

Guide to Virginia Legal information Resources

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Introduction

Since our [first iteration of the Guide to Virginia Legal Information Resources](#) in March 2023, the *Guide* has been distributed far and wide. It has been made available on public library websites (for example it was [featured as a bullet point](#) on the website of the Bristol Public Library and [uploaded to the website](#) of the Waynesboro Public Library). It has been cataloged by academic libraries (for example, the University of Virginia Library [has an entry in its online catalog](#)) and has been included in LibGuides at academic law libraries (there is a link to the Guide in the [Virginia Legal Materials LibGuide](#) of George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School and it is [included in the A-Z list of databases](#) at the University of Richmond School of Law). Librarians' inclusion of the *Guide* in the resources that they make available shows that they find the *Guide* useful and that the *Guide* is having a positive impact.

The first edition of the *Guide* has provided the foundation for this second edition of the *Guide*. While there are now many iterations of the *Guide* available in various places (the Committee made multiple versions of the first edition to update several hyperlinks), the Committee notes that the official, current version of the *Guide* is available through the Virginia Judicial System's website and the homepage of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries. Going forward, the Committee plans to issue a new edition of the *Guide* every two years. Links to sources in [WorldCat.org](#) and open access websites of state government and bar associations predominate throughout the Guide because the Access to Justice Committee seeks to highlight the valuable resources that libraries have and to promote authoritative legal information that is available free of charge. Moreover, [Library Finder](#) and the [Virginia Public Library Directory](#) provide the addresses of many libraries that are open to the public. While the purpose of the *Guide* is to help librarians select and recommend resources for their legal self-help collections and provide a listing of resources of interest for people who choose to represent themselves in court or are seeking legal information for other matters, this *Guide* does not constitute legal advice and is not a substitute for legal advice. Those who need legal advice should consult a licensed attorney in their jurisdiction. A nation-wide resource for obtaining legal advice is [LawHelp.Org](#) (users will be directed to choose their jurisdiction at the website). Virginia-specific resources for obtaining legal advice are the [Virginia Lawyer Referral Service](#) and the [American Bar Association's Free Legal Answers \(Virginia\)](#).

As of the date of publication, all URLs work and the information contained in this *Guide* is up-to-date. The Guide is a born-digital document that is intended to be used electronically and contains a variety of URLs to materials at WorldCat.org (which provides a listing of libraries

where materials may be accessed), bar associations, and legal self-help websites. Generally, WorldCat.org links to sources are stable. For selected URLs with substantive content from other websites, the links are also archived so that a copy of the webpage as it looked when it was initially included in this *Guide* is available. However, over time, information may change. Websites and pamphlets may be updated or may disappear from the Internet altogether. Books may go out of print and new editions of books may be issued. Therefore, users of this *Guide* should do their own research to make sure they are getting the most up-to-date information.

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Legal Research and Citation

General Research Guides

- [A layperson's guide to legal research and self-help law books](#) (New England LawPress, 2019)
- [Free Legal Research Sites](#) (George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School Library, 2023), [archived](#)
- [How to Find Free Case Law Online](#) (Law Library of Congress, 2022), [archived](#)
- [How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers](#) (American Association of Law Libraries, 2022), [archived](#)
- [Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [Municipal Codes: A Beginner's Guide](#) (Law Library of Congress, 2018), [archived](#)
- The [Nutshell Series](#) provides an overview of various legal subjects (West Academic Publishing, 1973 to Present)
- [Research Guides](#) (Law Library of Congress, 2023-Present)

Virginia-Specific Research Guides

- [Guide to Law Online: U.S. Virginia](#) (Law Library of Congress, 2023)
- [Legal Research in Virginia](#) (William & Mary Law School, Wolf Law Library, 2024), [archived](#)

Legal Citation

- [Introduction to Basic Legal Citation](#) (Cornell Legal Information Institute 2020), [archived](#)
- [Legal Drafting: A Beginner's Guide](#) (Law Library of Congress, 2022), [archived](#)

Resources for Court Rules in Virginia

[Rules and Additional Information for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Juvenile Courts](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2024), [archived](#)

Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

- [Free Law Dictionary](https://freelawdictionary.org) (freelawdictionary.org, 2024)
- [Glossary](#) (American Bar Association, 2025)
- [Glossary of Legal Terms](#) (United States Courts, no date)
- [The Law Dictionary](https://thelawdictionary.org) (thelawdictionary.org, 2025)
- [Law Dictionary](#) (Merriam-Webster, 2025)
- [Michie's Jurisprudence of Virginia and West Virginia](#) (Lexis, 1948 – Present)
- [Nolo's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law](#) (Nolo, 2020)
- [The People's Law Dictionary](#) (Law.com, 2025)
- [Wex](#) (Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute, no date)
- [Your Little Legal Companion](#) (Nolo, 2009)

Spanish Language Publications and Dictionaries

- [The ABA Spanish Legal Phrasebook](#) (American Bar Association, 2014)
- [English / Spanish and Spanish / English Legal Dictionary](#) (Wolters Kluwer, 2013)
- [Senior Virginians Handbook](#), also available in Spanish (Virginia State Bar, 2021)
- [Understanding Your Domestic Relations Rights in Virginia](#), also available in Spanish (Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association, 2019)

General Virginia Research – Case Law and Statutes

Case Law

- [Cases decided in the Supreme Court of Virginia](#) (Department of Purchases and Supply, 1972)
- [Supreme Court of Virginia and Court of Appeals of Virginia Opinions](#) (Virginia's Judicial System, 2025)

Note: Statutes have greater authority than case law, however, this Guide places materials in alphabetical order by title.

Statutes

- [Code of Virginia, 1950. With provisions for subsequent pocket parts. Annotated](#) (LexisNexis, 1949-Present)
- [Code of Virginia at Legislative Information System website](#) (Commonwealth of Virginia, 2025)

Directories

Virginia

- [Virginia's Judicial Circuits and Districts](#) – Directory of Courts (Virginia Judicial System, 2025)
- [Virginia Lawyer Directory](#) – Directory of Lawyers (Virginia State Bar, no date)
- [Virginia Public Law Libraries](#) – Directory of Public Law Libraries (Virginia Judicial System, 2025), [archived](#)

General

- [FindLaw's Virginia Lawyers and Law Firms Near You](#) (FindLaw, 2025)
- [Lawyer Referral Directory](#) (American Bar Association, 2025)
Find state and local bar associations
- [Martindale-Hubbell's Attorneys/Law Firms Search](#) (Martindale, 2025)

Lawyer Referrals (local legal service providers and bar associations)

- [ACLU Resource contacts](#) (Virginia American Civil Liberties Union, 2020)
For patrons seeking assistance with housing, immigration, and employment issues, in addition to lawyer referral and legal aid information
- [Find a Lawyer](#) (Virginia Access to Justice Commission, 2024)
- [LawHelp.org](#) (LawHelp.org, 2025)
Find legal aid and pro bono organizations in your state
- [Lawyer Referral Directory](#) (American Bar Association, 2025)
Find state and local bar associations

- [Particular Groups \(help for the elderly, persons with disabilities, members of the military, and veterans\)](#) (American Bar Association, 2025)
- [VALegalAid.org Find Legal Help](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)
- [Virginia Free Legal Answers](#) (American Bar Association, 2025)
- [Virginia Bar Association referrals](#) (Virginia Bar Association, 2025)
Statewide, regional, and free resources
- [Virginia Lawyer Referral Service](#) (Virginia State Bar, no date) (Fee-based service)

Forms

There is no uniform "official" set of forms for use in all of Virginia's courts. Required terms, format, and appearance of a court filed document can vary from one local court to another. Check with the clerk of court in the jurisdiction where the form will be filed to determine local rules. Many attorneys use a generic form from a formbook set, then check with the clerk of court to determine what special requirements are in place for that type of form and then tailor the generic form for use in their locality.

