Legal information, services, and education

Subscription Information
In addition to elected officials of Hamilton County and its municipalities and townships, the Law Library patron base is comprised of individuals and firms - including lawyers, doctors, accountants, and others - who wish to gain access to extensive legal materials, far more than those typically held by a single firm.

There are three subscription categories:

A solo practitioner may become a subscriber and get full access to all Library resources and services.

An individual attorney in a firm or a member of the public may become a subscriber with access to all on-site library resources and services but not remote access.

A firm subscription entitles every employee of the firm - lawyers, paralegals, administrators - to use the Library and its resources, including remote access to many legal information databases. Compare for yourself the difference between an individual and firm subscription at our website or call for a quote.

Fees
Annual fees are $110 with a reduced per-person rate for firms. See the detailed fee schedule and subscriber application form on the website.

Organization
The Law Library is overseen by the five-member Hamilton County Law Library Resources Board, appointed as per statute (R.C. §307.11). Day-to-day operations of the Law Library are managed by the Law Librarian.

Funding
Statutorily funded with a portion of traffic fees and supplemented by fees for services like continuing legal information seminars and photocopying charges, the Law Library provides reliable legal information and cost savings to Hamilton County offices, the public, and to subscribing law firms by supplying centralized, coordinated access to legal information, services, and education.

Programming
In addition to CLEs, the Law Library hosts a monthly series for the public, called You and the Legal System.

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Introduction
The Hamilton County Law Library is a public law library serving the appointed and elected officials of Hamilton County, Ohio, the public, and its subscribers. With 175 years of stewardship by the Cincinnati Law Library Association and now governed by the Hamilton County Law Library Resources Board, the Law Library has served the community by providing legal information services and resources since its incorporation in 1847.

The Library has been located on the sixth floor of the Hamilton County Courthouse since 1919.

Public Access
The Law Library is open during Courthouse hours. Members of the public are welcome to use print resources in the Law Library. The Law Library’s website, legal research guides, and the library catalog are available 24 hours a day. Access includes links to free materials available from government websites, primary legal materials, court rules, and more.

On-site services for subscribers:
- Reference assistance
- Circulation of materials
- Computer room
- Wireless network
- Proprietary research database access
- Extensive print legal research collection
- Continuing legal education
- Conference rooms
- Discounted photocopying
- Videoconferencing
- Subscribers’ lounge, magazines, and coffee

Off-site access for subscribers:
- Fastcase primary law for all 50 states and federal courts plus Loislaw treatises
- HeinOnline law journals, federal documents, and legislative history for under 50 attorney law firms
- Lexis Digital Library & Nolo ebooks
- Wolters Kluwer IntelliConnect tax, law, and business content & newsletters
- Ask a librarian for legal research guidance or document delivery by the next business day
- Substantive topical e-mail alerts
- Library catalog
- Check your library account for a list of books you have out and due dates
- Add-on plan for Lexis Advance for solo attorneys

Resources
The Law Library offers more than 40,000 volumes ranging from the Ohio Revised Code and practice handbooks to substantive treatises and CLE materials. Reporters and periodicals round out the collection.

Electronic databases include primary law from LexisNexis, Shepard’s, Fastcase, and a wide array of secondary resources from LexisNexis, BNA, Wolters Kluwer, and Westlaw. HeinOnline supplements the print collection with digital versions of law journals as well as historic federal laws and regulations. Ohio Capitol Connection provides Ohio General Assembly information and bill tracking. Ohio and national legal forms are available on-site and remotely.

Research Assistance
Whether you are on or off-site, you will receive prompt, professional service. We will find and deliver documents to subscribers via fax or email. None of our services shall be construed as giving legal advice.

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