Can I Answer That?
Assisting Customers with Legal Information Questions

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Who’s Asking?

• Local attorneys & officials
• Business people
• Community organizations
• General public
• Self-represented or “pro se” litigants
  – Steady rise in cases with at least one pro se party.
  On average, in Wis. Circuit Courts:
    • over 70% of family court cases
    • over 90% of small claims cases
Where or Whom are they Asking?

- The administering gov’t agency, if known
- Elected officials – local, state
- Courthouse – clerk of courts
- Legal services agencies & hotlines
- Law Libraries
- PUBLIC LIBRARIES

What are they Asking?

- ANYTHING & EVERYTHING
  recent increases in court cases involving…
  - Foreclosure
  - Domestic relations
  - Consumer issues
  - Housing issues other than foreclosure
Legal Information vs. Legal Advice

Legal Information is…
- General in nature – basic info for anyone
- Directing to sources about a particular area of law
- About the process (how to)
- Locating or retrieving a specifically cited statute, form, court opinion or other law
- Referral to other agencies for more information

Legal Advice is…
- Specific to a particular situation or case.
- More personalized – an opinion
  - You should / shouldn’t...
  - This law does / doesn’t apply to your case.
  - What they did is / isn’t legal.
- Interpreting the law
  - This statute means…
  - This court opinion means…

Information or Advice?
- Can they do that? Is that legal?
- How do I evict a tenant?
- What are my rights? What should I do?
- What does this statute mean?
- Where can I get the forms for divorce?
- Can I sue? Should I sue? On what grounds?
- What should I write on this form?
- I want to make a will.
- I need information about security deposits.
- I’d like to read the laws about drunk driving.
- My house is in foreclosure. What’s going to happen?
- I need legal assistance.
**Have a policy**

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**Wisconsin State Law Library**

Helping YOU Help People
Find Legal Information & Assistance
WSLL is…

• Oldest library in Wisconsin – founded 1836
• By statute (Wis. Stats. 758.01), a public law library
• Open 8-5 Monday – Friday
• Resource library for state virtual ref services

WSLL Staff are not…

• Attorneys
• Clerks of Court or Registers in Probate
• Able to give legal advice
• Able to fill out forms, except when acting solely as a scribe
WSLL staff can...

• Provide information and resources about a legal topic

• Provide document delivery of cases, articles, statutes, etc.

• Provide referral information to other resources
What library staff cannot do for you

- Interpret the meaning of sources of legal authority or determine their relevance to your specific situation.
- Give legal advice.
- Advise you of your legal rights.
- Recommend a course of action.
- Assist you in completing forms.
- Recommend a specific attorney to assist you.

Definitions

Citation
A citation is a reference to legal authorities and precedents such as statutes, cases, regulations, and law review articles. Citations are used in arguments to courts, legal textbooks, law review articles and the like to establish or amplify the propositions argued. (From Boston College Law Library Information Guide #11)
http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/library/research/researchguides/citations/

Interpret
Explain, clarify or translate a piece of information that is unclear to the person asking the question.

Legal Advice
A recommendation as to what particular action an individual should take given a set of certain circumstances.

Legal Authority
Legal authority is either primary or secondary. A primary legal authority is a case, statute, regulation, or other authority supported by governmental power. A secondary legal authority is a treatise, law review article, or other source that comments on the law but is not supported by governmental power. (from "Guide to Shepardizing," E. H. Butler Library, Buffalo State University)
http://www.buffalostate.edu/library/research/subject/shepard.html

Legal Research
Legal research is a search for statements of the law found in statutes, cases, or other primary sources that can be used to predict how a court would decide a dispute involving a specific fact situation. (from Boston College Law Library Information Guide #11)
http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/library/research/researchguides/nonlaws/
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Court Records

- Wisconsin
  - Circuit Court Access (Wisconsin Court System)
    Search WI criminal & civil circuit court records.
  - Circuit Court Forms (Wisconsin Court System)
    - GF-182 Concerning Removal of Case Records from Online Records because of Identity Theft or Mistaken Identity
    - GF-183 Concerning Removal of Address Information from Online Records
    - GF-184 Request to Correct Error in Court Records
  - Court Records (WI Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Case Access)
    Provides access to the status of appeals. Includes appeals considered "Open" from 1993 to date.
  - WI SCR 72 "Retention and Maintenance of Court Records"

- Federal
  - Federal Court Records on the Web (LLRX)
    Court documents & docket from federal circuit, district, and bankruptcy courts.
  - PACER
    Obtain case & docket information from federal circuit, district, and bankruptcy courts.

