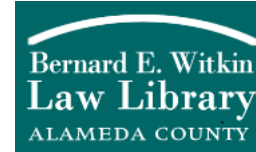


Alameda County Law Library Update – Email/Phone Service Available + Free Fastcase Access



March 31, 2020 -

In accordance with the [Extended Shelter in Place Order](#) issued March 31, 2020, The Alameda County Law Library remains CLOSED through **May 3rd**. 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 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