

# Can a Law Librarian Help Me with That?

## YES

- Explain how to use legal research resources
- Help you locate a particular statute or case when you have a specific reference or citation
- Direct you to sources of law, including statutes and cases
- Direct you to books, databases, and internet resources containing forms and court rules
- Recommend sources to begin your research

## NO

- Give legal advice
- Interpret the meaning of statutes, cases, or regulations
- Select statutes, cases, or regulations for your situation
- Choose specific forms or language to use in forms
- Help you fill out legal forms
- Tell you how to file a document, what document to file, or how to proceed with court actions
- State opinions on legal matters
- Do legal research for you
- Recommend attorneys

# Legal Assistance Resources

*Note: Librarians cannot provide legal advice or recommend specific forms*

**Fort Bend County Law Library:** 281-341-3718

**George Memorial Library:** 281-341-2605

A small legal collection including *Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes* and *Codes Annotated* is available at George Memorial Library. More information on state and federal laws is available at the Fort Bend County Law Library.

All Fort Bend County libraries locations have copies of self-help/pro se legal materials in reference and for check-out. Please visit our library catalog or branch locations for more information.

## FORT BEND COUNTY RESOURCES

### Fort Bend County Clerk's Office

281-341-8685

Information about local court proceedings, filing fees, vital statistics and property filings.

[www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=107](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=107)

### Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office

281-341-4515

Information about local court proceedings, filing fees, e-filing, and jury information.

[www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=176](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=176)

### Local Court Records

A database of local court records for matters 1983 - present.

<http://tylerpaw.co.fort-bend.tx.us/default.aspx>

## FINDING AN ATTORNEY

### Lone Star Legal Aid

800-733-8394

832-913-7200 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm) Provides general civil legal services to low-income families who qualify.

212 South 2nd Street, Richmond, TX 77469

[www.lonestarlegal.org](http://www.lonestarlegal.org)

### Fort Bend County Bar Association

A directory of attorneys in Fort Bend.

[fortbendbar.org](http://fortbendbar.org)

### Houston Lawyer Referral Service

800-289-4577 or 713-237-9429 *Houston*

Referral service for the Houston metro area including Fort Bend County.

[www.hlrs.org](http://www.hlrs.org)

### State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)

800-252-9690 (Toll Free), Monday - Friday, CST, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com)

## SELF-HELP RESOURCES

### Texas Law Help

Free legal information and sample, fill-in-the-blank-style forms for low-income Texans.

[www.texaslawhelp.org](http://www.texaslawhelp.org)

*Online Chat Service: Mon-Fri from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm*

### TXAccess.org

866- 292-4636 (*Mon-Fri from 1:00 pm — 7:00 pm*)

*Access and Visitation Hotline*

Free information and sample forms for non-custodial parents concerning visitation, custody, paternity, support, modification and enforcement

[www.lanwt.org/txaccess](http://www.lanwt.org/txaccess)

### Texas Legal Services Center

800-622-2520 *Legal Hotline*

Free legal-assistance programs for Texans, including legal helplines for Texans over age 60, veterans, caregivers of minors, and Medicare recipients.

[www.tlsc.org](http://www.tlsc.org)

### Texas Court Help

Basic information about how to make your way through the court system.

[www.texascourthelp.org](http://www.texascourthelp.org)

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

### **Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.**

281-342-4357, 24-Hour Hotline

281-344-5750 Rosenberg

Assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children achieve safety and self-sufficiency.

[www.fortbendwomenscenter.org](http://www.fortbendwomenscenter.org)

### **Texas Attorney General, Child Support Division**

800-252-8014, 24-Hour Automated Hotline

512-460-6000, State Office

281-208-2137, Missouri City

281-342-6222, Fort Bend County

Provides services for parents who wish to obtain or provide support for their children.

[www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/index.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/index.shtml)

### **Earl Carl Institute**

713-313-1139 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm)

Property Preservation and Foreclosure Prevention Services, ECI Juvenile Justice Project, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project, ECI/MBK Clean Slate Initiative.

<http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/>

[apply for legal services.html](http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/apply_for_legal_services.html)

### **South Texas College of Law Clinics**

713-646-2990 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm)

Provides services in family law, estate and probate, guardianship, child welfare, domestic violence, animal law, and other matters.

[www.stcl.edu/clinics](http://www.stcl.edu/clinics)

### **Texas Attorney General, Crime Victims**

1-800-983-9933

Provides relief for victims of violent crimes. Request for services are provided by phone & online.