- Privacy and Public Access to Court Records: State Links (National Center for State Courts)

- Quiet Revolution in the Courts: Electronic Access to State Court Records (Center for Democracy & Technology)
  Survey of state activity on electronic access to court records.
Legal Assistance

The following organizations provide legal representation, mediation and arbitration services for Wisconsin residents. Some services are restricted to low-income individuals.

- **Community Justice, Incorporated**
  A law firm that represents low-income individuals and families involved in landlord/tenant, disability and mental health, employment, family, child welfare, education, discrimination, consumer/credit, land use, environmental issues.

- **Economic Justice Institute (LEWI)**
  Home to the law school's legal assistance program:
  - Consumer Law Clinic
  - Family Court Assistance Project
    Provides legal information, forms and guidance to self-represented litigants involved in family court related issues, including temporary restraining orders.
  - Neighborhood Law Project
    Provides representation in landlord/tenant, public benefits, and wage and hour cases.

- **Legal Action of Wisconsin**

- **Modest Means Program (State Bar of Wisconsin)**
  Part of the State Bar's Lawyer Referral and Information Service. Assists people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services, but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate.

- **Wisconsin Judicare**
  Serves low-income people in 33 northern counties of WI. Handles cases involving bankruptcy, social security and SSI, family law, health, housing, income maintenance, wills, and Indian law.

Directories

- **Consumers’ Guide to Legal Help**
  Guide to legal resources available in your state.
- **Local Services Directory**
  Search by city, county or zip code.
- **State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service**
Can a patron bring a “guide dog in training” into the library?

- Service Animals
  - Wisconsin
    - ADA and Service Animals (WI Department of Health Services)
    - Service Animals (Legislative Reference Bureau, 2006)
    - Service Animals FAQs: Housing (Delta Society)
    - WI Statutes s. 106.52 “Public Places of Accommodation or Amusement”
    - WI Statutes s. 174.65 “Exemption of dogs for blind, deaf and mobility-impaired”
    - WI Statutes 346.26 “Blind Pedestrian on Highway”
  - Federal
    - Pet Ownership for the Elderly and Persons With Disabilities (HUD)
  - Requirements for pet ownership in HUD-assisted public housing and multifamily housing projects for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Statistics
- Disability Statistics Center (Univ. of California, San Francisco)
- Disability Statistics (Cornell Univ.)

106.52(1)(fm)

(fm) "Service animal" means a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal that is individually trained or is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including the work or task of guiding a person with impaired vision, alerting a person with impaired hearing to intruders or sound, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.
Dictionaries

- Abbreviations & Acronyms of the U.S. Government
- Dictionary of Wisconsin History (Wisconsin Historical Society)
- Law
  - ABA Glossary
  - Dictionary of Legal Terms (Nolo.com)
  - Jurist Legal Dictionaries
  - Law.com Dictionary
- MedLexicon
  - Medical, pharmaceutical, biomedical & healthcare acronyms and abbreviations
- Scientific & Technical Acronyms, Symbols, and Abbreviations

Encyclopedias

- Ver (Cornell Legal Information Institute)
- Zimmerman's Research Guide (LexisNexis)

Quotations & Speeches

- American Rhetoric
  - Includes the Online Speech Bank of over 5000 full text, audio, and video versions of speeches and the American Top 100 Speeches database
- Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations
- Simpson’s Contemporary Quotations

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nolo contendere
(no-lō-kōn-tend-ər) n. Latin for “I will not contest” the charges, which is a plea made by a defendant to a criminal charge, allowing the judge to then find him/her guilty; often called a “plea of no contest”.

