinions.arcourts.gov/ark/cr/en/nav_date.do

A searchable database of Arkansas court rules, with advanced search function and links to PDF versions of the various sets of rules.

West's Arkansas Court Rules. St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson West, 2019–. 2 volumes updated annually with replacement volumes.

Provides an unofficial, annotated set of the current court rules governing Arkansas practice, including federal court rules for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas. Volume 1 contains the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure and the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure; Volume 2 contains the remainder.

C. Regulatory Materials

Administrative Rules and Regulations

As of this writing, Arkansas does not have an official code of rules. Legislation enacted in 2019 and 2021 directs the Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) to “*Compile, format, and index a codification of the general and permanent rules of agencies that will be known as the ‘Code of Arkansas Rules.’*” This regulatory code will be designated as official, will be published online as a searchable database, and will be prima facie evidence of the rules contained in the Code of

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Arkansas Rules. The target date for completion of the codification is January 1, 2024.

Arkansas State Agencies

<https://directory.arkansas.gov/agencies/>

An alphabetical listing of Arkansas departments, boards, commissions, committees, and councils. Includes website links where available. For state departments, entries also include a description of services and links to the departmental entities. For smaller boards and commissions that lack a website, contact information is best obtained from the online state directory. The best source for Arkansas agency rules, decisions, opinions, orders, and other administrative guidance materials is most often the department, agency, board or commission website.

Arkansas Administrative Rules Search

https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules/search/new

The Administrative Procedures Act (Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25–15–201 et seq.), requires state agencies, boards, and commissions to file administrative rules with the Secretary of State. The full text of all rule notices, emergency rules, adopted rules, proposed rules, and financial impact statements are published on the Secretary of State website and keyword searchable. Rules are also indexed by agency, date, rule title, or rule number. Dates vary by agency.

Arkansas Register. Little Rock, Ark.: Secretary of State, 1977–. Monthly.

<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules-regulations/arkansas-register/>

An official publication of the state, the *Arkansas Register* includes all administrative rules and regulations adopted by state agencies, boards, and commissions. The *Arkansas Register* is also published online, however, rules published therein are not considered “official.” The paper copies housed in the Arkansas Register division of the Secretary of State’s office are official. The monthly publication is available in PDF format from 2001 to present at the Secretary of State’s website and includes links to the full text of the rules.

Arkansas Administrative Code

Lexis’s *Arkansas Administrative Code* is an unofficial compilation of Arkansas rules. Updated as regulatory changes are received from the issuing agency.

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Arkansas Administrative Rules

Fastcase's *Arkansas Administrative Rules* collection is an unofficial compilation of rules issued by state agencies. Access to this collection is free to Arkansas Bar Association members.

Arkansas Government Register

Lexis' *Arkansas Government Register* collection includes proposed, adopted, withdrawn, and emergency regulations, as well as varied notices and announcements from 2000 to present. Published monthly.

Arkansas Regulations

Westlaw's *Arkansas Regulations* collection is an unofficial compilation of rules issued by state agencies.

Arkansas State Regulation Tracking

Lexis' *Arkansas State Regulation Tracking* collection (provided by StateNet) includes summaries of administrative agency rulemaking activity and pertinent dates, such as proposal, notice and comment, hearing, emergency and permanent promulgation, and withdrawal from 1990 to present. Also includes agency contact information.

Administrative Decisions

The best source for decisions, opinions, orders, and other administrative guidance materials is often directly from the department, agency, board, or commission's website.

Legal Orders Database. Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality.

http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/legal/cao_info.asp.

A searchable database of consent administrative orders from 1999 to present. Documents provided in PDF.

Hearing Decisions and Revisions Search. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals and Revisions.

<http://www.ark.org/dfa-act896/index.php/search/decision/>

The Office of Hearings and Appeals and Revisions hears cases and determines controversies between taxpayers and the Department regarding taxes, licenses, and permits. Hearing decisions issued after January 1, 2016 must be posted

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online after redaction of any taxpayer-specific data. Hearing Decisions and Revisions are fact specific and should not be relied on by anyone who did not participate in the proceeding. The Office of Hearings and Appeals and Revisions cannot issue advisory opinions.

Revenue Legal Counsel Opinions Search. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Revenue Legal Counsel

<https://www.ark.org/dfa-act896/index.php/search/opinion/>

Legal opinions issued by the Office of Revenue Legal Counsel after January 1, 2016 are posted online after redaction of any identifying facts or information that DFA determines to be confidential. Legal opinions more than three years old may not be relied upon but may be renewed on request.

Orders, Bulletins, and Finalized Rules. Arkansas Insurance Department, Legal Division.

<https://insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/industry-regulation/legal/>

Contains PDFs of Orders issued by the AID Legal Division on behalf of the Commissioner from 2012 to present. Bulletins from 2000 to present are browsable by year and number. PDFs of selected Bulletins are available from 1974–1999.

Available in Lexis (Bulletins and Notices, 1974–) and Westlaw (Bulletins and other guidance documents, 1967–).

Arkansas Public Service Commission

http://www.apscservices.info/e-filings_interface.asp

The Online Services Interface page of the APSC’s website provides a variety of search options including daily filings; dockets, companies or opinions; docket actions, and testimony. Coverage dates are not available.

Available in Lexis (Decisions, default orders, draft orders, emergency orders, final orders, initial decisions, interim orders, orders, pre-hearing orders, ratification orders, recommended decisions, rescission orders, short orders, and tentative orders, 1963–) and Westlaw (Decisions, 1953–).