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims>

### **Workers' Compensation Commission**

800-252-7031 Injured Employee Hotline

Assistance with workers' compensation claims for work-related injuries.

[www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/index.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/index.html)

### **U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services**

800-375-5283 National Customer Service Center

Forms and information regarding citizenship, immigration, work humanitarian programs, adoptions, and other matters.

[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

### **Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Assistance**

713-874-6570

Legal services to individuals unable to obtain legal representation; includes outreach, legal assessment, representation, and advocacy. Must arrive at 8:00 am to register for assistance.

Spanish Speakers: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

English Speakers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

[www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org)

### **Consejos Legales**

#### **Mexican American Bar Association**

713-759-1133

Free legal advice in Spanish for simple legal, financial & citizenship issues. Co-sponsored with Houston Bar Association.

Spanish Speakers: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

English Speakers: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 5:00 – 9:00 pm

[www.mabah.com/consejos-legales.htm](http://www.mabah.com/consejos-legales.htm)

### **Additional Resources**

Fort Bend County Libraries Legal Links

<http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/research/databases/legal.html>

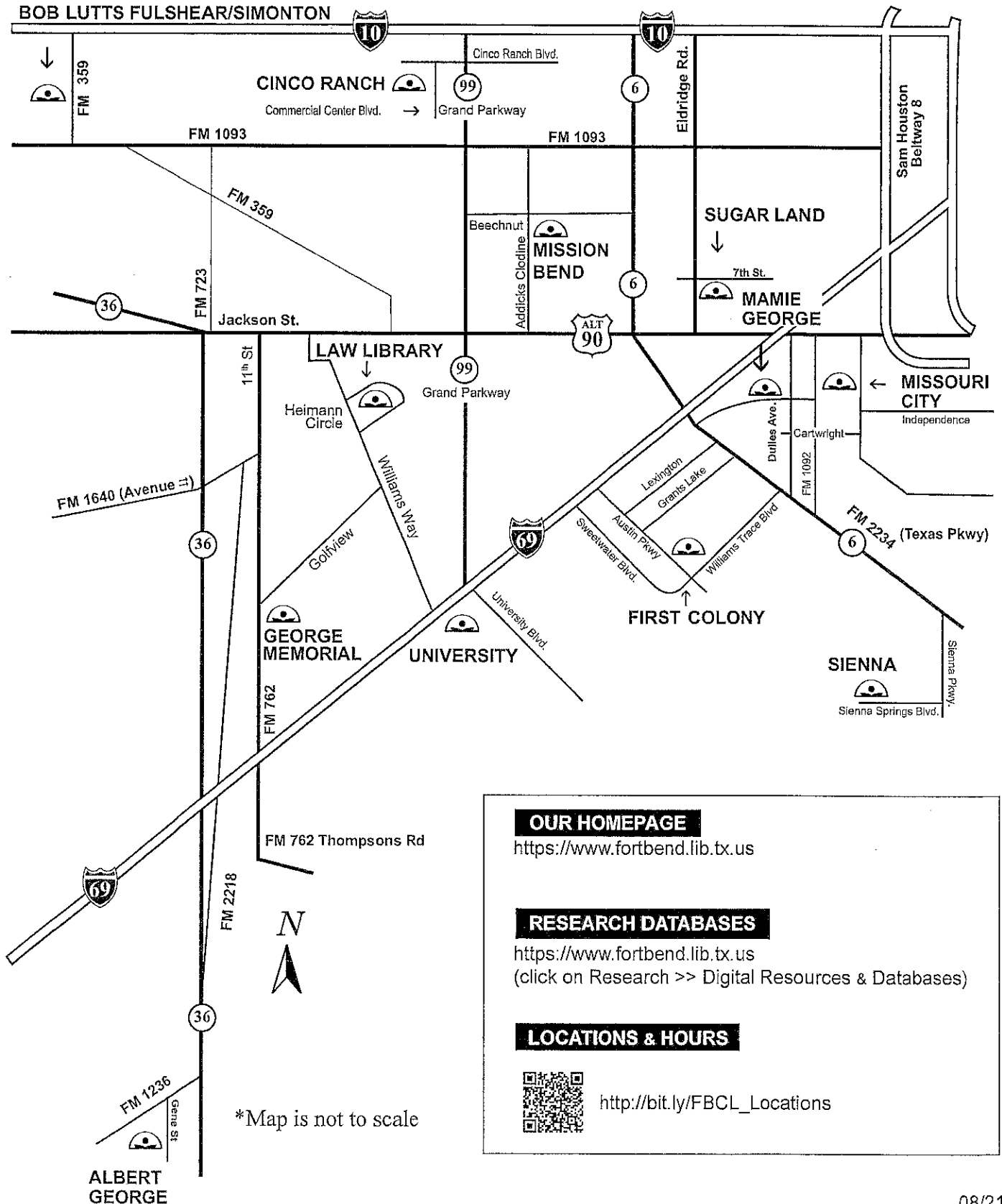
State Bar of Texas Referral Directory

[www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory](http://www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory)