Formbook sets

- [101 Forms for Personal Use](#) (Nolo, 2020)
- [Legal Forms for Everyone](#) by Carl W. Battle and Andrea D. Small (Allworth Press, 2024)
- [Virginia Forms](#) (Lexis, 2000)

Forms may also be included in subject specific legal publications. Examples include the Virginia Practice Series title [Family Law: Theory, Practice, and Forms](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2003-present) and [Virginia Family Law: A Systematic Approach](#) (Virginia CLE, 2024).

Websites containing Virginia legal forms

- [Find a Form](#) (Virginia Access to Justice Commission, 2025)
In addition to those listed within the "Forms" tab, access to forms is available within individually covered topics.
- [Forms](#) (Virginia's Judicial System, 2025)
Selected forms are available for the four levels of courts in Virginia on this state-wide court website.

- [Self-Help Forms](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)

Forms are available for specific types of actions.

The Library of Virginia provides access to [Gale Legal Forms Online](#) (2025) to all public libraries in the state. Please check your local library's website for remote access. You can find your local public library in the [Virginia Public Library Directory](#) (2024).

Research Material (by subject area)

Business Law

Virginia

- [Big Benefits for Small Business](#) (The Department of Small Business & Supplier Diversity, Virginia, 2023)
Virginia.gov has a [Local Government Tool](#) with a list of websites of local governments in Virginia and these websites may be searched for additional information.
- [Business Home](#) (Virginia State Corporation Commission, 2025)
- [Contract Law in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE Publications, 2019)
- [Corporations and Partnerships in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE Publications, 2020)
- [Forms and Fees](#) (Virginia State Corporation Commission, 2025)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Virginia State Corporation Commission, 2025)
- [Maintaining Your Business](#) (Virginia State Corporation Commission, 2025)
- [Start a New Business](#) (Virginia State Corporation Commission, 2025)
- [Virginia Business Torts](#) (Virginia CLE Publications, 2019)

See [Part One A. Foreign Attorneys](#) of *Rules and Additional Information for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Juvenile Courts* (Virginia Judiciary, 2024) which addresses corporate counsel (attorneys for businesses), [archived](#).

General

- [Incorporate Your Business: A Step-by-Step Guide to Forming a Corporation in Any State](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [Nolo Contracts: The Essential Business Desk Reference](#) (Nolo, 2021)

- [Starting and Building a Nonprofit: A Practical Guide](#) (Nolo, 2021)

Civil Procedure

Virginia

- [Civil Discovery in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Civil Practice and Procedure Resources](#) (Legal Services of Northern Virginia, 2025)
- [Diagram of Virginia's Judicial System](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2024)
- [Local General District Court contact information](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2025)
- [Virginia Civil Practice Forms](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Virginia's Court System](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2025)
- [Virginia General District Court - Civil Forms](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2025)
- [Virginia Practice: Civil Discovery](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2004-Present)
- [Virginia Small Claims Court Procedures](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2024)

See [Part Seven B. General District Courts - Civil](#) of *Rules and Additional Information for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Juvenile Courts* (Virginia Judiciary, 2024), [archived](#).

General

- [Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Federal Courts in a Nutshell](#) (West Academic, 2021)
- [How to Win Your Personal Injury Claim](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [Nolo's Deposition Handbook](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Represent Yourself in Court: Prepare & Try a Winning Civil Case](#) (Nolo, 2022)

Civil Rights

Restoration of Rights for People Formerly Imprisoned or Incarcerated or Convicted of a Felony

- [Check Status of your Civil Rights](#) (Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth, no date)

- [Information about petitioning a Circuit Court for approval of the Right to Register to Vote](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2024)
- [Petition for Approval of the Right to Be Eligible to Register to Vote](#) (Virginia Judiciary, no date)
- [Printable Restoration of Rights contact form](#) (Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth, no date)
- [Request a Copy of your Grant Order](#) (Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth, no date)
- [Request Your Rights Be Restored](#) (Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth, no date)
- [Restoration of Rights](#) (Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth, no date)

