



About the Library of Law

Background and general information about the Library of Law

WHAT IS THE LIBRARY OF LAW?

The Library of Law is a website which aims to provide broad legal information on over one thousand five hundred areas of law in each jurisdiction. We have sought to identify local professionals who have expertise in the area of law covered by them. The aim is to provide a general guide to the law in each area. In some jurisdictions it will not be possible to locate a professional for every area of law proposed either due to the size of the country or the lack of a developed market for that area of law. Some areas of law will also be specific to particular countries. We would hope that the Library of Law will develop to become an active reference point for professionals, students and the public.

General

General questions and answers

WHAT DO I DO IF THE LAW HAS CHANGED AND THE PAGE HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED?

We would ask you to email the Contributor who has a discretion on whether they wish to update the page or not.

CAN A CONTRIBUTOR BE REMOVED?

The Library of Law may in its sole discretion remove a Contributor without any reason and no Contributor has any proprietary rights in any page or the right to maintain any page. The property of the page will always remain with the Library of Law.

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The Library of Law may at its sole discretion review and decide upon any specific issue should it consider its intervention necessary. The Library of Law will remove a page or a Contributor where it considers that the Contributor is not maintaining its page or where a page contains information which is inaccurate.

CAN I LINK MY SITE TO THE LIBRARY OF LAW?

You may only with the consent in writing of the Library of Law link your site to the Library of Law site. However the linking of any site to the Library of Law does not signify the Library of Law's approval of or responsibility for the content of any linked website.

IS THE MATERIAL ON THE LIBRARY OF LAW COPYRIGHTED?

The Library of Law own unless stated otherwise, all information which is protected by copyright laws. We reserve all rights in such information that is

available on this Site.

HOW DO I LOCATE MATERIALS ON THE LIBRARY OF LAW?

There are a number of ways to locate materials on the site. We advise that you firstly identify the area of the world followed by the country of your choice and then if it is the USA or one of the other countries that have been subdivided, the specific state. You can then search by area of law most of which are also subdivided into more specific areas of law.

For example to search for the law on wine in California;

United States of America; followed by
California; followed by
Agriculture; followed by
Viticulture

CAN I RELY ON THE LIBRARY OF LAW IN RESOLVING MY PARTICULAR LEGAL ISSUE?

The information provided by the Contributors is non-case specific and as each case always depends on its own particular circumstances we strongly advise that you seek the help of a professional. The Library of Law does not provide legal advice and you should consult an appropriate professional.

HOW DO I LOCATE A PROFESSIONAL WITH THE EXPERTISE TO ANSWER A QUESTION?

Our Contributors will generally be pleased to assist you if you follow their procedure in relation to becoming their client. They may also be in a position to refer you to another professional where they feel that their services might assist you. You should also contact your local association or representative body for lawyers, accountants, tax advisors or other similar professionals in your legal jurisdiction which will be able to refer you to a competent professional if you do not have any other means of contacting one.

CAN I RELY ON THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR MY OWN CASE?

The legal information provided on the Library of Law is, at best, of a general nature and cannot substitute for the advice of a professional with specialised knowledge in the specific area of law or tax who can apply it to the particular circumstances of your case. You should contact a lawyer, solicitor, tax advisor, accountant or other appropriate professional to discuss the facts of your case as the law varies depending on the individual circumstances of each case. As the law can also change quickly you should not apply anything that you read in these pages to your own circumstances without first discussing your problem with an experienced professional.

WHO ARE THE CONTRIBUTORS?

The Contributors are local professionals who have expertise in the area of law covered by them.

DOES THE INCLUSION OF SOMEONE AS A CONTRIBUTOR MEAN THAT THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO OTHER PROFESSIONALS?

While we have endeavoured to find Contributors who have a knowledge in an area of law the designation of the Contributor's practice area is not intended to

suggest that they are expert in that area. It is also not intended to represent that they do not have knowledge or expertise in other areas. Many other professionals have equivalent or perhaps superior knowledge in an area of law and the Library of Law does seek to denigrate other professionals or firms in any way or to suggest that they have in any way a lesser knowledge. We have unfortunately only been able to select one Contributor in each area.

DOES THE INCLUSION OF A CONTRIBUTOR ON THE LIBRARY OF LAW WEBSITE SIGNIFY A RANKING OF THAT INDIVIDUAL?

There are several other reputable websites that seek to rank law firms and lawyers, the Library of Law does not seek to do this.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR?

If you note a page that has not yet been completed under our Available Areas section, if you identify an area of law that has not been included or you observe an area of law that you believe should be subdivided please apply to become a Contributor by clicking on that tab and following the procedure. You will be asked to submit your personal details along with evidence that you have practiced in the area of law you seek to make a contribution in. If you can demonstrate to us that you have knowledge in this area of law we will consider your application in our sole discretion. If we decide to admit you as a Contributor you will following registration be able to submit your contribution. This should involve a simple cut and paste of your proposed contribution into the Site.

HOW OFTEN IS THE LIBRARY OF LAW UPDATED?

Each professional who has contributed their page has agreed to use their reasonable endeavours to keep their area up to date with the latest changes in the law. Some areas may change more regularly than others and we would invite anyone to contact the specific Contributor and identify any update in the law that might be included in the next update of that page. We would remind readers that the Contributors are also working full time in their businesses so immediate updates may not always be possible.

WHAT DO I DO IF I SEE AN ERROR ON A PAGE?

We would encourage any reader to contact the specific Contributor and identify any error on a page. Responsibility rests with the Contributor in that area of law to decide if there is or isn't an error as the opinion of what constitutes the current law may be subjective in certain areas. The Library of Law will at its sole discretion review and decide upon any specific issue should it consider its intervention necessary.

WILL THE CONTRIBUTORS ALWAYS REMAIN THE SAME?

We will regularly review the maintenance of each page by our Contributors. You may also apply to "Become a Contributor" by clicking on that tab and following the procedure even in respect of areas that already have content. You will be asked to submit your personal details along with evidence that you have practiced in the area of law you seek to make a contribution in. If you can demonstrate to us that you have knowledge in this area of law we will consider your application in our sole discretion. We will retain your details as we may from time to time replace existing Contributors. Contributors who apply for multiple areas will not be considered unless they can show an expertise in each of those areas of law.

CAN I SEND LEGAL QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTORS?

You should not send any legal facts or queries to any Contributor without first contacting them and entering into a contract with them to create an Attorney-Client relationship. If you send them any information other than with this protection it may not be treated as confidential.

HOW WILL YOUR NEWSLETTERS WORK?

You can identify areas of law that are of interest to you. By subscribing for a newsletter for this area of law you will be notified every time that the content of this area is updated. There is no charge for these subscriptions. This will enable you to track areas of interest to you and keep you up to date. For Contributors this will be an excellent way of communicating law changes to interested Users.

HOW SPECIFIC WILL YOUR NEWSLETTERS BE?

Initially the Newsletter will be only in respect of updates to the pages of the law areas of interest to you but as the Site develops we would hope to include articles of interest posted on your area of law.