



## North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library

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## LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

### Law Library Staff CAN:

- Help you locate a statute, rule, or case when you have a specific reference or citation
- Provide a copy of a specifically cited statute, rule, or case by email or mail (charges per page apply)
- Direct you to sources of law, including statutes, cases, and court rules
- Direct you to books about the law (secondary sources)
- Show you how a particular title or set of books is organized and indexed
- Show you how to access and use the Law Library's catalog and public databases
- Help you locate Law Library resources
- Give you basic instruction on the use of library materials and electronic resources
- Provide information about how to find a lawyer

### Law Library Staff CAN'T:

- Conduct legal research on your behalf
- Give you legal advice or advise you of your legal rights and responsibilities
- Read statutes, rules, cases, or secondary sources of law to you
- Interpret the meaning of statutes, cases, rules or regulations
- "Update" cases, statutes, etc. or tell you if they are still good law or have been overruled
- Recommend a course of action
- Recommend a specific attorney

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### North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library Mission Statement

The Primary purpose of the law library is to support the legal information needs of the North Dakota Supreme Court and the judicial system. The secondary purpose is to support the legislature and administrative agencies of the state. The library's resources are also available to the members of the North Dakota bar and the public. The availability to others is limited to the extent it does not compromise the library's primary purpose.