General Civil rights in Virginia

- [Get Help](#) — The Virginia American Civil Liberties Union only accepts complaints regarding civil liberties violations that occurred in Virginia. All requests for legal assistance must be submitted in writing by mail or through an [online form](#). (ACLU of Virginia, 2025)
- [Office of Civil Rights](#) (Attorney General of Virginia, 2025)
Links to state, federal, and local agencies, contact information, complaint forms, and guides regarding discrimination
- [Know Your Rights](#) (ACLU of Virginia, 2025)
Topical overviews and “What to Do” guides covering police practices, harassment, discrimination, free speech, voting, and more.
- [Online Application for a Vital Record](#) (Virginia Department of Health, no date) (for example, a birth certificate)

Consumer / Bankruptcy / Foreclosure / Tax

Virginia

- [Bankruptcy Resources](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)
- [Consumers](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)
- [Consumers](#) (Virginia State Corporation Commission, 2025)
- [Consumer Protection](#) (Virginia Office of the Attorney General, 2025)
- [Debtor's Rights Topics and Forms](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)

- [Foreclosure Prevention Resources](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)
- [Virginia Consumer Protection Act](#) (Commonwealth of Virginia, 2025)

General

- [Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Keep Your Property & Repay Debts Over Time](#) (Nolo Press, 2022)
- [Credit Repair](#) (Nolo Press, 2024)
- [Every Airbnb Host's Tax Guide](#) (Nolo Press, 2023)
- [How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy](#) (Nolo Press, 2022)
- [The Foreclosure Survival Guide](#) (Nolo Press, 2021)
- [National Consumer Law Center Free Digital Resources \(various publications\)](#) (National Consumer Law Center, no date)

The NCLC is a non-profit dedicated to helping consumers, their advocates, and public policy makers use consumer laws on behalf of low-income and vulnerable Americans seeking economic justice. In addition to the free resources at this website, fee-based subscriptions also are available.

- [The New Bankruptcy: Will It Work for You?](#) (Nolo Press, 2024)
- [Stand Up to the IRS](#) (Nolo Press, 2024)

Construction Law

- [Construction Law in a Nutshell](#) (West Academic, 2019)
- [Virginia Construction Law Deskbook](#) (Virginia CLE, 2019)

Criminal / Traffic Law

General Criminal Law Resources

- [Criminal Law: A Desk Reference](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [Criminal Law: The Essentials](#) (Oxford University Press, 2017)
- [Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [Criminal Offenses and Defenses in Virginia](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2003-Present) (Volume 7, Virginia Practice Series)
- [Defending Criminal Cases in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2020)

- [Expungement](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)
- [Juvenile Law and Practice in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Learn by Legal Issue: Criminal Law](#) (Nolo, 2025)
- [Prisoner's Self-Help Litigation Manual](#) (Oceana Press, 2010)
- [Virginia Criminal Practice Forms](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)

Traffic / DUI Resources

- [Beat Your Ticket: Go to Court & Win](#) (Nolo, 2013)
- [Defense of Serious Traffic Cases in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2022)
- [Driver's License and Driving Privileges Forms](#) (Virginia Access to Justice Commission, 2022)
- [DUI Defense in Virginia](#) (Virginia Law Foundation, 2020)
- Nolo.com, Legal Issues Explained: [Learn by Legal Issue: DUI / DWI & Traffic Tickets](#) (Nolo, 2025)
- [Virginia DUI Law](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2009-Present) (Volume 16, Virginia Practice Series)

Elder Law

- [Elder Law](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)
- [Elder Law in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Estate Planning in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2022)
- [Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Every Guardian Should Know](#) (American Bar Association, 2023)
- [Guardianship and Conservatorship](#) (Virginia Judiciary, 2025)
- [IRAs, 401\(k\)s & Other Retirement Plans](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Long-Term Care](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Senior Virginians Handbook: Legal Information and Resources](#) (Senior Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar, 2021) (available in English and Spanish)
- [SeniorNavigator: Legal](#) (VirginiaNavigator, 2025)

This VirginiaNavigator website provides links to articles, books, and Internet resources on topics including consumer protection, estate planning, long term care, and end of life planning.