# Library System Map\*



\*Map is not to scale

**OUR HOMEPAGE**  
<https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us>

**RESEARCH DATABASES**  
<https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us>  
 (click on Research >> Digital Resources & Databases)

**LOCATIONS & HOURS**  

[http://bit.ly/FBCL\\_Locations](http://bit.ly/FBCL_Locations)

**ALBERT  
GEORGE**

# LIBRARY LOCATIONS

**ALBERT GEORGE BRANCH**  
9230 Gene Street  
Needville, TX 77461  
281-238-2850

**BOB LUTTS FULSHEAR/  
SIMONTON BRANCH**  
8100 FM 359 South  
Fulshear, TX 77441  
281-633-4675

**CINCO RANCH BRANCH**  
2620 Commercial Center Boulevard  
Katy, TX 77494  
281-395-1311

**FIRST COLONY BRANCH**  
2121 Austin Parkway  
Sugar Land, TX 77479  
281-238-2800

**GEORGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
1001 Golfview  
Richmond, TX 77469  
281-342-4455

**COUNTY LAW LIBRARY**  
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle  
Room 20714  
Richmond, TX 77469  
281-341-3718

**MAMIE GEORGE BRANCH**  
320 Dulles Avenue  
Stafford, TX 77477  
281-238-2880

**MISSION BEND BRANCH**  
8421 Addicks Clodine Road  
Houston, TX 77083  
832-471-5900

**MISSOURI CITY BRANCH**  
1530 Texas Parkway  
Missouri City, TX 77489  
281-238-2100

**SIENNA BRANCH**  
8411 Sienna Springs Boulevard  
Missouri City, TX 77459  
281-238-2900

**SUGAR LAND BRANCH**  
550 Eldridge  
Sugar Land, TX 77478  
281-238-2140

**UNIVERSITY BRANCH**  
14010 University Blvd.  
Sugar Land, TX 77479  
281-633-5100

## ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY CARD

### Requirements

- A current government-issued photo ID and proof of residence\*
- Library-card applicants under age 18 must have application signed by a parent or legal guardian, who must be present and show either a current Texas driver license or proof of residence\* and a photo ID

### Card Cost

- FREE to state residents
- Out-of-state resident fee \$15
- Replacement for lost or damaged cards \$2

### Expiration Dates

Every library card has an expiration date, which is determined as follows:

- State residents - 2 years from application or renewal date
- Out-of-state residents - 1 year from application or renewal date
- TexShare cardholders - 1 year from application

Card renewal requirements are the same as those listed for getting a new card.

\* *Proof of residence may be a utility bill, auto insurance, etc., showing the applicant's name and address.*