Legal. Arkansas Securities Department.

<http://www.securities.arkansas.gov/page/336/legal>

The Legal tab of the Arkansas Securities Department’s homepage includes access to Acts, Rules, Legal Opinions (Opinion Letters, 1998–), Orders (Administrative Orders, 1998–, Judicial Orders, 2008–), Pleadings (Administrative Pleadings 2008–, Judicial Pleadings, 2008–), Policies, and Proposed Rules.

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Available in Lexis (Decisions, releases, and letters, 1985–) and Westlaw (Orders and no-action letters, 1977–).

Opinions. Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission.

<http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/opinionmain.html>

Includes PDFs of Full Commission opinions and administrative law judge opinions from July 1, 2003 to present. Opinions from 1977–2006 were published in the now discontinued monthly *Opinions of the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission*.

Available in Lexis (1977–) and Westlaw (selected coverage, 1973–, 1982–).

Ethics Opinions

Advisory Opinions. Arkansas Ethics Commission.

<http://www.arkansasethics.com/opinions/> (1991–)

The Arkansas Ethics Commission monitors compliance and enforcement of conduct and disclosure laws concerning candidates for public office; state and local public officials; lobbyists and committees; and individuals involved with initiatives, referendums, and other matters referred to the voters. It issues Advisory Opinions interpreting the ethics laws assigned to its jurisdiction. The Commission also issues disciplinary actions for violations of the law or refers its finding to a prosecuting attorney for criminal proceedings. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-108(a)(4), decisions in contested matters are published separately at <http://www.arkansasethics.com/2413-2/> (2003–).

Opinions. Arkansas Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

<http://www.arkansas.gov/jecac/index.html>

The Arkansas Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee was created by the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission in 1991 to present. It issues advisory opinions to judges and publicly declared candidates for judicial office as to how a future course of conduct comports with the Code of Judicial Conduct. Opinions may be searched or browsed by date or topic.

Available in Lexis and Westlaw.

Ethics Advisory Opinions. Arkansas Bar Association

<https://www.arkbar.com/for-attorneys/ethics-advisory>

Ethics Advisory Opinions on professional ethics are issued by the Arkansas Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee. Opinions, which relate to

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prospective conduct only, may be requested by licensed attorneys who are Association members. Opinions may be viewed by current members of the Association if logged into the ABA's website.

D. State Constitution

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated. Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis (Michie), 2019-. Multiple volumes, updated with Advance Code Service pamphlets, biennially with pocket parts.

Provides the text of the current constitution, the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, with annotations to case law and research references. The four preceding constitutions are included without annotations. The remaining pages provide selected treaties, compacts, and federal acts.

Available in Lexis+.

Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/rcode/>

Provided by the Bureau of Legislative Research, via Lexis, this free and unannotated version of the Arkansas Code Annotated includes a link to the current (1874) Arkansas Constitution which may be browsed or searched.

Goss, Kay Collett. *The Arkansas State Constitution*. Oxford; N.Y.: Oxford University Press, 2011. 1 volume. (The Oxford Commentaries on the State Constitutions of the United States).

This reference guide offers a brief history of the development of the Arkansas Constitution. It provides the text of and commentary on the current Arkansas Constitution (1874) and discusses and analyzes all five Arkansas Constitutions and their conventions. Indexed.

West's Arkansas Code Annotated, Volumes 40-41. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2019-. 2 volumes updated annually with pocket parts.

Annotated version of the current (1874) Arkansas Constitution.

Available in Westlaw.

II. Government Resources

A. State Home Page

State of Arkansas

<https://portal.arkansas.gov>

This official website of the state of Arkansas is a portal to government services for citizens and businesses. Find a listing of agencies, boards and commissions and a searchable state directory. Find links for education, employment, recreation, and much more.

B. Government Offices

Legislature

Arkansas State Legislature

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>

The official website of the Arkansas General Assembly is maintained by the Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR). Includes session laws and bills (1987–) bill tracking, house and senate journals, summaries of legislation, and a free version of the Arkansas Code. Site includes links to the House, Senate, BLR, and Arkansas Legislative Audit.

Courts

Arkansas Judiciary

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

Provides news and announcements, including rule changes and proposed rule changes; information about the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, including biographies of the justices; information about circuit and district courts; a video archive of oral arguments (2010–); official opinions of the appeals courts (2009–); PDF copies of opinions of the appeals court (1837–); court administration information, including the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Reporter of Decisions; Arkansas court rules and administrative orders; numerous publications and court-sanctioned forms; and a link to the Supreme Court Library.

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United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

<https://www.arb.uscourts.gov/>

Provides general information about bankruptcy, information on filing requirements and fees, national and local forms, electronic filing information, trustee contact information, court calendars, and other resources. Allows searching of selected bankruptcy opinions as designated by the judges.

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

<http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov>

Offers full-text searching of opinions from 1995 to present and options for searching oral arguments (available in MP3 format) from 2009 to present. The site also includes a court calendar; contact information; court rules, forms, policies, and jury instructions; e-filing information; and other resources for attorneys and self-represented parties.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas

<http://www.ere.uscourts.gov>

Provides a court directory, court forms and instructions, local rules, civil and criminal jury instructions, electronic filing information, information for jurors, and other resources.

United State District Court, Western District of Arkansas

<http://www.arwd.uscourts.gov>

Contains links to local rules, general orders, electronic filing information, online forms, juror information, and general contact information.