See also: no contest

no contest
n. in criminal law, a defendant's plea in court that he/she will not contest the charge of a particular crime, also called nolo contendere. While technically not an admission of guilt for commission of the crime, the judge will treat a plea of "no contest" as such an admission and proceed to find the defendant guilty as charged. A "no contest" plea is often made in cases in which there is also a possible lawsuit for damages by a person injured by the criminal conduct (such as reckless driving, assault with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault), because it cannot be used in the civil lawsuit as an admission of fault. "No contest" is also used where there has been a "plea bargain" in which the defendant does not want to say he/she is guilty but accepts the sentence recommended by the prosecutor in exchange for not contesting the charge (which is often reduced to a lesser crime). It is standard practice for the judge to ask either the attorneys or the defendant, "Is there a factual basis for the plea?" before accepting it and finding the defendant guilty.

See also: nolo contendere, plea, plea bargain
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Agencies

- Child Support Agency
  (608) 785-9354
  Information on establishing paternity, obtaining and enforcing child support, and interstate enforcement. Child support forms. Services to help you establish or enforce child support, set up income withholding, intercept income tax refunds, get fees against property, collect child support from a parent living in another state, and establish paternity. Child support lien docket.

- Clerk of Courts
  (608) 785-9590
  Information about small claims court and traffic court procedure. Contact information for judges and other court officials. Court forms. Court records for civil, criminal, family, traffic and ordinance cases. Civil judgment and lien docket. Pay fees online. Pay information.

- County Clerk
  (608) 785-9981
  Marriage licenses, elections and voter registration, and county government records.

- District Attorney
  (608) 785-9604

- Family Court Commissioner
  (608) 785-5600

- Register in Probate
  (608) 785-9892

- Register of Deeds
  (608) 785-9644
  Real estate parcel search. Property forms including (land contract, termination of decedent's property interest, transfer by affidavit, transfer on death, and statement of mineral claim. Also marriage, birth and death certificate applications, $12 name forms. Birth, marriage and death records, real estate records, termination of decedent's property interest, and register lien names.

- Sheriff's Department
  (608) 785-9839
  County law enforcement, operation of the county jail, execution or service of legal documents including restraining orders, evictions, repossessions, and foreclosures sales; execution of criminal warrants.

- Veterans' Court

Legal Assistance Organizations

- County Bar Association Free Legal Clinic

- Domestic Violence Intervention Project
  (608) 765-7070

- Families First
  (800) 795-6860
  Education in planning for the future needs of children when parents are getting divorced.

- Free Legal Services
  Family law, child support.

- Legal Action of Wisconsin
  (608) 873-0027
  Provides civil legal services to WI low-income persons. Assists people with legal issues involving family law, housing matters, public benefits, and consumer matters.

- New Horizons Advocacy Programs
  (608) 791-2610 ext. 303

Forms & Guides

- Court Procedures
  - Consumer Credit Complaint Checklist (Clerk of Court)
    - Jury
      - Civil process service (Sheriff’s Department)
      - Victim / Witness
        - Resources for victims and witnesses (District Attorney)
        - Rights & Services for Crime Victims & Witnesses (District Atty)
  - Criminal
    - Felony Procedure Flowchart (District Atty)
    - Frequently Asked Questions (District Atty)
    - Felony Case Update (District Atty)
QUIT CLAIM DEED

THIS DEED, made between

("Grantee," whether one or more),

and

("Grantor," whether one or more)

Grantee quit claim to Grantee the following described real estate, together with the rents, profits, fortunes and other appurtenant interests, in

County, State of Wisconsin ("Property") (if more space is needed, please attach additional):


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- Opinions 1996 (State Bar of WI)
- Opinions (Bygone Times) 1976
- Opinions, WI State Public Defender
  - On Point Case Summaries (2010)
- Briefs 173 Wis 2d 337 Wis 2d (WI Law Library)
- Briefs July 1, 2009, WI Court System
Most comprehensive list of WI Ordinances on the Web
Sec. 10-2-8 Skateboards.

(a) Regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a skateboard in any of the following places:

(1) On any City street;
(2) On any sidewalk in any business district. For purposes of this Section, business district shall be defined as any area primarily commercial in nature;
(3) In any public parking ramp or parking lot;
(4) On any public property where signs prohibit it;
(5) On private property, unless permission has been received from the owner, lessee, or person in charge of that property.

