THE LAW LIBRARY IN BRIEF

11TH FLOOR
- Ohio section (orange)
- National reporters (brown)
- Federal section (yellow)
- Reference (blue)
- Reading Room
- Rare Books Room
- Reference desk
- Circulation desk
- Reserve materials
- Public copiers

12TH FLOOR
- State (red)
- AV Room

13TH FLOOR
- Legal treatises (blue-green)

14TH FLOOR
- Periodicals (dark green)

15TH FLOOR
- International (gray)
- Briefs and records

For more information, contact the library staff at libref@sc.ohio.gov.

THE SUPREME COURT of Ohio
Law Library
65 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431
614.387.9680 phone
614.387.9689 fax
www.supremecourt.ohio.gov
libref@sc.ohio.gov

Updated November 2014
This guide will help you navigate the Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library collection, which is housed on the 11th through 15th floors of the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center. If you have any questions, visit the circulation desk on the 11th Floor.

11TH FLOOR

Circulation Desk
Copy machines are located behind the circulation desk. A staff member can provide you with assistance copies are 10 cents per page. A public telephone also is located in this area.

Reserve Area
Located behind the circulation desk. Although reserve materials are not available for checkout, library staff can retrieve them for on-site use.

Gallery
Located just past the circulation desk, the Gallery features a series of paintings created by Ohio artist Ron Anderson that illustrate the history of law. Seating is available in this area.

Rare Books Room
Contains rare and out-of-print law books on the laws of Ohio, the United States and Great Britain.

Reading Room
The Reading Room is located at the south end of the hall and houses a great deal of the canon of Ohio law, including the Ohio Official Reports, Ohio Jurisprudence, Ohio Monthly Record, Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Digest, Ohio Opinions and the most current bound volumes of Ohio House and Senate bills. The Reading Room contains a selection of local and national newspapers and magazines for perusal and carrels for quiet study. The room’s north wall features a seven-panel mural, entitled Evolution of the Printed Book, painted by (Leroy) Daniel MacMorris.

The Reading Room also is home to two sculptures created by blown-glass artist Dale Chihuly. The sculptures are on loan from the Ohio State Bar Association.

Exiting through the southwest door will take you into the library stacks. The 11th Floor houses four sections of the library: Ohio (orange), national reporters (brown), federal (yellow) and reference (blue). District courts of appeals opinions are located on the 11th Floor as well.

The library is organized by the Library of Congress classification system. Public computer terminals are available on the 11th Floor for legal research and locating materials: two in the federal section, two in the Ohio section and one across from the circulation desk. The library’s online catalog is available on all public terminals. Lexis and Westlaw also are accessible through some of the public terminals.

Library staff at the circulation and reference desks are available to help as well.

Access to floors 12 through 15 is available through the elevator located in the center of the 11th Floor or through the stairwell off of the gallery.

12TH FLOOR

The 12th Floor houses two major sections of the library.

State Section (Red)
Laws, rules and regulations for all states (other than Ohio), the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

AV Room (North End)
Collection of legal materials on audio cassette, CD, VHS, DVD, microfiche and microfilm. Ohio Senate bills and Ohio House of Representatives bills are available in microfilm and CD-ROM formats.

This floor has two restrooms, and two public computer terminals.

13TH FLOOR

The 13th Floor is home to legal treatises (blue-green). The section begins with Harvard Classics (AC 1 A4) and end with Locating United States Government Information (ZA 5055 U6H47).

Other titles found here include Collier on Bankruptcy (KF 1524 C6), Medicare and Medicaid Guide (KF 3608 A4C6) and CCH Standard Federal Tax Reporter (KF 6365 C6).

This floor has one public computer terminal. There is no restroom.

14TH FLOOR

The 14th Floor holds periodicals. The section begins with the Akron Bar Association Communicator (K 1 B12) and runs through Yale Review of Law and Social Action (K 29 A4).

University law journals and law reviews are shelved on this floor, along with Current Index to Legal Periodicals (KF 8 C78), Index to Legal Periodicals & Books (KF 8 I4) and Index to Periodical Articles Related to Law (KF 8 I43).

This floor has one restroom.

15TH FLOOR

The 15th Floor contains two final pieces of the library’s collection.


The Supreme Court of Ohio briefs and records start with the 1st Series, Volume 1 (1897) and continue through the 5th Series, Volume 2,034 (1995). Volumes from 1996 and 1997 are on microfiche in the AV Room on the 12th Floor.

This floor has no public telephones, restrooms or computer terminals.