

# Library Guide

NT Courts Libraries

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<b>Acronyms</b>	<b>Full form</b>
AGD	Attorney-General and Justice (Department of)
DDC	Dewey Decimal Classification
ILL	Inter-Library Loan
NT	Northern Territory

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# 1. Staffing

## 1.1. General Enquiries

For general enquiries including access to the Library, research assistance and use of library collections, please email [sclibrary@nt.gov.au](mailto:sclibrary@nt.gov.au)

Library Manager: Ian Rossiter  
Phone: (08) 8999 6583  
Email: [Ian.Rossiter@nt.gov.au](mailto:Ian.Rossiter@nt.gov.au)

Library Technician: Joshua Higgins  
Legislation Clerk: Susan Deveraux

## 2. Opening hours and location

The Supreme Court Library is open from 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday to registered users.

Postal address: GPO Box 3946, Darwin NT 0801  
Physical address: Level 6, Supreme Court Building, Mitchell Street, Darwin NT 0800

## 3. Access and loans policy

The Supreme Court Library exists to support the Judiciary of the Northern Territory Courts and their staff. It is also accessible to Legal Practitioners of the Northern Territory upon registration.

Full access, loans and service details can be found in the Supreme Court Library Access and Loans Policy on the Supreme Court Library website along with an access application form.

If unsure of your eligibility to access the Supreme Court Library including collections, please contact the Library Manager (contact details are listed above).

## 4. Services and collections

### 4.1. Library Catalogue

The Library catalogue is available online and includes information relating to materials held in the Courts Libraries:

<https://ntsentencing.tms.net.au/OPAC/>

Materials held include textbooks, looseleaf services, Australian legislation and case law materials (Australian and International) and numbers in excess of 80,000 items including historical items some dating to the 1800's. The Northern Territory Court Libraries use the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) System.

## 4.2. Services

Research and training services are provided for members of the Northern Territory Judiciary and their staff. Access to the Supreme Court Library is also provided to Legal Practitioners of the Northern Territory however research services are not provided.

The Supreme Court Library is not accessible to members of the public.

Enquiries for access to the Supreme Court or services should be directed to the Supreme Court Library Manager or via email to [sclibrary@nt.gov.au](mailto:sclibrary@nt.gov.au).

### 4.2.1. Inter-Library Loans (ILLs)

Inter-Library Loans are available for members of the NT Judiciary and their staff along with staff of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.

## 5. Online Resources

### 5.1. Legislation

The Supreme Court Library holds various legislation in hard copy including Northern Territory, Australian (Commonwealth and other States / Territories) and International.

The following online resources are also freely available.

#### 5.1.1. Northern Territory:

The main source for locating NT legislation is through the Legislation NT website which is maintained by various NT Government Departments:

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

<https://www.austlii.edu.au/>

#### 5.1.2. Commonwealth of Australia:

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

<https://www.austlii.edu.au/>

#### 5.1.3. Other Australian States / Territories:

<https://www.austlii.edu.au/>

#### 5.1.4. International:

##### 5.1.4.1. UK Legislation:

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

##### 5.1.4.2. NZ Legislation:

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/>

#### 5.1.4.3. US Legislation:

<https://www.congress.gov/>

## 5.2. Gazettes and Hansard (Parliamentary Debates)

### 5.2.1. Northern Territory:

NT Gazettes and Hansard are available through the Legislation NT website:

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

### 5.2.2. Commonwealth:

#### 5.2.2.1. Hansard:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Hansard](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Hansard)

#### 5.2.2.2. Gazettes:

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

## 5.3. Cases

[AustLII](#) contains cases for Australian and New Zealand Jurisdictions.

Cases published on AustLII are Medium Neutral Citations and provided directly by the Courts.

### 5.3.1. Northern Territory:

Northern Territory decisions are also published on Court Websites.

#### 5.3.1.1. Supreme Court – Decisions:

Dating from 1986.

<https://supremecourt.nt.gov.au/decisions>

#### 5.3.1.2. Supreme Court – Sentencing Remarks

Sentencing remarks are available online for 3 months from the date of sentencing.

<https://supremecourt.nt.gov.au/sentencing-remarks>

#### 5.3.1.3. Local Court:

Dating from 2002. From 2022, decisions are identified by the court jurisdiction, being:

- Local Court – NTLC
- Youth Justice Court – NTYJC
- Work Health Court – NTWHC

<https://localcourt.nt.gov.au/practice-directions-decisions/decisions>

## 5.4. Subscriptions:

The NT Court Libraries subscribe to various online resources including Westlaw and LexisNexis. Due to licensing agreements, these resources are only accessible by employees of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (AGD) and are unable to be provided to members of the public or legal profession outside the AGD.