

OUTREACH DURING A PANDEMIC

MINNESOTA STATE LAW LIBRARY

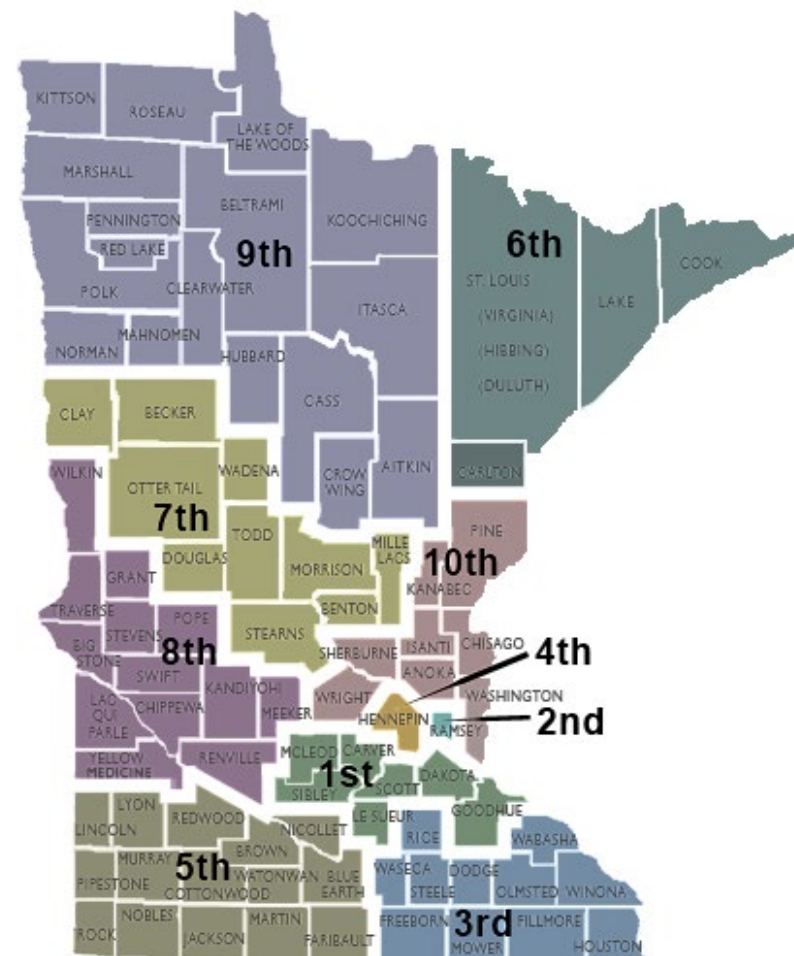
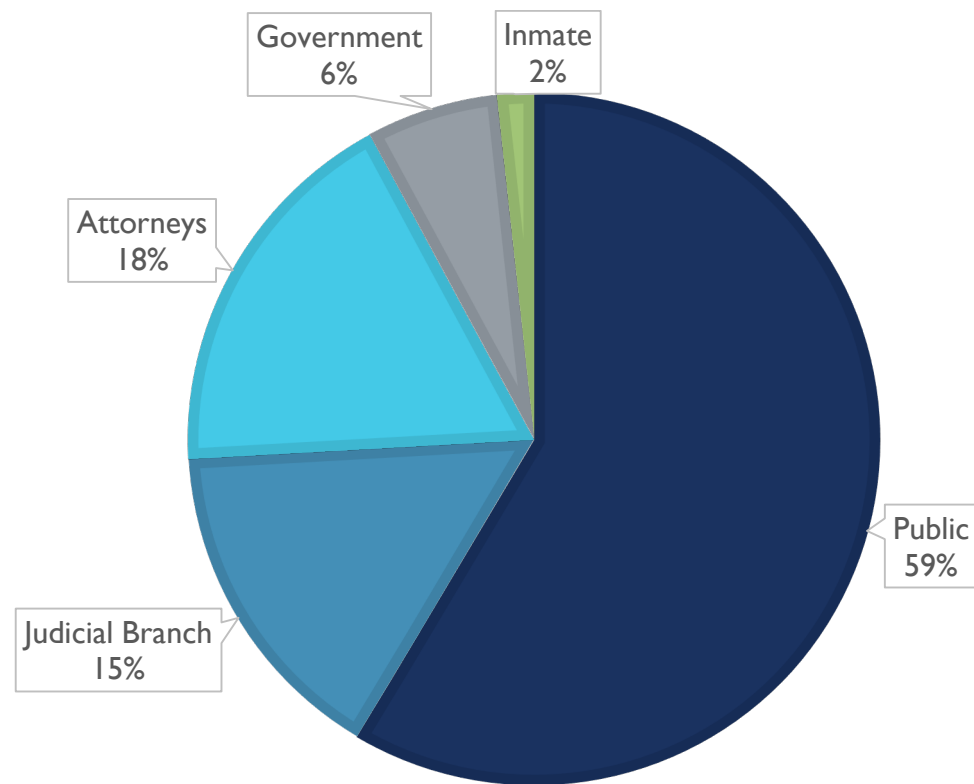


