

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL & JUSTICE

SUPREME & LOCAL COURTS LIBRARY

A guide to library and information services

Mission Statement

To provide a comprehensive and authoritative legal information service to the Judiciary, Legal Profession and Community of the Northern Territory.

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OPENING HOURS

The Courts Library is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday. If a Litigant in Person, please write to the Registrar for access to the Library.

POSTAL ADDRESS AND LOCATION

GPO Box 3946
DARWIN NT 0801

Level 6, Supreme Court Building
Mitchell Street
DARWIN NT 0800

SERVICES/MATERIALS HELD BY THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

The library catalogue is online. Access to information is available by author, title, subject and ISBN. The catalogue also covers Law Reports, Journals and legislation.

The Dewey Decimal number for books appears in the CALL NUMBER field.

The LOCATION field shows which library holds each item: Darwin Supreme Court (D) or Darwin Local Court (M).

The catalogue is updated regularly, as new items are received.

The URL for the catalogue is - <https://ntsentencing.nt.gov.au/OPAC/>

NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGISLATION

Copies of selected individual Northern Territory Acts and Regulations currently in force are filed by title. The library holds a bound set of annual legislation since 1911.

Online versions of current Northern Territory Legislation and the Index can be found at -

<https://legislation.nt.gov.au/>

[Austlii](#)

COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION

Selected Acts and Regulations are available for loan. The Darwin library also holds a complete set of bound legislation in date order from 1901 onwards.

Online versions of current Commonwealth Legislation can be found on the following webpages -

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/>

[Austlii](#)

STATE AND OVERSEAS LEGISLATION

The library holds some Annual volumes of legislation for each State and New Zealand, however these are not current.

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

The library has access to the holdings of other libraries in Australia via the LIBRARIES AUSTRALIA network and can arrange to borrow books or obtain photocopies of journal articles or court judgments from other libraries, including those interstate.

Any charges incurred by the library when doing this for private practitioners will be passed on to the legal firm involved. Quotes for the costs involved for this can be obtained prior to the request being made.

JUDGMENTS INDEX

The library issues indexes to the current decisions of the NT Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and Court of Criminal Appeal. The decisions are indexed by party, subject, cases judicially considered and statutes judicially considered.

The [indexes](#) by Parties and Statutes Judicially Considered are available online on the Supreme Court website.

ONLINE ACCESS SERVICES

ALL ENGLAND LAW REPORTS (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN BAR REVIEW (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LAW REPORTS (Westlaw)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPORTS (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL REPORTS (Westlaw)

AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL TRIAL DIRECTIONS (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN ENCYCLOPAEDIC LEGAL DICTIONARY (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN LAW JOURNAL (Westlaw)

AUSTRALIAN LAW JOURNAL REPORTS (Westlaw)

AUSTRALIAN LAW REPORTS (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN LEGAL WORDS & PHRASES (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL (LexisNexis)

AUSTRALIAN SENTENCING (Westlaw)

BUILDING CONTRACTS AUSTRALIA (LexisNexis)

BUTTERWORTHS PROPERTY REPORTS (LexisNexis)

CARTER ON CONTRACT ONLINE (LexisNexis)

CASEBASE (LexisNexis)

This is an electronic case citator with case references from major Australian law reports and legal journals. There are also some references to unreported judgments from state Supreme Courts (including NT) as well as several federal courts. A specific list of courts included and date coverage is available on request. The law reports include the major national and state series as well as some subject series. Searches can be made by party name, citation, catchwords, judicially considered statutes, court, judges, date and words and phrases.

CIVIL PROCEDURE VICTORIA (LexisNexis)

COMMONWEALTH LAW REPORTS (Westlaw)

CRIMINAL LAW JOURNAL (Westlaw)

CRIMINAL LAW NSW (Westlaw)

CRIMINAL LAW QLD (LexisNexis)

CRIMINAL LAW WA (LexisNexis)

CROSS ON EVIDENCE (LexisNexis)

ENGLISH REPORTS (ICLR)

EXPERT EVIDENCE ONLINE (Westlaw)

FAMILY LAW REPORTS (LexisNexis)

FEDERAL COURT REPORTS (Westlaw)

FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAW (LexisNexis)

FEDERAL LAW REPORTS (Westlaw)

FEDERAL OFFENCES (Westlaw)

FIRSTPOINT (Westlaw)

This is an electronic case citator with case references from major Australian law reports and legal journals. There are also some references to unreported judgments from state Supreme Courts (including NT) as well as several federal courts. A specific list of courts included and date coverage is available on request. The law reports include the major national and state series as well as some subject series. Searches can be made by party name, citation, catchwords, judicially considered statutes, court, judges, date and words and phrases.

