



Wisconsin Court System

Court Public Information Resources

Wisconsin Court System website (www.wicourts.gov)

The website provides a variety of useful materials including case information on circuit court and appellate court cases, Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions from 1995 to present, audio of Supreme Court oral arguments from 1997 to present, and live audio of Supreme Court proceedings as they are occurring. The website contains biographies of all current and past justices; information on the courts' many programs and initiatives; a directory of all court system staff; *The Third Branch*, a quarterly newsletter of the Wisconsin judiciary; and much more.

Wisconsin Circuit Court Access (WCCA) and Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Case Access (WSSCA)

WCCA was created in response to an increasing number of requests for court records from district attorneys, sheriffs' departments, and other court business partners. Title companies, abstractors, members of the media and the general public have also benefited from WCCA. Access WCCA at: www.wicourts.gov under "Case Search."

WSSCA provides public access to the status of appeals filed with the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Generally, this site includes appeals that were considered "Open" from the end of 1993 forward.

Court Administrative Rules Hearings and Conferences

Notification of upcoming rules hearings and agendas are available at: www.wicourts.gov/courts/supreme/calendar.htm.

Supreme Court Table of Pending Cases

A table of all pending Supreme Court cases that includes a brief statement of the issue presented in each case and the county of origin is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Court at (608) 266-1880 or clerk@wicourts.gov, or visit www.wicourts.gov/supreme/sc_tabpend.jsp.

Supreme Court Case Synopses

A monthly synopsis of upcoming Supreme Court cases is distributed via e-mail to media outlets that have requested it. These are also available on the website. Contact the Court Information Officer at (608) 261-6640 or tom.sheehan@wicourts.gov.

Appellate Court Briefs

Docket information about appellate cases since 1993 and copies of briefs submitted in most cases since July 1, 2009 are available online through WSSCA. The UW Law Library Briefs Database makes available briefs and appendices in cases from November 1992 through June 2009. Additional information about appellate court cases may be available through the Office of the Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, (608) 266-1880.

Wisconsin State Law Library website (www.wilawlibrary.gov)

The library's website features an online catalog, links to government and law-related resources, and a method to request reference assistance and document delivery via e-mail. Call (608) 266-1600.

Court Operating Procedures

Published Supreme Court internal operating procedures that explain - among other things - the steps a case goes through from acceptance to release of the opinion are available in the State Law Library and on the court system website at www.wicourts.gov/sc/IOPSC.pdf

Wisconsin Lawyer Search

Published by the State Bar of Wisconsin, this online resource, which can be found at www.wisbar.org, has addresses and phone numbers for all lawyers licensed to practice in Wisconsin.

News Reporter's Legal Handbook

Published by the State Bar of Wisconsin, this handbook contains general information on how the courts operate, guidelines for covering proceedings in state and federal courts, a glossary of legal terms, and a reprint of Chapter 61 of the Supreme Court Rules. This booklet is free. Contact the State Bar Public Affairs Office at (608) 250-6025.

Media Coordinators Listing

A county-by-county list of media coordinators statewide is available on the court system website at www.wicourts.gov/news/mediacoord.htm. Contact the Court Information Officer at (608) 261-6640 or tom.sheehan@wicourts.gov for more information.

Wisconsin Court System Directory

The directory, available on the website, contains telephone numbers, fax numbers, and addresses for all circuit court judges, Court of Appeals judges, and Supreme Court justices, as well as court administrators, clerks of court, and staff. Directories can be found at: www.wicourts.gov/contact/directories.htm

Self-help law center

The Wisconsin courts self-help law center is designed to help people find forms, learn about Wisconsin law and court procedures and represent themselves in some court matters. The information provided here is not a substitute for legal advice. Suggestions on how to find legal assistance are also provided. www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm

Informational handouts on the court system

Handouts, available on the court system website (www.wicourts.gov/courts/resources/handouts.htm) and by calling the Wisconsin Supreme Court at (608) 266-1298, describe the following offices and initiatives of the courts:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public information resources at wicourts.gov |
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