(b) Yield Right-of-Way. Operators or riders of skateboards shall yield the right-of-way to other pedestrians using City sidewalks, and shall not otherwise endanger or interfere with the pedestrian traffic on those sidewalks.
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Department of Financial Institutions

Wisconsin Consumer Act Frequently Asked Questions

Business Guidance - Registration
- What must I do?
- How do I get a Registration Form?
- Are there Penalties for Noncompliance?
- What is a Consumer Credit Transaction?

Business Guidance - Forms
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- Are you reviewing forms?
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Transporting passengers

How many adults may sit in the front seat of a car or in the cab of a pickup?

There's no limit, as long as the passengers don't obstruct the driver's view or impede the driver's ability to drive. All original seat belts must be used.

May passengers ride in a fifth-wheel mobile home?

A person may ride in a towed fifth-wheel mobile home if it is equipped with a two-way communication system in proper working order, capable of providing voice communications between the operator of the towing vehicle and any occupant of the towed vehicle. Children under 12 may not ride in fifth wheel mobile homes unless a person age 16 or older is also riding in the home. See Wisconsin statue 246.08 (5m).

May you ride in a pickup camper?

Yes, if the camper is attached, bolted, etc. to the truck.

May passengers ride in the back of a pickup truck if there's a topper on?

Yes, so long as the exhaust system extends beyond the body of the truck.

May you ride in the back of a pickup without a topper?

Yes, if you are over 16 years of age and seated in the box. It is illegal to sit on the sides. No child under the age of 16 may ride in the open cargo area of light trucks.
10/24/2012

Wisconsin Legislative Spotlight

Maintained by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LBR), this page provides an overview of recent and upcoming activities in the Wisconsin Legislature. The LBR revises its content weekly. Links to more detailed information are highlighted in the text.

2011 Legislative Session - A citizen's guide

The 2011-2012 legislative session began when the new Legislature was sworn in on January 3, 2011. The schedule of hearings for the new session was established by Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Notification service. The legislature's Wisconsin Legislative Notification Service makes following the legislative process easier for interested citizens. Registered users can receive daily or weekly emails with specified legislative activity reports. For example, users may choose to be notified about every action affecting a specific proposal, bill or introduced by a particular legislator, activity of a specific committee, or introductions relating to a particular topic.

Internet Broadcast of Floor Debate. Citizens can listen to

The Week of October 22, 2012

The Wisconsin Legislature stands adjourned pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. The 2013-14 legislative session will commence on January 7, 2013.

News

Elections

The November 6 election will include all 99 members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senators for all even-numbered districts. Twenty-three Assembly districts and the Senate districts have candidates running unopposed. A special election primary will be held to fill the vacant 33rd Senate district.

Wisconsin residents may access the Government Accountability Board's voter information Web site to check on their voter registration status, find their polling place, request an absentee ballot, and check provisional ballot status. Voters may vote early beginning on October 22.

Budget Requests

2013-15 state agency budget requests were posted online on the Department of Administration's Web site.

Spotlight Archive

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106.52 Public places of accommodation or amusement

106.52(1) (a) Public places of accommodation or amusement shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent accidents and to provide for the health and safety of all persons therein. Public places of accommodation or amusement shall be subject to inspection and shall be required to meet the State Fire Marshal's code and standards for public safety.

(b) No person may do any of the following:

1. Deny to another or charge another a higher price than the regular rate for the full and equal enjoyment of any public place of accommodation or amusement because of sex, race, color, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.

(c) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall result in the imposition of penalties as provided in s. 134.32 (1m).
New feature – links to pre-1995 full-text court decisions in Google Scholar
Search
"pepper spray"
In WI Statutes:

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Pepper spray

It is now legal in Wisconsin to possess pepper spray made from oleoresin of capsicum (OC). Following are some of the most common questions about OC products and the law:

What is OC or pepper spray?
OC or pepper spray refers to an aerosol canister which contains oleoresin of capsicum (OC). The OC is extracted from plants and contains active ingredients which, when expelled, cause uncontrollable burning on skin, breathing trouble, swelling in the eyes until they shut and continual draining of sinuses. The symptoms end after about 45 minutes without any permanent health problems.