ABOUT THE STATE LAW LIBRARY

- Located in St. Paul, MN
- Part of Minnesota Supreme Court
- Staff of 15 (11 librarians, 4 paraprofessionals)
- Oldest continuously operating library in Minnesota
- Second largest legal collection in Minnesota



WHO WE SERVE





MSLL RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- March 19 – June 15, 2020 – MSLL closed to the public, remote services only
 - CLEs and clinics transitioned to remote participation only
 - Public Library Outreach program suspended
- June 15 – November 30, 2020 – open by appointment only for legal research (but encouraged remote services)
- November 30, 2020 – present – remote services only, except under very limited circumstances
- Court staff and judges working in the Minnesota Judicial Center have had continuous access to the library throughout the pandemic



PANDEMIC OUTREACH TO LAW CLERKS



PANDEMIC OUTREACH TO ATTORNEYS



SERVICES FOR ATTORNEYS

- Circulation by mail and curbside pickup
- Expanded document delivery
- CLE webinars, including Legal Research Series
 - Focus on electronic/free resources for attorneys who may not have access to a law library or the other research tools they are used to

Services
Clinics
Continuing Legal Education (CLEs)
> Current CLE Schedule
On Demand CLE Videos
Past CLE Programs
County Law Library Resources and Information
Use of Library Resources
Public Library Visits
Self-Help Clinics
Services for Inmates

Minnesota State Law Library Continuing Legal Education Programs

Interrupting Bias while Surviving & Thriving in Challenging Times (webinar only)

- **Date/Time:** February 16, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- **Speakers:** Bob Schuneman and Joan Bibelhausen, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers
- **Description:** In the best of times the legal profession is at risk for high levels of stress and mental health challenges. During challenging times our professional and personal lives may seem out of control and this can affect our work and relationships. This program will identify normal feelings, reactions, and behaviors, and recognize when they are cause for concern. It will examine the role of stigma and bias in preventing us from asking for and accessing help for mental health issues. The program will also identify tools to cope and to thrive while developing and enhancing skills to identify and address individual needs.
- **CLE Credit:** One elimination of bias CLE credit has been applied for (#339931).
- **Registration:** Please register using this [webinar registration form](#).

Appellate Practice: Tips from Behind the Scenes - A Conversation with Staff Attorneys from the Minnesota Court of Appeals (webinar only)

- **Date/Time:** March 10, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- **Speakers:** Cindy Lehr, Karl Crone, Jeff Simard, and Mike Kunkel, Staff Attorneys, Minnesota Court of Appeals
- **Description:** TBD
- **CLE Credit:** One standard CLE credit will be applied for.
- **Registration:** Please register using this [webinar registration form](#).

Ethics, Mental Health, and Social Media in the Legal Profession (webinar only)

- **Date/Time:** April 13, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- **Speakers:** Bob Schuneman, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers
- **Description:** Even before the COVID-19 Pandemic, lawyers relied heavily on smartphones and related technologies. Since the start of the pandemic, attorney reliance on technology has increased exponentially, becoming a necessary part of the practice of law today. This program explores the concept of over-reliance on, or even addiction to, smartphones and similar devices, along with ethical issues potentially implicated.
- **CLE Credit:** One ethics CLE credit will be applied for.
- **Registration:** Please register using this [webinar registration form](#).

Legal Research Series: Minnesota Legislative History Research (webinar only)

- **Date/Time:** April 29, 2021, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- **Description:** This CLE will provide an introduction to Minnesota Legislative History research, including what legislative history is and why you might be interested in researching it; the resources involved in researching legislative history and how to use them; and where to look when legislative documents do not provide the level of detail you need.
- **CLE Credit:** One standard CLE credit will be applied for.
- **Registration:** Please register using this [webinar registration form](#).

The Trouble with Eyewitness Testimony (webinar only)

