

# RECOMMENDED REFERENCE RESOURCES

## IX. LAW AND GOVERNMENT

### A. SOURCES OF FEDERAL/NATIONAL LAWS AND STATUTES

*Findlaw.* <http://www.findlaw.com>

*Legal Information Institute at Cornell University.* <http://www.law.cornell.edu>

*National Survey of State Laws.* 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Gale, 2002. \$105.00.

*United States Code.* U.S. GPO, 2000. 36 vols. and supplements. \$79.00/vol.

*U.S. Courts.* <http://www.uscourts.gov>

### B. SOURCES OF ILLINOIS STATE LAW AND STATUTES

*Findlaw.* <http://www.findlaw.com>

*Illinois Compiled Statutes.* West Publishing, 2002. 9 vols. and cumulative supplement. \$209.00.

*Illinois General Assembly.* <http://www.legis.state.il.us>

*Legal Information Institute at Cornell University.* <http://www.law.cornell.edu>

*Smith Hurd Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated.* West Publishing, annual. \$1,315.00.

*Supreme Court of Illinois.* <http://www.state.il.us/court>

### C. SOURCES OF LOCAL LAWS AND STATUTES

Print editions of your local municipal code may be available from your municipality or online through websites such as Findlaw <http://www.findlaw.com> and the Illinois Municipal League <http://www.iml.org>

## **D. LAW DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

*Black's Law Dictionary*. Bryan Garner, ed. 8<sup>th</sup> ed. West Group, 2004. \$67.00

*Findlaw*. <http://www.findlaw.com>

*Legal Information Institute*. Cornell Law School. <http://www.law.cornell.edu>

*Oxford Companion to American Law*. Kermit Hall, ed. Oxford University Press, 2002. \$75.00.

*West's Encyclopedia of American Law*. Gale, 2004. \$1,100.00.

*American Law Yearbook*, annual supplement. \$165.00.

## **E. DIRECTORIES OF LAWYERS**

*Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*. Martindale-Hubbell, annual. \$695.00. Also electronic.

<http://www.martindale.com> free.

*Sullivan's Law Directory for the State of Illinois*. Law Bulletin Publishing Company, annual, \$75.00

## **F. SOURCES OF LEGAL FORMS**

*AllLaw*. <http://www.alllaw.com>

*Complete Book of Corporate Forms*. James C. Ray. Sphinx Publishing, 2001. \$25.00.

*Findlaw*. <http://www.findlaw.com>

*Internet Legal Resource Guide*. <http://www.ilrg.com/forms>

*More Everyday Legal Forms*. Margaret C. Jasper. Oceana Publications, 2001. \$25.50.

*Most Valuable Personal Legal Forms You'll Ever Need*. Mark Warda. Sphinx Publishing, 2001. \$25.00.

*Thomson Gale Legal Forms*. Gale. [www.galegroup.com](http://www.galegroup.com) subscription.

## **G. BUILDING, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL CODES USED BY YOUR COMMUNITY(IES), (unless denied by local government).**

Check with the local governing body, usually the Building Department, to determine if they have adopted established codes, such as the ICC (International Code Council, formerly BOCA) or SBOC (Suburban Building Officials Conference, Downers Grove, IL), or if they have their own code. If they use established codes, determine the edition of each code used. Libraries may want to have in the collection both the edition adopted for use and the most current edition available in print.

*International Code Council Electrical Code, 2003*. #3980S06. \$9.00.

International Code Council Customer Service. 800-214-4321 x.371. <http://www.iccsafe.org>

*International Code Council International Building Code, 2003.* #3000S06. \$75.00.

International Code Council Customer Service. 800-214-4321 x.371. <http://www.iccsafe.org>

*International Code Council International Plumbing Code, 2003.* #3200S06. \$66.50

International Code Council Customer Service. 800-214-4321 x.371. <http://www.iccsafe.org>

## **H. SOURCES ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

*Thomas Legislative Information.* <http://thomas.loc.gov>

*USAGov.* <http://www.usa.gov>  
Formerly Firstgov.

*United States Government Manual.* National Archives and Records Administration, annual. \$27.00.

*Washington Information Directory.* CQ Press, annual. \$128.00.

## **I. SOURCES ON ILLINOIS STATE GOVERNMENT**

*Handbook of Illinois Government.* Illinois Office of the Secretary of State, biennial. 800-252-8980.  
Also electronic. <http://www.sos.state.il.us>

*Illinois Blue Book.* Illinois Office of the Secretary of State, biennial. 800-252-8980. Also electronic.  
<http://www.sos.state.il.us>

*Illinois.gov.* <http://www.illinois.gov>

## **J. SOURCES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

*Illinois Municipal Handbook.* Illinois Municipal League, biennial. \$33.00.

## **K. LISTS OF NAMES OF FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Executive Office.* <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

*Federal and State Officers.* Illinois State Board of Education. 2003.

*House of Representatives.* <http://www.house.gov>

*Senate.* <http://www.senate.gov>

## **L.     LISTS OF NAMES OF STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Illinois Issues, Roster of State Government Officials.* University of Illinois at Springfield. free to subscribers of *Illinois Issues*. Also electronic. <http://illinoisissues.uis.edu>

*Illinois State Board of Elections.* <http://www.elections.state.il.us>

*Legislative Directory of the General Assembly of Illinois.* League of Women Voters of Illinois, biennial. 312-939-5935. \$3.50.

*Who Represents Me? Suburban Cook County.* League of Women Voters of Illinois, biennial. 312-939-5935. biennial.

## **M.     GUIDES TO GOVERNMENT BENEFITS**

Services may also be available through township or municipal government offices.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.* Office of Management and Budget, annual. electronic only. <http://www.cfda.gov>

*CRIS: Community Resource Information System.* DuPage County Department of Human Services. <http://www.dupagecris.org>

*Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents.* Veterans Affairs Dept., annual. \$6.00.

*Government Assistance Almanac.* J. Robert Dumouchel. Omnigraphics, annual. \$267.00.

*Illinois Department of Human Services.* <http://www.dhs.state.il.us>

*Illinois Department of Public Aid.* <http://www.dpaininois.com>

*Will County Community Development Department.* <http://www.willcountycommunitydevelopment.com>

## **N.     GUIDES TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

*New Robert's Rules of Order.* Mary A. DeVries. 2<sup>nd</sup> rev. ed. Penguin Group, 1998. \$6.99.

*Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.* Alice Sturgis. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. McGraw Hill, 2000. \$14.95.

## **O.     GUIDES TO GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD**

*Background Notes.* U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Public Affairs. [http://www.state.gov/www/background\\_notes/index.html](http://www.state.gov/www/background_notes/index.html)

*Country Studies,* Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress. <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

*Europa World Year Book*. Europa Publications, annual. 2 vols. \$895.00.

*Statesman's Year Book*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2003. \$155.00.

*World Fact Book*. U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. Brasseys, Inc, annual. \$50.00. Also electronic.  
<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/by.html>