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Books

New York State Law

McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York (R 345 N53m; these are located in the Reference section.)

Legal Topics

Bankruptcy
How to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy by Stephen Elias (332.7 Eli)
The personal bankruptcy toolkit by Dan Sitarz (332.7 Sit)

The Courts
Represent yourself in court by Paul Bergman (347.73 Ber)
The American Bar Association guide to resolving legal disputes (347.73 Ame)
The criminal law handbook by Paul Bergman (343 Ber)
Everybody's guide to small claims court by Ralph E. Warner (347.7 War)

Crime Victims
Crime victim's guide to justice by Mary L. Boland (344.73 Bol)
Lawyer's manual on domestic violence: representing the victim (362.8 Law)

Disabilities
Americans with Disabilities Act by Margaret C. Jasper (344.73 Jas)

Divorce
File for divorce in New York by Brette McWhorter Sember. (347.6 Sem)
Marriage and divorce by Margaret Jasper (347.6 Jas)
Prenuptial agreements by Katherine E. Stoner (347.6 Sto)

Family And Medical Leave
The essential guide to family and medical leave by Lisa Guerin (344.73 Gue)

Foreclosure
The foreclosure survival guide by Stephen Elias (346.7304 Eli)
Keys to buying foreclosed and bargain homes by Jack P. Friedman (332.6 Fri)

Immigration
How to get a green card by Ilona Bray (342.73 Bra)
The Law of immigration by Margaret Jasper (325.1 Jas)

Landlord and Tenant
Every landlord's property protection guide by Ron Leshnower, (347.2 Les)
Landlord's legal guide in New York by Brette McWhorter Sember (347.2 Sem)
Renters' rights by Janet Portman (347.2 Por)

Law (general)
Nolo's encyclopedia of everyday law (349.73 Nol)

Lawyers
How to Deal With Your Lawyer by Lawrence J. Fox (340 Fox)

Legal Definitions
Dictionary of legal terms by Steven Gifis (347.03 Gif)
Spanish-English/English-Spanish pocket legal dictionary by James Nolan (347.03 Nol)

Legal Forms
101 law forms for personal use (347.4 Leo)

Long-Term Care
Long-term care: how to plan and pay for it by Joseph L. Matthews (362.16 Mat)
The Wall Street Journal complete retirement guidebook by Glenn Ruffenach (332.024 Ruf)

Mortgages
Home mortgage law primer by Margaret Jasper (332.7 Jas)

Neighbor Law
Neighbor Law by Cora Jordan (346.73 Jor)

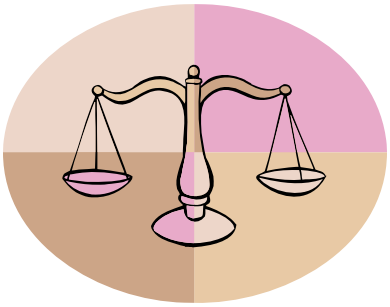
Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights
Patent, copyright and trademark by Richard Stim (655.6 Eli)
Getting permission: how to license & clear copyrighted materials online & off by Richard Stim (655.6 Sti)
Patents, copyrights & trademarks for dummies by Henri Charmasson (655.6 Cha)

Social Security
Social security, Medicare and government pensions by Joseph L. Matthews (331.25 Mat)

Veterans' Rights
Veterans' rights and benefits by Margaret Jasper (355.1 Jas)

Wills and Estates
The handbook to wills, funerals, and probate by Theodore Hughes (347.6 Hug)
The busy family's guide to estate planning by Liza Weiman Hanks (332.024 Han)
8 ways to avoid probate by Mary Randolph (347.6 Ran)

The Workplace
The employer's legal advisor by Thomas Hanna (344.73 Han)
Employment law: the workplace rights of employees and employers by Benjamin W. Wolkinson (344.73 Wol)
Workers' compensation law by Margaret Jasper (344.73 Jas)



Web Sites

Cornell University's Legal Information Institute: http://www.law.cornell.edu

CourtHelp: http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/index.html

Find a Lawyer: www.martindale.com

Municipal Law: http://generalcode.com

New York State Bar Association: www.nysba.org

New York State Department of Family Assistance: www.dfa.state.ny.us

NYS Attorney General's Resource Center: www.oag.state.ny.us/indexAtoZ.html

Schenectady County Bar Association: http://schenectadycountybar.org
Senior Citizens
www.elderlawanswers.com
http://lawhelp.org/NY/index.cfm; click on Seniors section

Tenant Rights http://www.oag.state.ny.us/bureaus/real_estate_finance/pdfs/tenants_rights_guide.pdf

Victim Rights: http://www.oag.state.ny.us/bureaus/intergov_affairs/victims_rights/about.html

Capital Region Resources

Pro Bono and Legal Service Organizations

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern York State
55 Colvin Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12206
1.800.462.2922
518.462.6765
www.lasnny.org

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York is publicly funded to provide free legal services in civil legal matters to low income persons in an eight-county service area. Services are provided according to guidelines established by the Legal Services Corporation and other grantors. LASNNY provides legal representation to clients in such areas as housing, government benefits, matrimonial, consumer and health issues.

The Legal Project
6 Executive Park Drive
Albany, NY 12203
518.435.1770
www.legalproject.org

The Legal Project is a private, not-for-profit organization that was founded by the Capital District Women's Bar Association in 1995. It provides a variety of free and low cost legal services to the working poor, victims of domestic violence and other underserved individuals in the Capital District of New York State.

Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union
90 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
518.436.8594
www.nyclu-crc.org

The Capital Region Chapter of the NYCLU is the local arm of the New York Civil Liberties Union, the state affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Chapter is organized to preserve constitutional freedoms, challenge civil rights violations and expand the nation's vision of the Bill of Rights' protection for the individual. It seeks to uphold and expand individual rights in the community through advocacy, litigation and public education.

Legal Research

Joseph F. Egan Memorial Library
Schenectady County Supreme Court Library
612 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305-2114
518.285.8518

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