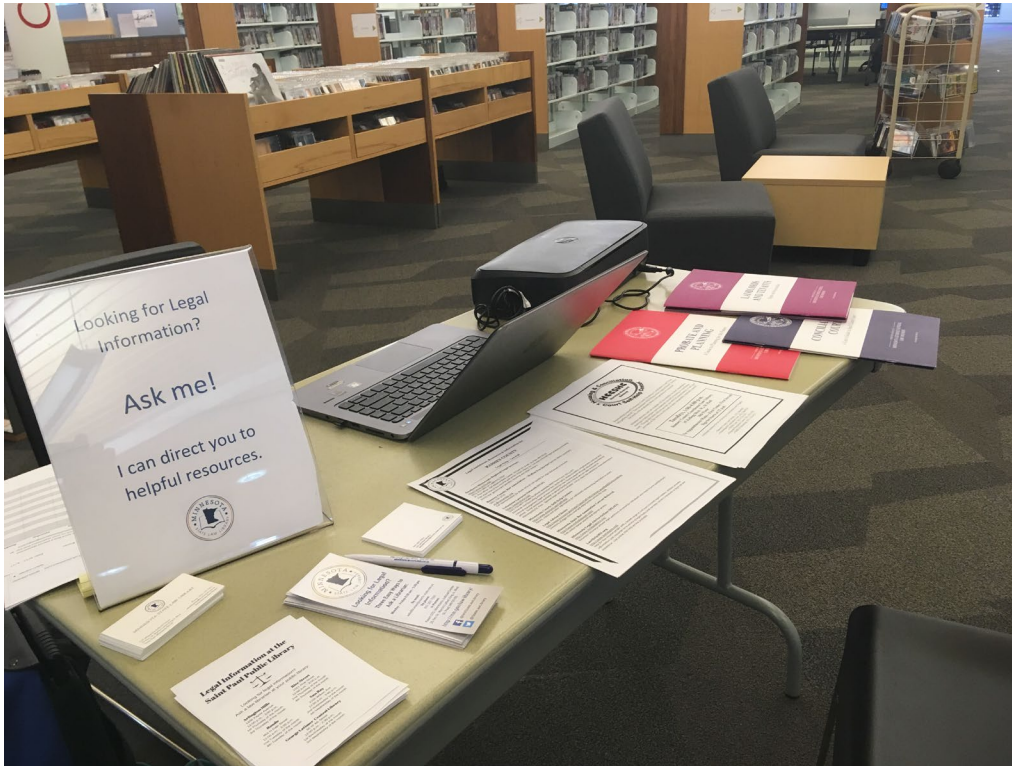
- **Date/Time:** May 18, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



PANDEMIC OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC



BEFORE THE PANDEMIC



- Public Library Visits
- In person clinics
 - Appeals Self-Help Clinic
 - Unemployment Appeal Clinic
- Appeals help
 - Print resources
 - Forms packets
 - Librarian help

CLINICS

- Both clinics are now remote-only
- Documents are provided to attorneys in Box
- Online intake through Calendly allows staff to screen patrons and provide resources for attorneys

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APPEALS SELF HELP CLINIC

The Appeals Self-Help Clinic will be held **Thursday, June 18, 2020 by phone**. If you are interested in attending, please visit <https://mn.gov/law-library/services/clinics> or contact us for more information.

askalibrarian@courts.state.mn.us (preferred)
(651) 297-7651



VIDEO TUTORIALS



Still from Unemployment Appeal Forms video

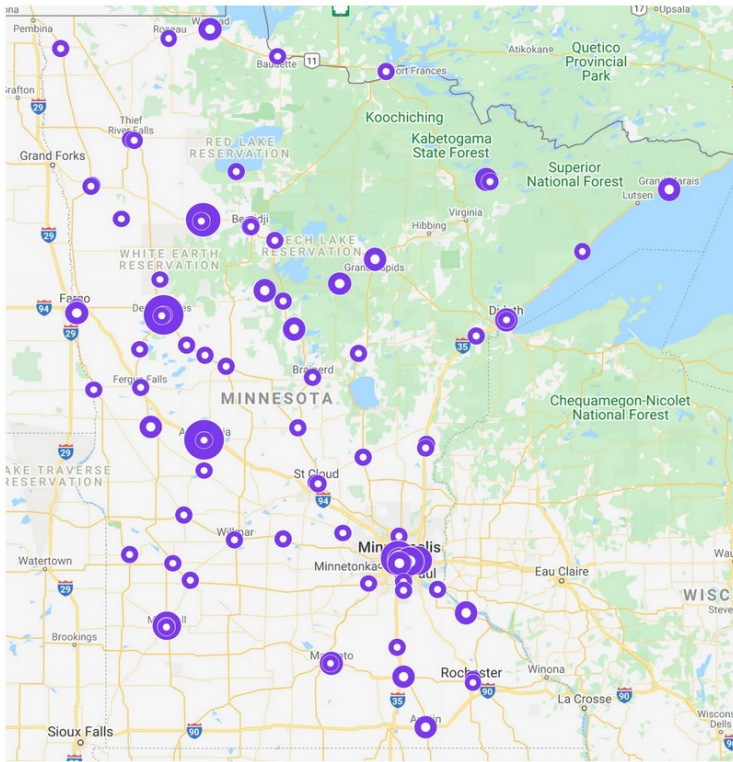
- Two new videos for appeals:
 - Informal Appellate Briefs:
<https://youtu.be/Ofmv739CJvg>
 - Unemployment Appeal Forms:
<https://youtu.be/WDBFRCD4b4c>



COURT FORMS

- Appellate Forms
 - Preprinted packets available in building lobby
 - Copier/scanner moved from library to lobby for people needing to make copies to file their appeal
- Forms by Mail

LEGAL KIOSKS



- CARES Act Funding received by Legal Services State Support
- Legal aid and community partners collaborate to provide access to kiosks
- <https://www.legalkiosk.org>

QUESTIONS?



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