## State Law Library of Montana Webinar with the Montana State Library

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The mission of the State Law Library of Montana is to provide legal information and resources, to enhance knowledge of the law and court system, and to facilitate equal access to justice.

Individuals who attend this will learn about (1) the services offered by the Law Library, (2) how to understand and categorize a legal issue in relation to the three branches of government, (3) how to comprehend and contextualize the Montana Code Annotated, and (4) what access to justice (presently) looks like for Montana's citizenry.

It is hard to get Montana's citizenry excited about their legal problems. That said, we play a role when people are having their worst days. Please consider including a brief explanation of the State Law Library when training your staff.

When it comes to legal research, your staff's and your patron's suffering is optional.

If you are spending more than 10 minutes looking for legal information, and you are drawing a blank, contact the Law Library. Your time is valuable, and we are legal information experts. We try to **engage**, **education**, **and empower citizens** through our services, which include being open to the public (8-5), computer stations, document delivery, reference, interlibrary loan, training sessions (individual or group), legislative histories, and free access to expensive legal databases.

## We have partnered with Court Help Program and the Access to Justice Commission. The Court Help Program has locations throughout Montana.

Cascade County Self Help Law Center Great Falls Public Library 301 N 2nd Ave, Great Falls, MT (406) 899-7109 cascadecountyselfhelp@mt.gov

Flathead County Self Help Law Center Flathead County Justice Center 920 South Main, Kalispell, MT (406) 758-2496 flatheadcountyselfhelp@mt.gov, or selfhelp@flathead.mt.gov

Gallatin County Self Help Law Center Gallatin County Law and Justice Center 615 South 16th Avenue, Bozeman, MT (406) 582-2158 gallatincountyselfhelp@mt.gov

Missoula County Self Help Law Center Missoula County Courthouse 200 W Broadway, Rm. 271, Missoula, MT (406) 258-3428 missoulacountyselfhelp@mt.gov

State Law Library Self Help Law Center Montana State Law Library 215 North Sanders, Helena, MT (406) 444-9300 statelawlibraryselfhelp@mt.gov

Yellowstone County Self Help Law Center 216 N. 29th Street Billings, MT 59101 (406) 869-3531 or (406) 869-3532 yellowstonecountyselfhelp@mt.gov

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| <i>→</i>  | • |   |                                 | Constitution of Montana   | Constitution of Massachusetts   |  |
|   |   | United States Code  |                                 | Montana Code Annotated  | Massachusetts General Laws  | _  |
|   |   | Code of Federal Regulations  Supreme Court of the United States |                                 | Administrative Rules of Montana  Montana Supreme Court                                    | Code of Massachusetts Regulations  Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court |  |
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|   |   | 9th Circuit Court<br>of Appeals                                 | 1st Circuit Court of<br>Appeals |   | Massachusetts Appeals Court   |  |
| When a statute is deemed unconstitutional, the courts get to "leapfrog" the legislature in the hierarchy. |   | U.S. Dist. Ct.<br>Mont.   | U.S. Dist. Ct.<br>Mass.         | Montana District Courts   | Massachusetts Superior Court  | courts get to "leaptrog" the legislature in the hierarchy. |
|   |   |   |                                 | Montana Courts of Limited Jurisdiction: Justice Courts, City Courts, and Municipal Courts | Massachusetts District Court  | <u> </u>   |

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