Purpose

The University of South Carolina Law Library is an academic research library with a primary goal of supporting the work of students and faculty at the School of Law. The law library also actively serves the university community, the government, the bar, and the residents of South Carolina. We are the largest law library in South Carolina and one of the largest in the Southeast.

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The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
**Law Library Facilities**

**Basement**
The basement holds compact shelving that contains most of the library’s print collection. Rows of shelves move together to fit more items in a smaller space, and move apart electronically to form aisle spaces as needed.

**First Floor**
The first floor of the library houses frequently used materials, including study aids, legal dictionaries, and South Carolina laws.

The circulation desk at the entrance to the library is staffed during library hours. Students may check out and request books from other libraries here.

At the reference desk, just beyond the library’s entrance, reference librarians are on duty Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help students locate and use legal materials.

**Second Floor**
The Coleman Karesh Reading Room—with seating for 60 and a terrace—is on the second floor. Also on this floor is the South Carolina Legal History Room with items of historical significance.

**Third Floor**
Reference librarians’ offices are on the third floor. Reference librarians are instructors in the Legal Research, Analysis & Writing (LRAW) program.

Books (treatises) and encyclopedias about U.S. law are on the second and third floors.

**Study Space**
Study desks and carrels are available throughout the library. Group study rooms for law student use are on the first, second, and third floors. Group study rooms can be reserved online at libcal.law.sc.edu.

**Technology**

**Online Resources**
The Quick Links at law.sc.edu/library lead to the Legal Research, Analysis & Writing (LRAW) textbook and to Lexis Advance and Westlaw—databases that students use in the LRAW course. Passwords for the textbook and databases will be given during orientation.

**Wireless Network**
A wireless network is installed throughout the law school, including the law library. Students who need help setting up a wireless connection can contact the IT Department at law.sc.edu/it.

**Print, Scan, Copy**
Printers are in the Student Commons. Each student is allotted a set number of pages per academic year. When the allotted pages are spent, you must add money to your Carolina Card account. LexisNexis offers free printing of Lexis material to a designated printer in the Commons. A scanner (free) and copier (Carolina Card) are in Room 120A, near the circulation desk.

From the library’s third floor, there is a perfect view of the South Carolina Statehouse peeking through the trees.