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ALABAMA (AL)	Yes	AL Supreme Court & State Law Library	Yes	Director & State Law Librarian	Filing Fees & General Fund	Ala. Code § 11-25	Allows municipalities to appropriate funds or property.
ALASKA (AK)	N/A	AK State Court Law Library.	Yes	State Law Librarian	State Appropriation to Admin. Office of AK Court System	NONE	AK State Court LL is statewide system with main library in Anchorage & 15 branches (16 total).
ARIZONA (AZ)	Yes	AZ State Library Archives & Public Records. State Library of Arizona.	Yes	Director, Collections and External Relations	State General Fund and grant funds, including federal funds (LSTA); County - Civil Filing Fees & County General Fund	State LL - A.R.S.A. § 41-151.01 et seq; County LL - A.R.S.A. § 12-284.03 & 12-305	The State Library of Arizona is a part of the Department of State (SOS)
ARKANSAS (AR)	Yes	AR Supreme Court Library	Yes	Director/Public Services Coordinator	Filing Fees	A.C.A §16-10-307 / § 16-23-101 through 16-23-105 "Law Libraries"	
CALIFORNIA (CA)	Yes	State Law Library; The California Judicial Center Library (for S. Ct. - see comments)	SLL: Yes; CJCL: No	State Law Librarian & Director, Library Services	County LLs: Civil Filing Fees	D.C.L. §14-6-1 through §14-6-5 / Cal Bus & Prof Code Div. 3, Ch. 5, § 6300 et seq. "Law Libraries"	The Supreme Court and 1st Appellate District share a law library in San Francisco called "California Judicial Center Library" and is not open to the public. The Witkin State Law Library is a division of the CA State Library System. Most CA counties have their own county LLs, funded by a portion of the county court's civil filing fees. The California State Library – and therefore the State Law Library – does serve the public. Website: <a href="http://www.library.ca.gov/">http://www.library.ca.gov/</a> . CCCLL: <a href="http://www.cccll.org">www.cccll.org</a>

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COLORADO (CO)	No	CO Supreme Court Library	Yes	Supreme Court Librarian	State Appropriation	CRS 13-2-117 through 13-2-121	When a party appeals to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, there are fees involved with filing: Colorado Appellate Rule 51 and CRS 13-4-112.
CONNECTICUT (CT)	Yes	CT State Library	Yes	State Librarian	Judicial Branch Appropriations	CGS § 11-10 -- 11-19c	12 full service, public access law libraries make up CT Judicial Branch Law Libraries (county level LLs); Law Library Services Unit Administration is part of Judge Support Services Unit, Court Operations Division, Connecticut Judicial Branch
DELAWARE (DE)	Yes	Legal Info. Center, Widener Univ. School of Law	Yes	Acting Director	State Appropriation	10 Del. C. §1941-1942	Libraries are considered part of the courts & administered by county judges. Judges in New Castle, Sussex, and Kent counties are authorized to employ law librarians. Kent county is official law library of the state.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (DC)	No	<i>[none]</i>	No	Librarian of the Court	N/A	N/A	Public use university law libraries, esp. D.C. Law School Library
FLORIDA (FL)	Yes	FL Supreme Court Library	Yes	Supreme Court Librarian	Criminal Fees & County General Fund	FSA § 939.185(1)(a)3 & 318.18(13)(a)	17 county law libraries are administered by a Board of Directors and/or the respective county
GEORGIA (GA)	Yes	<i>[State LL abolished 2005]</i>	N/A	N/A	Filing Fees	O.C.G.A § 36-15-9 / Title 15 Ch. 10 Sec 86 : Courts; fees	

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HAWAII (HI)	No	HI Supreme Court Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State general fund appropriation to Judiciary's Court of Appeals.	HRS 601-3.5 (library revolving fund (nominal)L allows libraries to keep copy fees/overdue fine money to replace missing books or superseded materials.)	State Library System with Supreme Ct. Library in Honolulu & branches on neighbor islands. Part of Court of Appeals / Judiciary.
IDAHO (ID)	No	ID State Law Library	Yes	Acting Director	County Fund	I.C. § 4-101 to 107 (SLL), § 31-825 (CLL)	LL for use of county officials, district court & county bar.
ILLINOIS (IL)	Yes	Supreme Court of IL Library	Yes	Supreme Court Librarian	Civil Filing Fees, Other Misc. Revenue	55 ILCS 5/5-39001	