Governor and State Agencies

A complete listing of Arkansas departments, boards, commissions, committees, and councils is available at <https://directory.arkansas.gov/agencies/>.

Arkansas Governor's Office

<https://governor.arkansas.gov/>

Contains news releases, executive orders, proclamations, and information about the Governor's priorities.

Arkansas Department of Agriculture

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/>

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Several boards and commissions fall under the umbrella of the Department of Agriculture including Forestry, Livestock & Poultry, Natural Resources, and Plant Industries. Find information for each division including licensing, permitting, guidelines, standards, programs, and assistance. Administrative rules are also available for each division.

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us>

Provides links to searchable databases for various divisions and information on permits, licensing, and compliance. Current and proposed regulations are available as is information on filing a complaint.

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

<https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov>

Access to individual and corporate income tax forms and archived tax forms to 2003, child support information, motor vehicle and other licensing and permit information, and department rules and regulations.

Arkansas Department of Health

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov>

Includes a complete list of programs, services, resources, and publications on a wide array of individual and public health topics. Information on licensing and permits; vital records and certificates; data, statistics, and registries; and administrative rules, policies, and procedures. Includes an A to Z topic list.

Arkansas Department of Human Services

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov>

Find information about programs and services, including how to apply for services and finding service providers. Browse DHS rules by division.

Arkansas Department of Labor & Licensing

<https://www.labor.arkansas.gov/>

Provides information on labor standards, occupational safety and health standards, code enforcement, licensing and permits, and frequently asked labor law questions. Current labor rules are accessible, as are administrative orders from 2008 to present.

Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

<https://www.dws.arkansas.gov>

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Contains information on unemployment insurance claims and appeals and department rules.

Arkansas Secretary of State

<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/>

Business and commercial information available here includes business entity fees, forms, and procedures; information about different types of corporate entities; franchise tax information; UCC filing information and search; trademark or service mark filing or search; and notary public information, including how to become a notary and the notary handbook. Includes links to online services such as the *Corporations Online Filing System* where users can complete and submit incorporation forms online. Includes a link to *Doing Business in Arkansas*, a freely available pamphlet covering topics such as choosing an entity type, reserving and filing a corporate name, and information about trademarks and service marks. The site also includes information about and links to Arkansas administrative rules—see the section on Administrative Materials for details.

Arkansas Securities Department

<http://www.securities.arkansas.gov/default.asp>

Provides information on how to register to sell securities in Arkansas, register as a broker-dealer/investment adviser, or become licensed as a mortgage banker or mortgage broker. Legal section information includes rules, opinions, orders, pleadings, and policies.

Cities and Counties

City of Fayetteville

<https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/>

The city of Fayetteville website provides links to the Fayetteville Code of Ordinances, information about city departments, a collection of browsable/searchable minutes of city meetings, and business information.

City of Little Rock

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

The city of Little Rock maintains a robust website that includes links to the Little Rock City Code; relevant statistics and special reports; a document center that allows browsing or full-text searching of ordinances, resolutions, commission minutes, and City Board of Directors Minutes; information about

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Traffic Court with online payment options; and business information and forms.

Counties. Arkansas State Government.

<https://directory.arkansas.gov/counties/>

This directory provides links to the websites of the assessor and tax collector for each Arkansas county. The scope of the individual counties' websites varies widely. Some include only the assessment and tax services information, while others are robust and provide links to all county offices.

Local Government Portal. Arkansas Municipal League.

<https://local.arkansas.gov/index.php>

This website, maintained by the Arkansas Municipal League, allows citizens to find information about every county and municipality in Arkansas, including contact information, elected officials, basic facts, and available online services.

III. State-Specific Resources

A. Bar Associations

Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers (AAWL)

<http://www.arwomenlawyers.org>

The Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers promotes the interests of women lawyers and their service to the profession by hosting monthly meetings featuring speakers on various legal topics, offering CLE programs, and providing scholarships to women law students.

Arkansas Bar Association

<https://www.arkbar.com/home>

The Arkansas Bar Association is a statewide voluntary bar association. Member benefits include free access to Fastcase and summaries of Arkansas Supreme Court cases.

Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association

<https://www.arktla.org/>

The Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association is a statewide voluntary bar association for attorneys practicing in a wide range of areas in the trial bar.

Pulaski County Bar Association

<https://www.pulaskibar.com/>

A robust regional voluntary bar association whose mission is “to serve our members, our profession and the public by promoting professionalism, collegiality, education and service among members of the bench and bar to advance the cause of justice in our community.”

W. Harold Flowers Law Society

<http://whflawsociety.org/>

Founded in 1938, the W. Harold Flowers Law Society provides support to the Arkansas African-American legal community.

Washington County Bar Association

<https://www.washingtoncountybar.com/>

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Information about monthly meetings, free continuing legal education opportunities, social and pro bono events, and contact information can be found here.

B. Bar Journals

Arkansas Lawyer. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association, 1967–. Quarterly.

https://issuu.com/arkansas_bar_association/stacks/b763106e86044bbea8778789ae79d2bd

Contains practical articles on topics of current interest written by law professors, judges, and attorneys; feature articles; association news; reports from various association officers and sections; reports of attorney disciplinary actions; and other information relevant to Arkansas practitioners. All members of the Arkansas Bar Association receive a free subscription. Archived issues are available to members electronically.

Available in HeinOnline (1967–) and Westlaw (selective, 1990–).

ATLA Docket. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, 1982–. Quarterly.

