

The information you need might be online!

Check our
Self-Help Resource Guide:

*[www.jenkinslaw.org/research/
resource-guides/self-help](http://www.jenkinslaw.org/research/resource-guides/self-help)*

Includes links to:

- Court websites and forms
- Interactive forms for select support and custody issues
- Legal Aid organizations
- Local court rules for briefs and memorandum of law
- Online legal directories
- Online legal dictionaries & thesauri
- Philadelphia Self-Help No-Fault Divorce Manual
- Recommended books from our collection

For help navigating this
Resource Guide
call: 215.574.1505

Need A Lawyer?

See our Self-Help Resource Guide's Legal Aid tab for local legal aid providers
*[www.jenkinslaw.org/research/
resource-guides/self-help](http://www.jenkinslaw.org/research/resource-guides/self-help)*

OR

Call the Philadelphia Bar Association
Lawyer Referral Service at 215.238.6333
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Start Your Legal Research at Jenkins Law Library

833 Chestnut Street
Suite 1220
Philadelphia PA 19107-4429
215.574.1505

www.jenkinslaw.org

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays



America's First Law Library
Founded in 1802

About Jenkins Law Library

Jenkins Law Library is open to Self-Represented Litigants to conduct their own legal research.

Our librarians and staff **CAN**:

- Recommend print & online resources
- Demonstrate how to search databases
- Provide a list of legal aid organizations

Our librarians and staff **CANNOT**:

- Give legal advice
- Interpret legal materials
- Select or fill out forms
- Write briefs or memoranda
- Conduct any research for you

Legal research can be very difficult, even for someone who knows the law. We recommend you contact a lawyer for representation or legal advice.

Planning Your Visit

- \$5 fee per day to use the library to conduct your own research.
- Valid photo ID is required to enter the building.
- Non-English speakers are encouraged to bring an interpreter.

Computer Use

Computers with Lexis, Westlaw, other legal databases and Internet access may be used for 1 hour per day. Print charges are \$0.25 per page; you may email or download documents to a USB drive for free.

Word processing computer printouts are \$0.10 per page. A scanner and typewriter are available for free. Photocopy machines are \$0.25 per page.

Form Packets for Sale

Not all situations require you to perform your own research. Jenkins has the following form packets for purchase from our front desk.

Custody

- Complaint for Custody:\$2.50
- Petition for Contempt of Custody Order:\$1.25
- Petition for Emergency Relief - Custody:\$1.50
- Petition for Expedited Relief - Custody:\$1.50
- Petition to Modify Custody Order:\$1.75
- Petition to Proceed In Forma Pauperis (IFP) - Custody:\$2.25
- Petition for Reconsideration - Custody:\$2.25

Protection from Abuse

- Petition for Contempt of Protection from Abuse (PFA):\$3.50
- Petition to Extend Protection from Abuse (PFA):\$4.25
- Petition to Modify Protection from Abuse (PFA):\$3.75
- Petition to Open Default Judgment:\$1.25
- Petition to Proceed In Forma Pauperis (IFP):\$3.50
- Petition for Protection from Abuse (PFA):\$6.00
- Petition for Reconsideration - Protection from Abuse (PFA):\$1.25
- Petition to Vacate Protection from Abuse (PFA):\$2.50

Other

- Name Change (Adult):\$2.00
- Petition to Contest, Determine, or Vacate Paternity:\$2.00
- Petition for Reconsideration - Generic:\$1.25
- Philadelphia Self-Help No-Fault Divorce Guide: (available for free on our website at www.jenkinslaw.org/divorce)\$16.20

Note: Most of these forms are available for free at courts.phila.gov/forms or at philabar.org/page/FamilyLawSectionResources

Interactive Forms Online

Philadelphia Legal Assistance (PLA) developed 7 online forms for Self-Represented Litigants in Pennsylvania family courts. These forms are available on PALawHELP.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can pay the \$5 daily user fee to use the library's computers.

Custody

- Pennsylvania: Petition for Contempt of Custody
- Pennsylvania: Notice of Relocation (Custody)
- Philadelphia Motion for Expedited Relief (Custody)
- Philadelphia Motion for Emergency Relief (Custody)

Support

- Pennsylvania: Complaint for Support
- Pennsylvania: Petition for Contempt of Support
- Pennsylvania: Petition to Modify Support

Note: Find direct links to these forms on our Self-Help Research Guide (www.jenkinslaw.org/research/resource-guides/self-help)

Can't Find the Form?

Forms do not exist for every situation. You will need to conduct additional research, modify examples, or create your own documents for topics not listed in the sections covered above.

Jenkins has limited materials for the following legal issues:

- Ejectment
- "Fault" Divorce
- Frozen Bank Accounts
- Memorandum of Law (Brief Writing)
- Minor Name Change
- Special Relief