Who may possess OC or pepper spray?
You must be over the age of 18 to possess or use pepper spray. In addition, it is only legal to use OC or pepper spray if you are defending yourself or your property.

Only products with an OC concentration of 10 percent or less are now legal in Wisconsin. It is still illegal to possess or use other tear gas products in Wisconsin.

Where can OC or pepper spray be bought?
Many brands of OC products are currently available from retailers throughout the state. Merchants that carry OC or pepper spray products must keep them apart and separate from other store inventory. Ideally, the products should be kept in an enclosed area within the store.

OC and pepper spray products sold in Wisconsin must comply with rules established by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Although the rules control sellers and not users, it may be wise for Wisconsin consumers to purchase OC products in Wisconsin. Products sold in other states may be mixed with other tear gas substances. It would be illegal to possess these products in Wisconsin.

OC and pepper spray products sold in Wisconsin must:
• Have a total weight of not less than 15 grams (approximately a half ounce) nor more than 60 grams (which is approximately two ounces).
• Have a minimum effective range of six feet and a maximum effective range of 20 feet.
• Look like a conventional aerosol canister and not be made to appear like another product (an OC spray made to look like a pen for example).
• Have a label which includes the amount of OC, its range, expiration date, ingredients, first aid...
Results 1 to 2 for 'capsicum'

941.20(3)(a)

b. Provide allowable amounts of oleoresin of capsicum; insert ingredients and total ingredients for a device or container described under par.

(a) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply to any device or container that contains a combination of oleoresin of capsicum and inert ingredients but does not contain any other gas or substance that will cause bodily discomfort.

941.20(3)(a)


DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Wisconsin Administrative Code

Chapter Jus 14

SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF OC PRODUCTS TO PRIVATE CITIZENS

Jus 14.01 Statutory authority. This chapter is established and adopted in compliance with s. 941.26 (4) (i) 2. and (j) 2. Stats.

History: Co. Register, September, 1994, No. 466, eff. 10-1-94.

Jus 14.02 Objectives. The objectives of ch. Jus 14 are to establish content, performance, labeling, packaging and safety requirements of OC products sold in Wisconsin for use by private individuals for solely defensive purposes.

History: Co. Register, September, 1994, No. 466, eff. 10-1-94.

Jus 14.03 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) “Aerosol canister” means a cylinder shaped container in which a gas under pressure or low boiling liquid is used to expel the contents contaminate the active ingredient.

and insert ingredients of not less than 15 grams nor more than 60 grams.

History: Co. Register, September, 1994, No. 466, eff. 10-1-94.

Jus 14.08 Prohibition on camouflage OC products.

No camouflage OC product may be sold in Wisconsin.

History: Co. Register, September, 1994, No. 466, eff. 10-1-94.

Jus 14.09 Safety device. An OC product sold in Wisconsin shall have a safety feature designed to prevent unintentional discharge.

History: Co. Register, September, 1994, No. 466, eff. 10-1-94.

Jus 14.10 Minimum labeling requirements. Any OC product sold in Wisconsin shall have affixed to the canister label-
### The Wheeler Report

**Wednesday, October 24, 2012 Updated 4:51 p.m.**

#### Legislator

- **227 pm**  
- **1:02 pm**  

#### Press Agencies

- **4:49 pm**  
  Lowes Wisconsin State Forestry Board: To meet in Spring Green - how sand mining and power lines to be discussed.
- **2:59 pm**  
  DOW: Lafayette resident convicted on numerous counts of physical and sexual abuse of teenagers.
- **2:59 pm**  
  GAB: Military and overseas ballots delayed.
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  DNR: Local employment & unemployment estimates released.
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  PSC: Customers win over two PSC rate decisions.
- **8:09 am**  
  Dept. of Tourism: Janesville Holiday Light Show awarded $20,000 tourism grant.
- **8:39 am**  
  DOC: Report shows prison escapes rate falling.
- **8:05 am**  
  DNR: Hearings and meetings (Oct. 21-27).
- **8:00 am**  
  WISN: WRN: Hunters have killed 20 Wisconsin wolves.
- **7:59 am**  
  Wisconsin State Journal: Outside police responding to accidental gunshot in Dawson's Mansion kept in dark.
- **7:59 am**  