<https://www.arktla.org/?pg=ATLADocket>

The journal of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Associations, the *ALTA Docket* provides feature articles, member and association news, verdict and settlement information, and summaries of significant decisions. PDF copies available online from 1994–.

C. Continuing Legal Education

Arkansas Bar Association CLE Central

<https://www.pathlms.com/arkbar>

Virtual platform for live and on-demand CLE from the Arkansas Bar Association.

Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association

<https://www.arktla.org/?pg=events>

Links to registration for currently available ATLA sponsored CLE programs.

Pulaski County Bar Association

<https://www.pulaskibar.com/calendar/>

Links to registration for currently available live and recorded CLE programs.

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D. Newspapers and Newsletters

Arkansas Court Bulletin. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Court Bulletin, 1990–. Weekly.

www.ar.courtbulletin.com

Summarizes Arkansas appellate opinions. Online subscriptions are also available.

Arkansas Employment Law Letter. Brentwood, TN: M. Lee Smith Publishers, L.L.C., 1995–2019. Monthly.

Written by the attorneys of the Little Rock firm Jack Nelson Jones & Bryant, this publication addresses cases, statutes and regulations governing Arkansas employers. Merged into *Midwest Employment Law Letter* beginning with January 2020 issue.

Available in Westlaw.

Daily Record. Little Rock, Ark.: The Daily Record, Inc., 1925–. Weekly.

<http://www.dailyrecord.us>

Contains feature articles, editorials, lists of court filings, and legal notices. Editorial content is available online for free.

Full Court Press. Fayetteville, Ark.: Washington County Bar Association, 1996–. Monthly.

A print publication until March 2005, this newsletter of the Washington County Bar Association is now electronic-only and distributed to members via e-mail. Includes minutes of monthly bar meetings, occasional short feature articles, area judges' calendars, and announcements of interest to the membership.

Midwest Employment Law Letter, 2020–. Monthly.

Written by employment law attorneys for employers and HR professionals. Coverage includes Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Arkansas content edited by Stephen Jones of Jack Nelson Jones, PLLC. Subscription includes access to online archive.

Available in Westlaw.

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E. Directories

Arkansas Find-a-Lawyer

<http://www.arkansasfindalawyer.com>.

Search for attorneys by name or practice area at this free site provided by the Arkansas Bar Association. Attorneys listed in the database are members of the Association who have paid to have their names published by area of practice.

Directories. Arkansas Judiciary.

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

An excellent resource for locating court personnel and legal professionals across the state. From the Directories drop-down menu, search the directories of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Arkansas Supreme Court, and Court of Appeals. Directories are also available for all judges and court personnel in circuit, county, and district court; attorneys and court reporters; and certified mediators.

Arkansas Legislative Roster. Little Rock, Ark.: Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. Biennial.

<https://aecc.com/government-affairs/legislative-directory/>

The profiles in this pictorial directory contain contact information, committee assignments, and brief biographical information for each state senator and representative. Senate and House district maps are included as is information on Arkansas state constitutional officials and U.S. elected representatives. The directory may be downloaded in PDF format.

Legislators List. Arkansas State Legislature.

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Legislators/List>

Alphabetical listing of state legislators, with links to profile pages detailing brief biographical information, committee memberships, and bills sponsored.

Arkansas Licensed Attorney Search. Arkansas Judiciary. Updated semiannually.

<https://attorneyinfo.aoc.arkansas.gov/info/Attorney/AttorneySearch.aspx>

This searchable database at the Arkansas Judiciary website provides name, address, date of admission to the bar, and disciplinary actions, if any, for attorneys licensed in Arkansas.

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Arkansas Political Directory

<https://arkelect.com/officials>

Created by the Arkansas Farm Bureau, this searchable web directory contains a listing of all elected federal, state, and judicial officials representing Arkansas, linking to brief profile pages with contact information.

Arkansas State Directory

<https://portal.arkansas.gov/state-directory/>

Search for a department or service or search for a state employee by name.

Counties. Association of Arkansas Counties.

<https://www.arcounties.org/counties/>

This page provides links to listings of current officials for each of Arkansas' 75 counties. Census data is also available.

Legislative Directory. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Legislative Digest, 1993–. 1 softbound volume replaced biennially with new edition.

<http://www.ardigest.net/www/ar/index.htm> (subscription service)

This pocket-sized booklet contains a photograph; contact information and biographical information including age, occupation, marital status, number of children and religious affiliation for each Arkansas legislator.

Legal Directories. Garland, Tex.: Legal Directories Pub. Co, 1935–. Annual.

<http://www.legaldirectories.com>

Contains listings for federal and state executive, legislative, and judicial branch offices and officials; state and local court information; law-related professional associations; attorneys alphabetically and by city and county; a limited listing by areas of practice and biographical information. The free “Quick Lawyer Search” on the website includes searching by state, name, city, county, and area of practice. The classifieds contain listings for businesses providing a wide range of law-related services.

F. Law Journals

Arkansas Law Notes. Fayetteville, Ark.: University of Arkansas School of Law, 1983–.

<https://law.uark.edu/alr/lawnotes/>

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Articles in this online publication focus on developments in Arkansas law, particularly breaking legal news. Formerly an annual print publication.

Available in Westlaw.

Arkansas Law Review. Fayetteville, Ark.: University of Arkansas School of Law, 1946–. Quarterly.

<https://law.uark.edu/alr/>

This student-run and student-edited law review publishes scholarly articles regarding significant legal questions. The review focuses on Arkansas law, but the scope is not limited by jurisdiction.