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INDIANA (IN)	One	IN Supreme Court Law Library	Some	Supreme Court Librarian	State: Judiciary. County: General Fund	IC 33-33-18-5; 33-33-53-5 (Delaware & Monroe counties)	Marion County (Indianapolis) Law Library closed effective December 31, 2010. Collections went to correctional facilities or were discarded. Allen County (Fort Wayne) has a law library located in its court house but privately funded (not confirmed). William H. Miller Law Library (Evansville, Vanderburgh County) may be the only county law library in Indiana that is open to the public. Indiana State Library & the Indiana Supreme Court Library do serve the public, but do not do public outreach. They primarily serve attorneys, judiciary, and legal staff. See Indianapolis Legal Information Gateway: <a href="http://indylaw.indiana.edu/LIG/howcan.htm">http://indylaw.indiana.edu/LIG/howcan.htm</a>
IOWA (IA)	Yes	State Law Library of IA	Yes	Law Librarian	County General Fund	I.C. § 331.382 (7)	District Court Judges control county courthouse libraries. State LL part of State Lib (part of Dept. of Educ.'s GF)
KANSAS (KS)	A few are, most are not	Kansas State Library; Kansas Supreme Court Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian (vacant)	Supreme Court LL - state appropriations and receipts from sale of KS SC Reports and Court of Appeals Reports; County LL - annual registration fees for attorneys & tax on filing fees	Supreme Court LL - K.S.A. 20-155 to 20-157; County LL - K.S.A. 20-3126 to 20-3132	State Library has law & legislative collections. Supreme Court LL is under the jurisdiction of the KS SC; County LL are administered by a board of directors and most are housed in county courthouses.

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KENTUCKY (KY)	Yes	KY State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	Filing Fees & Court costs at termination of case	County law libraries: K.R.S.A. § 172.100-172.200 & 453.060 and state law library statutes: KRS 27A.200 and 27A.210?	SCLL (Court of Justice budget). State LL serves public, but does not fund or otherwise oversee county LL, which are locally funded..
LOUISIANA (LA)	No	Law Library of LA	Yes	Director of the Law Library	Legislative Appropriation for State Library & filing fees for law libraries in many parishes	LRS 25:95, 13:991 to 13:996.57, 13.997, 15:571.11, 25L261-262, 25:271 to 25:296.3	State & parish LL. Supreme Court appropriation.
MAINE (ME)	Yes	ME State Law & Legislative Reference Library	Yes	Director	State Budget	M.R.S.A., Tit. 3, s. 171-173; M.R.S.A. Tit 4 § 191-198	County will provide the room for the library; Nonstate & private funds may be used for the library. 1 staffed court LL. M.R.S.A., Tit. 3, s. 171-173 covers the Law and Legislative Reference Library (i.e., the state law library). Title 4 entry covers the county law library system.

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MARYLAND (MD)	Yes	MD State Law Library	Yes	Director	Portion of Fines, Forfeitures, & Appearance Fees	Anno. Code of MD, Art. 38, § 5 & Courts & Jud. Proceedings Art., § 2-50 / Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article 7-507 (Costs); 2-501 (Employees of Court); 7-204 (Fees), MD Code, Cts & Jud Proceedings, Title 13, Subtitle 5 (State LL)	State LL part of Judicial Branch. Each of the 24 Circuit Courts has a law library, and each LL is its own entity, connected only through the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors (CMCLLD). 21 of the 24 are open to the public, and 7 are staffed with a professional law librarian. Funding for Maryland county/court law libraries varies, and includes various combinations of appearance fees, criminal fines and forfeitures, and county budget appropriations.
MASSACHUSETTS (MA)	No	MA Trial Court Law Libraries	Yes	Law Library Coordinator	Legislative appropriation through Admin. Office of the Trial Court	M.G.L. ch. 78, § 2-4 & ch. 211B, sec. 9 / M.G.L Title 12 Education, Ch. 78 Libraries, Sec 2-6 Law Libraries	17 public LL make up the MA Trial Court LL. Part of Judicial Branch.
MICHIGAN (MI)	Yes	Library of MI / State Law Library	Yes	Administrator	Fines	MCL §600.8827; §600.4851; §397.31-397.40 (fees); 397.301-397.305 County Libraries/ MI Constitution Art. 8 sec. 9 (fines to support libraries); MCL	There is no filing fee revenue. State Law Lib part of Dept. of Educ.