#### Economy & Business

- **1:39 pm**  
  Alliant Energy: Wisconsin Power and Light Company customers will benefit from lower tax costs.
- **11:12 am**  
  Wisconsin Energy Corp. Announces 2012 third quarter earnings release and conference call.
- **9:09 am**  
  Census Bureau: New residential sales in September 2012.
Google Scholar Coverage

- US Supreme Court cases since 1791
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- Guide on determining your legal issue & where to locate resources to answer your questions.
- Explanation of the three branches of government with description of sources of case law, statutory and administrative law. Provides information about secondary sources of law, links to web resources & a glossary of legal terms.
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How to Research A Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers
(revised March 2009)

This guide is intended to help a person with a legal problem find legal rules that can resolve or prevent conflict. It is most useful to work through the steps and sources in the order given.

For a PDF version of this guide, see http://www.aallnet.org/products/howtoresearchlegalproblem.pdf

GETTING STARTED

State the question clearly that you need to answer.

Determine the jurisdiction, meaning the particular subject and locality. You must first determine which court or government agency can resolve the conflict before beginning legal research.

Understand citations and abbreviations. Most law books are cited in the order of volume number, book and page. For example, 410 U.S. 113 would signify volume 410 of United States Reports, page 113. Statutes are cited by statute title and section number, such as 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for Title 42 United States Code, section 1983. Most of the abbreviations you will encounter are explained in the text of this pamphlet.

WHERE TO GO

Public libraries will have at least some of the codes, texts and self-help materials mentioned here, as well as facilities for Internet access.

Most county, court or law school libraries are open to the public and contain all the resources discussed here. Internet access for the public will vary across libraries of this type.

Depository libraries of federal materials are located at most law libraries, larger public libraries and universities, and are required to be available to the public. Increasingly, the federal government has made many of its depository and other publications available on the Web through its GPO Access program at www.gpoaccess.gov These and other law libraries will have various guides to help locate government information on the Web.

Simple Case Search

Party Name

Last: [Enter last name] First: [Enter first name] Middle: [Enter middle name]

Birth Date

Example: 1/11/1977

Business Name

Enter at least 3 characters of the business name. If you do not know the full name, enter part of the name and the wildcard symbol: "*".

County

[Enter county]

Case Number

Example: TCD0123 for case TCD0123

Search

Start

Technical problems? [Contact Information]

Wyoming Court System
Circuit Court Access
search calendar pay fines online reports help view case (7 days)

Get There Fast!

Appeals Court Records (WSCCA)
Circuit Court Forms
Circuit Court Records (WCCCA)
WV Judges
WV State Agencies
WV Statutes & Administrative Code

Appeals Court Records (WCCCA)
### Charge(s)/Sentence(s)

**Charge Detail**

The Defendant was charged with the following offense:

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**Charge Modifier(s)**

- Statute Code/Description:
  - 346.69(1)(e) - Operating under influence (3r)

**On 02-12-2007 there was a finding of:**

- **Action:** Court Official
- **Guilty Due to No-Cont/Res: Laets, Gerald M.**

**On 02-12-2007 the following was ordered:**

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<th>Sentence</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Begin</th>
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<th>Notes</th>
<th>Alcohol Assessment</th>
<th>Fine</th>
<th>Payable at the rate of $100.00 per month, beginning March 13, 2007 and on the 15th day of each month thereafter, until paid in full. Failure to pay any part of the fine will result in 30 additional days in jail.</th>
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<td>Local Jail</td>
<td>30 Days</td>
<td>04-11-2007</td>
<td>To be commenced on or before April 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM. For 10 hours to be served consecutively. Thereafter, 12 hours allowed. May serve on Chipewa Lake in Cheboygan County. Amended 4-3-07. Court 1-day sentence credit and may serve on electronic monitoring.</td>
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### Jackson County Case Number 2004CT000200

**Court Record Events**

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<td>Amended Judgment of conviction</td>
<td>Jahn, Debbie K.</td>
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**Additional Text:**
- To grant electronic monitoring and 1 day sentence credit. Faxed copy to Jahn & Atty. Raja, also sent hard copy to G & JAD.