Available in HeinOnline, Lexis, and Westlaw.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review. Little Rock, Ark.: University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, 1978–. Quarterly.

<https://ualr.edu/lawreview>

Originally the *UALR Law Journal*, became the *University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review* in 1998. Managed and edited by law students, the review publishes articles, surveys, and essays of use to Arkansas practitioners and others in the Arkansas legal community. Also includes student writing on legal topics of state and national interest. The law school's institutional repository (<https://lawrepository.ualr.edu/>) contains articles from inception.

Available in HeinOnline, Lexis, Westlaw, and the UALR Bowen Law Repository.

G. Law Libraries

Arkansas Supreme Court Library

<https://www.arcourts.gov/courts/supreme-court/library>

Craighead County Law Library

<https://craighead-county-law-library.business.site/>

Garland County Law Library

<https://www.facebook.com/garlandcountylawlibrary/?rf=108196595889215>

Robert & Vivian Young Law Library, University of Arkansas School of Law

<https://law.uark.edu/library/>

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Sebastian County Fort Smith District Law Library
<https://scfsdlawlibrary.org/>

UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law/Pulaski County Law Library
<https://ualr.edu/lawlibrary/>

Washington County Public Law Library
<http://wcppl.org/>

H. Law Schools

UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law
<https://ualr.edu/law/>

University of Arkansas School of Law,
<https://law.uark.edu/>

IV. General Jurisprudence

A. General Legal Research

Barger, Coleen M., Cheryl L. Reinhart and Cathy L. Underwood. *Arkansas Legal Research*. 2nd. ed. Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press, 2016. (*Legal Research Series*.)

Arkansas Legal Research is the only comprehensive book on Arkansas legal research. Its first chapter covers the research process and legal analysis. Remaining chapters include secondary sources and practice materials; the Arkansas Constitution; case law, statutes, and ordinances; legislation and legislative history; administrative and executive law; and rules of practice, procedure, and professional conduct. The authors provide helpful tables on *ALWD* and *Bluebook* citation form in addition to tables and appendices on other topics. Indexed.

B. General Practice and Procedure

Appellate Practice and Procedure

Handling Appeals in Arkansas. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2015–. 1 volume updated annually with supplement.

Written and edited by more than thirty Arkansas appellate attorneys, topics include: an overview of things you need to know about filing an appeal; filing the notice of appeal in a civil and a criminal case; preparing and filing the record, civil and criminal; standards of review on appeal; writing an appellate brief; writing an *amicus* brief; oral argument; petitions for rehearing; petitions for review; motions practice in the Arkansas appellate courts; special and extraordinary proceedings; and ethical issues in appellate practice. Appendices contain model appellate forms, model appellant's and appellee's briefs, model *amicus* motions and briefs, and petitions for rehearing and review. Includes a table of contents but no index.

Available in Fastcase with purchase.

Civil Practice and Procedure

Arkansas Circuit Courts Judges' Benchbook: Criminal and Civil Divisions. Little Rock, Ark: Admin. Office of the Courts, 2019. 1 PDF volume updated periodically. (*Benchbook Series*).

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<https://www.arcourts.gov/sites/default/files/Civil-Criminal-bench-book-2019.pdf>

The Arkansas *Benchbook* Series, available on the Arkansas Judiciary website, are written for members of the judiciary, however, they are useful to any legal researcher as a quick reference to applicable law. This volume has chapters on specific civil actions and concise information on civil procedure. There are hyperlinks to the relevant statutes, court rules, and case law. Contains a detailed table of contents and an index.

Newbern, David, et al. *Civil Practice and Procedure*. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson West, 2010–. 1 volume updated annually with pocket parts. (*Arkansas Practice Series*, Vol. 2.)

Provides explanations of Arkansas civil procedure and practice in 40 chapters. Stands as the first book choice for researching Arkansas civil procedure questions. Includes a table of laws and rules and a table of cases.

Available in Westlaw.

Criminal Law and Procedure

Arkansas Circuit Courts Judges' Benchbook: Criminal and Civil Divisions. Little Rock, Ark: Admin. Office of the Courts, 2019. 1 PDF volume updated periodically. (*Benchbook Series*).

<https://www.arcourts.gov/sites/default/files/Civil-Criminal-bench-book-2019.pdf>

The Arkansas *Benchbook* Series, available on the Arkansas Judiciary website, are written for members of the judiciary, however, they are useful to any legal researcher as a quick reference to applicable law. This volume contains chapters on criminal procedure; trial and evidentiary issues; verdicts and sentencing; and post-trial and appeals. Information is presented in expanded outline format and links to case law, the Arkansas Code and court rules. Indexed, includes forms and an appendix with checklists, forms, and orders.

Arkansas Criminal Code Annotated, Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis, 1987–. 1 volume. Annual.

This volume contains Title 5, the criminal code of Arkansas. Annotated, with case notes, research references, and commentary.

Douglas, Lisa G., and John Wesley Hall. *Arkansas Bail Bond Laws and Regulations*. 2nd ed. 2010. Published by the authors, updated periodically.

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Contains relevant Arkansas statutes, the rules and regulations of the Arkansas Bail Bond Board, summaries of case law on the right to pursue a fugitive, and IRS reporting forms.

Sentencing Standards Grid, Offense Seriousness Rankings and Related Material. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Sentencing Commission, 2019. 1 PDF volume updated as needed.

<https://doc.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/benchbook-digital.pdf>

This benchbook provides an introduction to Arkansas sentencing standards and includes a sentencing standards grid, policy statements, the sentencing standards grid by level, an offense seriousness ranking table, related information and questions, and a criminal history worksheet with instructions.