Employment Law

Virginia

- [An Employment Law Guide: Employee Rights and Employer Responsibilities in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Employment Law in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2020)
- [Virginia Employment Practices and Forms](#) (Virginia CLE, 2015)

General

- [Create Your Own Employee Handbook](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [Dealing with Problem Employees: How to Manage Performance & Personality Issues in the Workplace](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [The Essential Guide to Family & Medical Leave](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [The Essential Guide to Handling Workplace Harassment & Discrimination](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [The Essential Guide to Workplace Investigations: A Step-by-Step Guide to Handling Employee Complaints & Problems](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Working for Yourself: Law & Taxes for Independent Contractors, Freelancers & Gig Workers of All Types](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Your Rights in the Workplace: An Employee's Guide to Fair Treatment](#) (Nolo, 2018)

Family Law

General Virginia Topics

- [Virginia Family Law: A Systematic Approach](#) (Virginia CLE, 2024)
- [Virginia Family Law Trial Handbook: Pleadings, Evidence, and Strategies](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Virginia Practice Series: Family Law: Theory, Practice and Forms](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2003-Present)

Child Custody and Adoption

- [Adoption Procedures and Forms: A Guide for Virginia Lawyers](#) (Virginia CLE, 2019)

- [Building a Parenting Agreement that Works: Child Custody Agreements Step by Step](#) (Nolo, 2018)
- [Nolo's Essential Guide to Child Custody & Support](#) (Nolo, 2024)

Divorce

- [Divorce After 50](#) by Janice Green (Nolo, 2022)
- [Divorce and Money](#) (Nolo, 1992)
- [Divorce Without Court: A Guide to Mediation & Collaborative Divorce](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [Nolo's Essential Guide to Divorce](#) (Nolo, 2024)

Domestic Violence

- [Domestic Torts: Family, Violence, Conflict, and Sexual Abuse](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2005)
- [Domestic Violence Law](#) (West Academic Publishing, 2024)

Marriage

- [Getting Married in Virginia](#) (Virginia Tourism Corporation, 2025)
- [Code of Virginia, Chapter 2. Marriage Generally](#) (Commonwealth of Virginia, 2025)
- [Code of Virginia, Premarital Agreement Act](#) (Commonwealth of Virginia, 2025)
- [Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples](#) (Nolo, 2020)
- [Making It Legal: A Guide to Same-Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnerships & Civil Unions](#) (Nolo, 2018)

See [Part 8 Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Courts](#) of *Rules and Additional Information for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Juvenile Courts* (Virginia Judiciary, 2024), [archived](#).

Health Law

- [Health Law Research Guide](#) (Virginia Commonwealth University, 2024), [archived](#)
- [VA State Law - Health Law](#) (Virginia Commonwealth University, 2024), [archived](#)
- [Healthcare Decisions Day](#) (Virginia State Bar, no year)

- [Fundamentals of Health Law, 7th ed](#) (American Health Law Association, 2018) (2024 8th. edition published by LexisNexis)
- [Health Law Essentials](#) (American Bar Association, 2023)

Immigration Law

- [Becoming a U.S. Citizen: A Guide to the Law, Exam, & Interview](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Essentials of Immigration Law](#) (American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2024)
- [How to Get a Green Card](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [Immigration Fraud](#) (Virginia State Bar, no date)
Provides an overview of what the public can do to protect themselves from immigration consultant fraud and how to report such fraud.
- [Immigration Law Essentials for Virginia Practitioners](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)
- [Immigration Websites and Resources](#) (Virginia Department of Social Services, 2025)
- [National Immigration Legal Services Directory \(Virginia\)](#) (Immigration Advocates Network, 2025)
- [Virginia Organizations](#) (immigrationLawHelp, no date)
- [U.S. Immigration Made Easy](#) (Nolo, 2023)

Intellectual Property Law

- [Getting Permission](#) by Richard Stim (Nolo, 2022)
- [Intellectual Property Law in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2018)
A [more recent edition](#) (2022) is available via the website of Virginia CLE
- [Patent, Copyright & Trademark: An Intellectual Property Desk Reference](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Patent It Yourself: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Filing at the U.S. Patent Office](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [The Public Domain](#) by Stephen Fishman (Nolo, 2001)

Landlord / Tenant

Virginia

- [Housing](#) (Virginia Legal Aid, 2025)

Covers topics such as evictions, landlord and tenant issues, housing, and landlord tenant rights amid COVID-19, etc.