## BORROWING

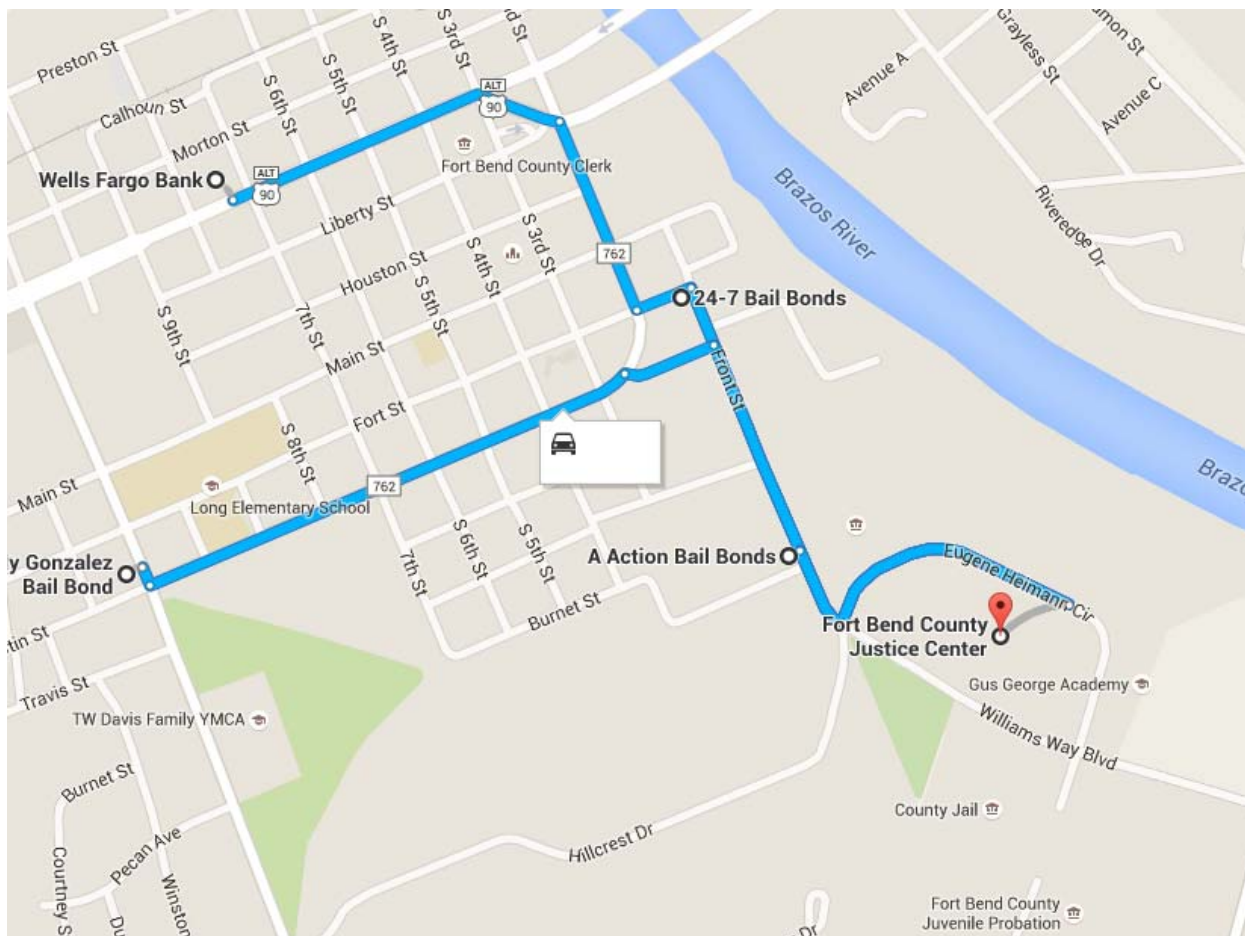
### Library Card Guidelines

- A valid Fort Bend County Libraries card or government-issued photo ID must be presented to check out library materials.
- Library materials may be borrowed and/or returned at any Fort Bend County library.
- Most items are checked out for 3 weeks (21 days) and may be renewed for another 3 weeks if the item is not requested. Renewals are from date of renewal.
- Items that are renewed late or are overdue are fined at 10¢ per day per item, unless otherwise specified (Closed days and holidays are not included). Hotspots, NOOKs, and Launchpads are fined at \$5 per day.
- If fines or fees exceed \$5, additional items may not be checked out. Once fees are \$5 or under, borrowing privileges are restored.
- All items checked out are the responsibility of the cardholder.
- There is a \$2 replacement fee for lost/damaged library cards.

*In accordance with the Texas Open Records Act (VCTA Government Code Sec. 552.124), Fort Bend County Libraries protects the privacy of library users by prohibiting access to information about library users and their records by anyone other than the cardholder.*

# Need a Notary?

(Please be sure to call ahead to make sure a notary public is on duty at any of these locations!)



## 24-7 Bail Bonds

105 Fort St, Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 633-2663  
\$7- \$10 per stamp + \$5 for witness

## A Action Bail Bonds

1110 Front St Richmond, TX  
(281) 342-1596  
\$6 per stamp + \$1 for witness

## Speedy Gonzales Bail Bond

710 S 11th St Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 341-1915  
\$6 per stamp + \$5 for witness

## Wells Fargo Bank

700 Jackson St Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 232-3301  
Free for Wells Fargo Customers!  
*\*Service not provided for non-customers*

**George Memorial Library** also offers notary services on a limited basis due to high demand, and only certain documents can be notarized. If you opt for their services, **please call ahead** to check for notary availability and wait time.  
1001 Golfview Drive Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 342-4455  
\$1 per stamp, no witness on premises



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