Jury Instructions

Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Model Jury Instructions – Civil. *Arkansas Model Jury Instructions – Civil*. Eagan: Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2020. 1 softbound volume replaced annually with new edition. (*Arkansas Practice Series*.)

<http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=armji-1000>

Provides model civil jury instructions mandated for use by the Arkansas Supreme Court. The jury instructions are annotated with notes on use, comments, research references, and illustrative sets of instructions. Finding aids include: detailed table of contents, table of laws and rules, table of cases, and index. Free online access, including notes on use and comments, available via the Arkansas Judiciary website at the above link.

Available in Westlaw.

Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions. *Arkansas Model Jury Instructions – Criminal, 2nd ed.* New York, N.Y.: Lexis Nexis (Matthew Bender), 1994. 2 looseleaf volumes updated periodically with replacement pages.

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/arcrimji/>

Contains model criminal jury instructions annotated with notes on use and comments referencing applicable statutes and cases. Instructions address issues that frequently arise in criminal cases. The Arkansas Supreme Court mandates the use of AMCI when applicable in criminal cases. Includes index and other finding aids including a detailed table of contents, table of cases, and table of statutes. Free online access, including notes on use and comments, available via the Arkansas Judiciary website at the above link.

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Available in Lexis+.

Trial Practice

Hall, John Wesley, Jr. *Trial Handbook for Arkansas Lawyers, 4th ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2018. 2 volumes updated periodically with pocket parts. (*Arkansas Practice Series*, Vols. 3 and 3A.)

This substantial two-volume set is a practical guide to the law and practice of trial preparation, trial, and evidence in Arkansas. Procedural and substantive aspects of trial and basic principles of Arkansas trial practice are covered. Includes extensive citations to Arkansas cases, rules, and statutes. According to the author, “This is more than just a trial handbook: It is intended to be a mini *Am. Jur.* to aid lawyers in briefing pretrial, trial, and appeal issues and giving them more law to rely on during the trial.” Appendices include the Arkansas Rules of Evidence, the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Arkansas Sentencing Commission Benchbook.

Available in Westlaw.

C. General Reference

Encyclopedia of Arkansas, Central Arkansas Library System. Updated regularly.

<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/>

This is a free, authoritative source of information about the rich history, geography, and culture of Arkansas. It includes entries on many legal and law-related people, places, and things.

V. Practice Materials by Topic

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution, Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts.

<https://www.arcourts.gov/administration/adr>

Provides information about the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission. From the left menu bar, researchers can link to relevant statutes, rules, and forms; search a directory of certified mediators; access information about training; and find information about filing a complaint against a mediator.

The Arkansas Access and Visitation Mediation Program, Arkansas ADR Commission.

<http://www.araccess.org/>

This website provides information about a statewide program to facilitate access and visitation for noncustodial parents. It includes resources for parents, attorneys, and judges. Resources include an FAQ, general definitions, PDFs of required and sample forms, and a roster of certified mediators.

Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Law

Babin, Joyce Bradley, ed. *Arkansas Bankruptcy Handbook*. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association, 2009. 1 volume ebook.

An Arkansas practice handbook written as a guide to basic bankruptcy information and practices. Chapters include bankruptcy courts and practice; commencement of bankruptcy cases; the bankruptcy estate and exemptions; automatic stay; employment of professional persons; trustees; debtors' duties, rights, and relief; payment of claims; domestic relations and bankruptcy; chapter 7 liquidation; Chapter 11 reorganization; Chapter 12 reorganization, adjustment of debts of a family farmer or fisherman with regular annual income; Chapter 13 reorganization; practical information regarding Arkansas Bankruptcy Court; and bibliography. Indexed.

Keech, Kevin P., ed. *Arkansas Debtor/Creditor Relations Handbook, 4th ed.* Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association, 2012-. 1 volume ebook.

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A practice handbook in six chapters as follows: contractual debt—establishment and defenses, securing contractual debt, usury, unlawful debt collection practices, prejudgment collection remedies, and acquiring and collecting judgments. Three chapters have forms. Indexed.

Boundary Law

Elgin, Richard L., and David R. Knowles. *Legal Principles of Boundary Location for Arkansas*. Rancho Cordova, Ca.: Landmark Enterprises, 1984. 1 volume.

A treatise in ten chapters covering descriptions; resurveys of the U.S. public land system; county surveyors; riparian boundaries; common law dedication; highways, streets, and alleys; prescription; establishment of boundaries by parol agreement; acquiescence; and adverse possession. Not indexed.

Business Organizations

Arkansas Business Associations Handbook, Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2014. 1 volume.

This title addresses formation and operation of corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships. The handbook also covers securities law and intellectual property issues. Chapter 7 contains a list of useful internet sources for practicing attorneys related to doing business in Arkansas.

Available in Fastcase with purchase.

Johnson, Bonnie, *Legal Guide for Arkansas Nonprofit and Volunteer Organizations*. 2nd ed. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism, UA Little Rock Bowen School of Law, Williams & Anderson PLLC, 2011. 1 volume.

<https://ualr.edu/law/publications/>

While specific to nonprofits, this unique legal guide provides general information on corporations and low-profit limited liability companies. Available in e-pub or PDF format from UALR Bowen School of Law.

Construction Law

Circo, Carl J., David M. Powell and John Dewey Watson. *Arkansas Construction Law Manual*. Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2016. 1 volume.