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MINNESOTA (MN)	Yes	MN State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State Law Library receives funding from the Supreme Court by Legislative appropriation. County law libraries are funded by civil filing fees and criminal fines.	State Library: M.S. §480.09; County libraries: M.S. Ch. 134A	List of filing fees currently charged: <a href="http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/cllp/fees.pdf">http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/cllp/fees.pdf</a> . Hennepin Co has subscription fees as funding source. Currently 84 county LLs, and services vary greatly.
MISSISSIPPI (MS)	Yes	State Law Library of MS	Yes	State Librarian	Filing Fees	M.C.A. § 19-7-31	State LL part of Judiciary.
MISSOURI (MO)	Yes	MO Supreme Court Library	Yes	Director	Filing Fees	M.R.S. § 488.426 & 488.429 (civil action fees to fund law library)	
MONTANA (MT)	No	State Law Library of MT	Yes	State Law Librarian	State General Fund	M.C.A. 22-1-501 et seq.	<a href="http://www.courts.mt.gov/library">http://www.courts.mt.gov/library</a>
NEBRASKA (NE)	Yes	NE State Library	Yes	Deputy State Librarian	County General Fund	R.R.S. 1998 § 51-220	
NEVADA (NV)	Yes	NV Supreme Court Library	Yes	Law Librarian	SCLL funding from Legis. County LL funding: Civil Filing Fees, charges for copies, and some for circulation (cards?).	SCLL: NRS 2.410 et seq. Co: NRS, Chap 380 & Law Libraries, NAC, Chap,380; Clark County Code Chapter 18.08 County Law Library	County Law Libs in Washoe and Nevada counties, with Boards of Trustee and County Commissioner oversight. Supreme Ct. Library is not a line item in the S. Ct. budget but rather a separate account. The statute for their funding is NRS 2.480. Provision for the S. Ct. Library is found in NRS 2.410-2.490. NRS Chapter 380 only provides for county law library funding and operation. Clark County Law Library in Law Vegas, managed by Board of LL Trustees

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NEW HAMPSHIRE (NH)	No	NH Law Library	Yes	Law Librarian	State Appropriation to judicial branch	NHRSA § 490:25, 505:11 (SCLL)	Stat address powers & duties, not funding. ??
NEW JERSEY (NJ)	Yes	NJ State Library	Yes	Section Head, Law Library	Funded & run by NJ Superior Court- funding decision made at vicinage level	NJSA Title 40: 33-14 Law Library; maintenance; purchase of books; annual expenditure limited	Vicinage LL (Vicinage is a county or group of counties)
NEW MEXICO (NM)	No	NM Supreme Court Law Library	Yes	Director & State Law Librarian	State Appropriation to District Courts	NONE	District Court System not county; Counties provide space only.
NEW YORK (NY)	Yes	None (but State Library has a legal collection) [Note: "Supreme Court" libraries in NY are trial court / county law libraries.]	N/A	Management Coordinated by Office of Court Administration Chief Law Librarian	State Judiciary budget	29 McKinney's secs. 810-814 / Judiciary Ch. 30, Art 21, sec 813-814 (court law libraries). See also NOTE below.	Entries are for trial court libraries only. Judiciary Article 21 s810 continues the court of appeals' Chief judge's consultation library "under the exclusive supervision of that court, "and the chief judge may add thereto from any funds available." Judiciary Article 21 s811 continues the "law libraries of the judges of the court of appeals," whereby "each judge has sole custody and control of the library assigned to him or to her and on expiration of the judge's term of office he or she shall deliver it to his or her successor. The judge may add to it from any funds available." Judiciary Article 21 s812 relates to the Appellate Division libraries. "They are under exclusive supervision of the respective appellate divisions."

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NORTH CAROLINA (NC)	Yes	NC Supreme Court Library	No	Supreme Court Librarian	Facilities fee for criminal cases, paid to county or municipality	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-304 (a)(2) "Costs in Criminal Actions"	No statutory or local ordinance authority for county LL?
NORTH DAKOTA (ND)	No	ND Supreme Court Law Library	Yes	Law Librarian	County Budget	N.D. Cent. Code §27-01-01.1, § 27-04-06 (SLL)	District court libraries instead of county LL.
OHIO (OH)	Yes	Supreme Court of OH Law Library	Yes	Director	% of Municipal Court & Ct. of Common Pleas fines related to traffic & liquor law violations	ORC 307.51-307.516 cover The County Law Library Resources Board and govern the County Law Libraries [Selected list; there are other sec also mentioning LL]	Structure of County Law Libraries changed on January 1, 2010. County law libraries, previously run by private nonprofit associations, now run by a County Law Library Resources Board (CLLRB). There was some change in function (the CLLRB's are now responsible for approving the purchase of any legal material for county agencies and the newly formed State Consortium will eventually try to negotiate bulk contract prices for all county legal resources), and some change in the funding the counties provide to the Law Libraries (they can't charge rent or indirect costs, but the salaries that were formerly paid by the counties are now absorbed by the statutory funds that the CLLRB receives). The law libraries remain intact, but are run by the CLLRB.