- [Virginia Fair Housing Office](#) (Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, no date)
File a complaint, locate brochures for consumers and guidance documents for housing providers.
- [Virginia Landlord/Tenant Handbook](#) (Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, no date)
- [Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act Handbook](#) (Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, 2024), [archived](#)

General

- [Every Landlord's Legal Guide](#) (Nolo, 2024)
- [Every Landlord's Tax Deduction Guide](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Every Tenant's Legal Guide](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [Landlord-Tenant Handbook](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2004-Present)
- [Leases and Rental Agreements: Essential Rental Forms Every Landlord Needs](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Legal Topics: Landlords & Tenants](#) (Nolo, 2025)
- [Renter's Rights](#) (Nolo, 2021)

Property Law

Virginia

- [Before You Buy: HOA Legal Issues](#) (Virginia State Bar, 2022)
- [Buying a Home in Virginia](#) (Joint Base Langley-Eustis Law Center, 2017)
Covers topics such as homeownership, national mortgage settlement, foreclosure prevention, etc.
- [A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants](#) (Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), 2018)
Provides an overview of when the VDOT acquires land from private property owners.

- [Home Buying Basics in Virginia](#) (Lawyers.com, 2024)
- [Northern Virginia Fall 2023 Home Buying Guide](#) (Where to Live in Northern Virginia YouTube Channel, 2023)

General

- [The Foreclosure Survival Guide](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries & Noise](#) (Nolo, 2023)

Social Security

- [Applications for a Vital Record](#) (Virginia Department of Health, no date)
Apply for vital records such as a birth certificate.
- [Senior Virginians Handbook](#) (Virginia State Bar, 2021)
Covers topics including Social Security, Pensions, Medicare and Medicaid, Housing Issues, and more.
- [Nolo's Guide to Social Security Disability: Getting & Keeping Your Benefits](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions: Get the Most Out of Your Retirement & Medical Benefits](#) (Nolo, 2024)

People with Disabilities and Special Needs

- [Special Education Rights](#) (Virginia Legal Aid Society, 2009)
- [Your Family's Special Education Rights](#) (Virginia Department of Education, 2022)
- [Special Education in Virginia: A Guidebook for Parents](#) (disAbility Law Center of Virginia, 2020)
- [The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Ed Child](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Nolo's IEP Guide: Learning Disabilities](#) (Nolo, 2020)
- [Special Needs Trusts: Protect Your Child's Financial Future](#) (Nolo, 2023)

Wills and Estates

Virginia

- [Estate Planning in Virginia](#) (Virginia CLE, 2021)

- [Harrison on Wills and Administration for Virginia and West Virginia](#) (Matthew Bender and Co., 2012)
- [Wills in Virginia](#) (Virginia State Bar, 2018)
- [Virginia Advance Directives](#) (Virginia State Bar, no year)

General

- [Wills](#) (LawHelp.org, 2012), [archived](#)
- [Handling Decedents' Estates](#), by the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society
- [When Does Medicaid Pay For Long-Term Care?](#) (LawHelp.org, 2017), [archived](#)
- [Estate Planning Basics: What You Need to Know About Wills, Trusts & Avoiding Probate](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [The Executor's Guide: Settling a Loved One's Estate or Trust](#) (Nolo Press, 2021)
- [Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Long-Term Care: How to Plan and Pay for It](#) (Nolo, 2023)
- [Make Your Own Living Trust](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [Plan Your Estate](#) (Nolo, 2022)
- [Probate Handbook](#) (Thomson Reuters/West, no date)
- [The Quick & Legal Will Book](#) (Nolo, 2020)
- [Special Needs Trusts: Protect Your Child's Financial Future](#) (Nolo, 2021)
- [The Trustee's Legal Companion](#) (Nolo, 2021)

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