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**Additional Text:**
- From defendant's attorney, Raja, regarding sentence credit and electronic monitoring.

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Legal Information or Legal Advice?

- Can they do that? Is that legal?
- How do I evict a tenant?
- This is what happened to me. What should I do?
- What does this statute mean?
- Where can I get the forms for divorce?
- Can I sue? Should I sue? On what grounds?
- What should I write on this form?
- I want to make a will.
- What are my rights?
- I need information about security deposits.
- I’d like to read the laws about drunk driving.
- My house is in foreclosure. What’s going to happen?
- I need legal assistance.

“Can they do that? Is that Legal?”

- “I’m not an attorney, so I’m not qualified to determine whether someone’s actions are legal or illegal.”
- Statutes or other sources of information
- Relevant WSLL legal topic pages
- Appropriate gov’t agency or other organization
- Consult an attorney
“How do I evict a tenant?”

- Books about apartment management that explain the eviction process.
- Any local landlord-tenant agencies
- WSLL “Landlord-Tenant” legal topic page
- WSLL County Legal Resources - any forms or guides

“What are my rights? What should I do?”

- “I’m not an attorney, so I can’t advise anyone of their legal rights or what course of action would be in their best interest.”
- General information about that area of law - books & web sites – relevant WSLL legal topic pages
- Local self-help center or walk-in legal clinic
- Consult an attorney
- Local legal services agencies, State Bar Lawyer Referral & Information Service
“What does this (statute / opinion) mean?”

- “I’m not an attorney, so I’m not qualified to give an opinion on what a law means or whether it applies to your situation.”
- Relevant WSLL Legal Topics page(s)
- Consult an attorney.
- Local / state lawyer referral & information agencies.

“Where can I get divorce forms?”

- Clerk of courts office and/or web site
- WSLL “Divorce” legal topic page
- Walk-in legal clinic or self-help center
- Legal assistance agencies that serve the county.
- Family law attorney
“Can I sue them? On what grounds?”

- “I’m not an attorney, so I can’t tell someone whether they can or should file a law suit, or determine what the cause of action (“grounds”) would be.”
- Lawyer referral & information services
- Legal assistance organizations serving the county
- Visit a nearby law library and research the matter on your own.
- WSLL “Legal Research Guides” page

“Can you help me fill out this legal form?”

- “If you’re asking me to write exactly what you want to say, I can do that.”
  (IF within your library’s scope of services)
- “If you’re asking me what you should write on the form, I’m sorry, I can’t help you with that.”
  – Walk-in legal clinic or self-help center
  – Consult an attorney
  – Local legal services agency
“I want to make a will.”

- Books about drafting a will
- Wisconsin’s will language is in Wis. Statutes, Ch. 852.
- WSLL “Wills” legal topic page
- Hire an attorney

“T need information about security deposits.”

- Reference interview to get more specific information. (Amount of the deposit? Timely return of deposit? Withholdings from deposit?)
- Local ordinances, if any
- WSLL “Landlord/Tenant” legal topic page
- Local / state landlord-tenant agencies
- Consult an attorney
“I want to read the laws on drunk driving.”

- WSLL “Drunk Driving” legal topic page

“My house is in foreclosure. What now?”

- “I’m not an attorney, so I’m not qualified to say or predict what will happen in any particular case.”
- Local foreclosure assistance agencies
- WSLL County Legal Resources - guides
- WSLL “Foreclosure” legal topic page – see the link to a great article in the righthand sidebar!
- Local / state legal assistance agencies and lawyer referral & information services.
“I need legal assistance.”

- Reference interview to get more specific information.
- State Bar Lawyer Referral & Information Service, and any such local services.
- Legal assistance agency that serves your county.

Contact us….

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wsll.ref@wicourts.gov
800-322-9755
608-267-9696