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OKLAHOMA (OK)	Yes	Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library (Law & Leg Ref Div/OK Dept. of Libraries)	Yes	State Law Librarian	State is funded by legislative revenue and the counties by filing fees.	O.S. § 19-771 & 961 / Tit 20 Courts, Ch 17 & Appendix, Rules: County Law Library	State LL part of Dept. of Libraries. Oklahoma County and Tulsa County are governed by Library Boards and the other 75 counties are governed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) is an office of the Supreme Court, and all counties collect fees and they are directed on how to use them by either the AOC or their Law Library Boards.
OREGON (OR)	Yes	State of Oregon Law Library	Yes	Law Librarian	State and counties funded through legislative appropriations.	2011 HB 2367, 2710, & 5056 (pending codification, Feb. 2012)	CLL: ORS 9.820 amended; 9.830, 9.840, 9.850, 21.350 repealed in 2011 legislative session. Funding changed from dedicated county court filing fees to legislative appropriation to judicial department.
PENNSYLVANIA (PA)	Yes	State Library of PA, Law & Gov't. Publications	Yes	Librarian Supervisor 1 ?	Fees vary & range from tax of 20% of filing fee to \$1 for probate of will	42 Pa C.S. A. §1725 / Tit 42, Part 4, Ch. 37, section 3724 Judicial Code: Facilities & Supplies— County Law Libraries	ST LL part of ST Lib. CO LL provided for by ST statute; most libs under the county gov (courts or commissioners); budget thru county; though Jenkins & Allegheny get add. funding from filing fees (20% in Philii.; \$5 for new filings in Allegheny); 3 other COs get filing fees. 2 or 3 libs run by the CO bar assoc.
RHODE ISLAND (RI)	Yes	RI State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	ST appropriation through Sup. Ct. for ST LL	R. I. General Laws, Ch 3 (29-3?) / None?	4 county LL operate under State LL. Part of Judiciary.
SOUTH CAROLINA (SC)	?	SC Supreme Court Library	Yes	Librarian	State General Fund	NONE?	

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SOUTH DAKOTA (SD)	?	SD Supreme Court Law Library	?	Chief of Legal Research	Filing Fees	S.D.C.L. §14-6-1 through §14-6-5.	
TENNESSEE (TN)	Yes	<i>[TN Supreme Court Law Library (closed effective 12/31/08)]</i>	N/A	N/A	State Budget	Tit 10 Public Libraries, Archives, & Records, Ch 4 Law Libraries	3 State LL in Nashville, Knoxville & Jackson (?) SCLLs closed in 2008. Some CLL funded by litigation taxes.
TEXAS (TX)	Yes	TX State Law Library	Yes	Executive Director	Civil Filing Fees (but not from justice of the peace or small claims courts... only the county & district level courts, civil only)	Loc. Gov't Code, Sec 323.021 – 323.025. Gov't Ch. 91 (State LL)	TX has a State LL that serves the public. County law library funds can be used to purchase books & computers for the judges. Some county fees are charged, but are not self supporting.
UTAH (UT)	No	UT State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State Court Budget; Utah has unified court system	Utah Code 9-7-301, et. seq.	There are no county LLs
VERMONT (VT)	No	VT Department of Libraries	Yes	Law Librarian	Dept. of Libraries	22 V.S.A. § 605 (SCLL) / 24 V.S.A. § 76 "County Law Library"	Dept. of Libraries: Division of Ref, Law & Info.
VIRGINIA (VA)	Yes	VA State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	Civil Filing Fees	COV § 42.1-70 / Tit 42.1 Libraries, Ch. 4 Law Libraries: 42.1-65, 42.1-66, 42.1-70	State Law Library with no branches. There are county law libraries (or, in some instances, 'independent city' law libraries) that are governed by their municipal/local governments, and a state statute provides for collection of circuit court filing fees to support these libraries.

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WASHINGTON (WA)	Yes, but see Comments section	WA State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State: legislature. Counties: Civil Filing Fees and/or County General Fund	County Libraries: RCW 27.24; State Library: RCW 27.20	State gets its funding through the state budget appropriation process. Some counties receive general county revenues on top of the filing fee %. Many only receive the statutory filing fee allocation. County Libraries are open to the public only if the county is of sufficient size.
WEST VIRGINIA (WV)	No	WV Supreme Court of Appeals State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State Appropriations through the Judicial Branch.	WVC §51-8-8 / Ch. 51: Courts & Their Officers, 51-8-8; 51-8-9 (Authority to establish county law libraries)	State Law Library operates four regional law libraries open to the public. Court-funded county LL gradually being eliminated; no other county LL in state.
WISCONSIN (WI)	Yes	WI State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State Appropriation & County General Fund	WI Stat. §20.680(4), §757.40, §757.41, §758.01	State LL has contracts with the two largest counties (Milwaukee and Dane) for county LL services; Milwaukee County LL coordinates with public libraries for free monthly classes; Dane County LL contributes to classes at State LL
WYOMING (WY)	No	WY State Law Library	Yes	State Law Librarian	State Law Library: General Fund.	WC §5-3-111	State LL & the University serve general population. There is a provision in the statutes that would permit a county law library do fund a law library, however, no county is currently funding any type of a law library.

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