HALSBURY'S LAWS OF AUSTRALIA (LexisNexis)

JOURNAL OF CIVIL LITIGATION AND PRACTICE ONLINE (Westlaw)

JOURNAL OF CONTRACT LAW (LexisNexis)

JOURNAL OF EQUITY (LexisNexis)

JOURNAL OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION (Westlaw)

JOURNAL OF LAW AND MEDICINE (Westlaw)

JUSTISONE

JustisOne is a legal search engine and citatory service that cross-references case law, legislation and journal articles for the UK, Ireland and the EU

LAW REPORTS (AC, Ch, Fam, QB) (ICLR UK)

LAWNOW (LexisNexis)

This full-text online legislation service includes all Acts, and Regulations from all nine jurisdictions in Australia: CTH, NSW, QLD, VIC, ACT, SA, WA, TAS and NT as passed and consolidated legislation provided in electronic form, with extensive legislative histories; in the NT the legislative histories are from 2008. Full historical versions are also provided.

LAWS OF AUSTRALIA (Westlaw)

MOTOR VEHICLE REPORTS (LexisNexis)

NEW SOUTH WALES LAW REPORTS (Westlaw)

NEW ZEALAND LAW REPORTS (LexisNexis)

NORTHERN TERRITORY LAW JOURNAL (Westlaw)

NORTHERN TERRITORY LAW REPORTS (Westlaw)

NORTHERN TERRITORY REPORTS (LexisNexis)

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE HIGH COURT AND FEDERAL COURT (LexisNexis)

QUEENSLAND REPORTS (LexisNexis)

QUICK ON COSTS (Westlaw)

ROSS ON CRIME (Westlaw)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE REPORTS (Westlaw)

TASMANIAN REPORTS (Westlaw)

TIMES LAW REPORTS (ICLR)

TORT LAW REVIEW (Westlaw)

TORTS LAW JOURNAL (LexisNexis)

UNIFORM EVIDENCE LAW ((Westlaw) Westlaw

This product mirrors the paper product of the same name.

UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS (LexisNexis)

These databases contain judgments from all states and territories of Australia, High Court, Federal Court, Industrial Court and Administrative Appeals Tribunal. NT decisions are included from 1994 onwards. It is a full text database and searching can be across the database as a whole or confined to catchwords only; searching can also be confined by date or a particular court/state.

UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS ONLINE (Westlaw)

It includes judgments from the High Court, Federal Courts and State Supreme Courts. NT decisions are included from 1995 onwards.

VICTORIAN REPORTS (LexisNexis)

WEEKLY LAW REPORTS (ICLR)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REPORTS (Westlaw)

SUPREME COURT LIBRARY ACCESS & LOANS POLICY

1. PERSONS PERMITTED TO ACCESS THE LIBRARY

The following persons only are permitted to use the library when the library is open:

- (a) Judges of the Supreme Court, their Associates, Judges of the Local Court, President and members of NTCAT, Associate Judge, Registrar and CSS staff;
- (b) Persons approved by the Library Manager;
- (c) NT Legal Practitioners and Visiting Counsel and Graduate Clerks;
- (d) Full time law lecturers at CDU;
- (e) Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory; and
- (f) Librarians.

2. BORROWING RIGHTS

The following persons only may borrow select material from the library collection:

- (a) Judges of the Supreme Court, their Associates, Judges of the Local Court, President and members of NTCAT, Associate Judge and Registrar;
- (b) Legal Practitioners and Graduate Clerks on behalf of a Practitioner
And
- (c) Visiting Counsel (to be taken to court only)

3. LOANS

(a) No book shall be removed from the Library unless the authorised user shall have recorded their name and the date on the cards provided by the Library staff for the purpose.

(b) Patrons are personally responsible for library material they have borrowed.

(c) A person shall not remove from the Library the following material:

- Loose-leaf material
- Reference material
- NT Judgments (bound volumes)
- Halsbury's Laws of Australia and Laws of Australia
- Legislation (bound volumes)
- English Digest

- White Book
- Australian Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents
- Legal encyclopaedias
- Legal Journals (bound volumes or loose parts)

4. BORROWABLE MATERIAL

This includes:

- Textbooks
- Biographies
- Legal Humour
- Legal History.

This material will be available for loan outside the court building for a maximum of four weeks.

The following people may borrow this material:

- (a) Judges of the Supreme Court and Local Court, Associate Judge and staff of Court Support Services;
- (b) Persons nominated by the Library Manager;
- (c) Legal Practitioners; and
- (d) Persons on reciprocal inter-library loan.

Textbooks in the reference collection will not be available for loan.

5. INTER LIBRARY LOANS

The following law libraries may access and borrow, unrestricted library holdings on a reciprocal inter-library loan basis:

- (a) NT Department of Attorney-General and Justice – Graham Nicholson Law Library;
- (b) NT Legal Aid Commission Library;
- (c) Other libraries at the discretion of the Library Manager. The material is to be retained in the borrowing library when in use.

6. REPLACEMENT COSTS

Borrowers will be responsible for replacement costs of any items not returned to the library.

7. REGISTRATION

All library users should be registered with the library and keep their registration current.

8. PENALTIES

Where the Library Manager is satisfied that an authorised user of the Library has failed to comply with the above rules, the Library Manager may suspend or cancel the registration as an authorised user.

THIS POLICY WAS APPROVED BY THE SUPREME COURT LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 1991 AND AMENDED IN SEPTEMBER 1994, JUNE 1998, FEBRUARY 2006 AND JUNE 2017