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Covers fundamentals of construction law and construction industry customs and practices. Discusses the nuances of Arkansas law on the topics of licensing, bidding, bonds, liens, damages, and public contracts. Provides citations and discussions of the Arkansas statutes and cases relating to each of the topics the manual covers. The introduction explains different construction terms and concepts, describes the construction industry, and ends with an overview of the manual's topics. The book then follows the sequence of the construction process beginning with Contractor Licensing Requirements and ending with Professional Liability.

Available in Fastcase with purchase.

Consumer Law

A Consumer's Guide to the Arkansas Farm Machinery Lemon Law. Ark. Attorney General Pamphlet, 13 pp., available in print or as a PDF.

https://arkansasag.gov/wp-content/uploads/farm_machinery_lemon_law.pdf

This short guide outlines the Arkansas New Farm Machinery Quality Assurance Act and provides definitions, procedures, and sample forms.

A Consumer's Guide to the Arkansas Lemon Law. Arkansas Attorney General Pamphlet, 16 pp., available in print or as a PDF.

https://arkansasag.gov/wp-content/uploads/vehicle_lemon_law.pdf

This short guide explains the applicability of the state's automobile lemon law and includes sample repair logs, repair attempt letters, and demand letters. It also includes manufacturer contact information.

Damages

Brill, Howard W., and Christian Brill. *Law of Damages. 6th ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson West, 2014–2020. 1 volume updated annually with pocket parts. (*Arkansas Practice Series*, Vol. 1).

This treatise is divided into two parts. Part I discusses damages generally, including punitive damages, compensatory damages, attorneys' fees, and procedural aspects. Part II covers damages relating to substantive areas of law. Indexed.

Available in Westlaw.

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Disability Law

Publications and Reports. Disability Rights Arkansas

<https://disabilityrightsar.org/publications-and-reports/>

Contains links to informational brochures, investigative reports, policy briefs, and white papers. The website is maintained by Disability Rights Arkansas, an independent private nonprofit organization that administers federally funded Protection and Advocacy programs throughout Arkansas.

Elder Law

Harvey, Raymon B. *Arkansas Elder Law Desk Manual*. Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2013. 1 volume.

Covers Medicaid Planning, Nursing home care, Advance Directives, Guardianship, Housing, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, Social Security, including Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income.

Available in Fastcase with purchase.

Estate Planning (see Wills, Trusts, and Estates)

Family Law

Arkansas Child Support Guidelines, Arkansas Judiciary. 2020.

<https://www.arcourts.gov/forms-and-publications/arkansas-child-support-guidelines>

Provides links to current and prior child support guidelines and required forms. Includes a link to the online child support calculator.

Arkansas Children and Family Laws Annotated. Charlottesville, Va.: Lexis Nexis (Michie), 2020. e-book. Updated biannually.

Updated after each regular session of the Arkansas General Assembly, this compendium reprints Title 9 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated in its entirety and also reprints selected other Arkansas statutes of interest to those working in children and family law, including the topics of adoption, guardianship, domestic violence, and public health and welfare.

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Arkansas Circuit Judges' Benchbook, Domestic Relations Division. Little Rock, Ark: Admin. Office of the Courts, 2021). 1 PDF volume updated periodically. (*Benchbook Series*)

<https://www.arcourts.gov/sites/default/files/circuit-judges-benchbook-domestic-relations.pdf>

The Arkansas *Benchbook Series*, available on the Arkansas Judiciary website, are written for members of the judiciary, however, they are useful to any legal researcher as a quick reference to applicable law. This volume offers a “quick reference” guide to applicable Arkansas law on various domestic relations topics, with hyper-linked citations to relevant statutes, administrative orders, and leading cases throughout the text. Includes a detailed table of contents.

Ballard, Andrew D. *Family Law and Practice*. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson West, 2020–21. 1 softbound volume replaced as needed. (*Arkansas Practice Series*, Vol. 5).

Covers marriage, divorce, and annulment; adoption; domestic abuse; and guardianships. Includes short chapters addressing domestic partnerships and reproductive technology. The last chapter in the book is devoted to a variety of forms: internal office, pleadings, discovery, appeals, and miscellaneous. Arkansas Code Annotated Title 9 (Family Law) and the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct are included in Appendices A and B, respectively. Appendix C contains the Family Support Charts and Affidavit of Financial Means.

Available in Westlaw.

Juvenile Law

Tanner, Connie Hickman. *Arkansas Circuit Courts Judges' Benchbook: Juvenile Division*. Little Rock, Ark: Admin. Office of the Courts Juvenile Division, 2014. 1 PDF volume updated periodically. (*Benchbook Series*).

<https://www.arcourts.gov/sites/default/files/Juvenile%20Benchbook.pdf>

The Arkansas *Benchbook Series*, available on the Arkansas Judiciary website, are written for members of the judiciary, however, they are useful to any legal researcher as a quick reference to applicable law. This volume provides an overview of juvenile law topics including circuit and district court jurisdiction; petitions, venue, and transfer; custody; right to counsel; diversion; detention; hearings; delinquency, dependency-neglect, and other types of proceedings; and appeals. Presented in concise sections with embedded citations to Arkansas statutes, cases, and other relevant authorities. Includes a table of contents and an index.

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Landlord-Tenant

Grooms, Timothy W. *The Arkansas Landlord/Tenant Handbook*. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Realtors Association, 2014. 1 PDF volume.

