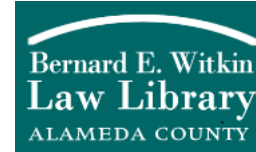


## Alameda County Law Library Update – Email/Phone Service Available + Free Fastcase Access



March 23, 2020 -

In accordance with the [Shelter in Place Order](#) issued March 16, 2020, The Alameda County Law Library remains CLOSED through **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. This closure may be extended.

Law library patrons can now access the [Fastcase](#) database from home 24/7 via a link on our Library Databases site: <http://lawlibrary.acgov.org/library-databases/>

- **Username:** Alamedacounty / **Password:** fastcase

During the closure, library staff working remotely are monitoring the [lawlib@acgov.org](mailto:lawlib@acgov.org) email address and the Reference Desk voicemail [\(510\) 208-4832](tel:5102084832) and can provide limited reference/research assistance and document delivery service via reply email or return phone call. Hours of service response will be **Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.**

**Law librarians can email you** specific documents/chapters from the Westlaw, Lexis Advance, and OnLaw databases, or **perform keyword searches** in these databases at your request and email you the results. We may also be able to direct you to appropriate free internet resources.

For specific documents, please provide a **citation**. For search/research requests, please provide us with the **keywords** you would like us to use when searching the databases (e.g. "trust amendments") and the **type(s) of source(s)** you want us to check (e.g. case law, California practice guides, law review articles, etc.)

**NOTE: At this time, we are unable to provide you with direct/individual access or login credentials for the databases.**

### Some examples of what we can email you:

- Shepard's and KeyCite reports (please provide citation)
- Annotated Code sections
- Legal form templates from practice guides (e.g. Notice of Pendency of Action)
- California appellate briefs (we have limited access)
- Sections/chapters from practice guides/treatises (e.g. Rutter Group, Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Matthew Bender).
- Articles from law reviews

- Verdicts
- List of research results from a keyword search performed on Westlaw, Lexis or OnLaw.

In your request, please try to be as specific as possible with citations, section/chapter numbers, or keywords/research topic(s).

***Note that there may be a delay in response time as limited staff are working remotely.***

Published California Supreme Court and Court of Appeals cases (California Official Reports) can be searched and retrieved by citation or keyword on a free website hosted by LexisNexis: <https://www.lexisnexis.com/clients/CACourts/>

**Visit the Law Library's website 24/7 at <http://lawlibrary.acgov.org> to access [free legal websites](#), [legal forms](#), and the [Nolo Press eBooks database](#) (login instructions provided on website). You can also use the [Ask a Law Librarian](#) statewide chat service.**

***For the most up to date information about the library closure and library services, please visit our website at <http://lawlibrary.acgov.org>.***

Thank you,

Alameda County Law Library