<https://d38t1cionx51tx.cloudfront.net/af79vg5lpt6ircsaxx5c5nbochxc?d=&e=pdf>

This booklet covers rights and responsibilities of tenants, security deposits, leases, and fair housing. It contains a discussion of the two eviction procedures available to Arkansas landlords, unlawful detainer and the municipal court procedure, as well as a flowchart of each process. A glossary of standard lease/rental agreement terms and clauses is provided.

Municipal / Local Government Law

Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Municipal League, 2019–2020. 1 volume available for purchase in print or as a searchable PDF.

A compilation of laws that affect Arkansas municipalities. Updated after every regular legislative session by Municipal League legal staff.

Municipal Law in Arkansas: Questions and Answers. Arkansas Municipal League. 2019. 1 PDF volume.

https://www.arml.org/static/arml/Municipal_Law_in_Arkansas_FAQ_2019_05_WEB.pdf

This free publication is a compilation of answers to questions commonly received by Arkansas Municipal League legal staff, arranged by topic, with references to relevant Arkansas statutes and Attorney General Opinions. Topics include courts, officials, elections, employment law, and financial affairs.

Probate (*see* Wills, Trusts, and Estates)

Real Estate and Real Property

Standards for Examination of Real Estate Titles in Arkansas, 2018 ed. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2018–. 1 softbound volume updated as needed.

First published in 1995, the Standards provide guidelines and standards to assist in the review of title and provide greater certainty to title examiners. They evolve as new legislation, court decisions, and experience may dictate, and are updated as necessary by the Title Standards Standing Committee, a joint

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subcommittee of the Real Estate Law and Natural Resources Law Sections of the Arkansas Bar Association.

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Securities

Fendler, Frances S. *Private Placements and Limited Offerings of Securities: A Guide for the Arkansas Practitioner*. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association, 2010. 1 volume updated as needed with supplements (last supplemented 2014).

This treatise begins with a discussion of the governing law, both state and federal. Subsequent chapters define what is a security under federal law and Arkansas law, discuss exemptions under federal and state law, and liabilities under both. Indexed.

Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Arkansas Circuit Courts Judges' Benchbook: Probate Division. Little Rock, Ark: Admin. Office of the Courts, 2018. 1 PDF volume updated periodically. (*Benchbook Series*).

<https://www.arcourts.gov/sites/default/files/Circuit%20Judges%20Benchbook%20-%20Probate%202018.pdf>

The Arkansas *Benchbook Series*, available on the Arkansas Judiciary website, are written for members of the judiciary, however, they are useful to any legal researcher as a quick reference to applicable law. This volume consists of several short chapters in outline format which lay out the Arkansas law on wills, intestate succession, trusts, fiduciaries and trust estates, guardian and ward, conservators, adoption, and mental health. Includes links to Arkansas cases and statutes.

Haight, William D. *Arkansas Probate System*. Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2005. 1 volume.

This publication assembles materials for handling a typical residential estate administration. It presumes familiarity with substantive federal and state law applicable to the administration and taxation of estates. It does not address contested matters or any other probate court procedures. The system is organized into the following sections: Administration Checklist, Schedule of Due Dates and Deadlines, Administration Work Log and Assignments, Master Information List, Letter Forms, Pleading Forms, and Tax Forms and Other Forms. Includes a detailed table of contents, but no index.

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Foster, Lynn, and G.S. Brant Perkins. *Probate and Estate Administration. 2020–21 ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson West, 1 softbound volume replaced periodically. (*Arkansas Practice Series*, Vol. 4).

This book covers the complete process of collecting and distributing a decedent's estate in Arkansas, from the planning stages through payment of taxes. It also addresses will contests, intestate succession, and some matters regarding non-probate transfers. Forms and checklists are provided. Appendices include a glossary of terms; the ACTEC Commentaries on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, edited to correspond with the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct; and a table illustrating degrees of relationship or consanguinity under Arkansas law. Finding aids include a detailed table of contents, table of laws and rules, table of cases, and index.

Available in Westlaw.

Haight, William D. *Revocable Trust Handbook for Arkansas Practitioners: With Arkansas Trust Code and Commentary.* Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association and Full Court Press, 2007. 1 softbound volume. 2014 supplement sold separately.

Focuses on the revocable trust established as a “will substitute” by clients wishing to bypass judicial administration of their estates upon their death or incapacity. Although the handbook includes some discussion of income and transfer tax aspects of trust administration, most of the materials deal with basic simple trusts not involving tax issues. Includes a brief discussion of Arkansas and federal law relating to trusts, as well as checklists and sample forms and provisions to be considered in the creation, funding, administration, and distribution of the revocable trust, both before and after the death of the grantor of the trust. The handbook also includes the current text of the Arkansas Trust Code, with the official NCCUSL comments, edited for Arkansas. Indexed.

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Workers' Compensation

Arkansas Workers' Compensation Laws and Rules Annotated. Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis, 2020–. 1 softbound volume replaced biennially with new edition.

Provides annotated code sections involving Arkansas workers' compensation laws and rules. Reprints Commission rules, forms, and significant advisories.

Available in Lexis+.

Carol Lockard, Robert S. Tschiemer and Zan Davis. *Arkansas Workers' Compensation Deskbook.* Little Rock, Ark.: Arkansas Bar Association and

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Full Court Press, 2013. 1 volume updated periodically with supplements.

Includes a history of the workers' compensation law along with an explanation of the legislation and its relevance in the market. Covers how to develop a claimant's case from the initial client interview through the hearing and appeal processes. The progression of the respondent's case is covered as well. Forms and relevant checklists for use by both claimant's and respondent's counsel are provided.

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