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

FORT BEND COUNTY LIBRARIES

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.fortbendcountytx.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.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=176

Local Court Records
A database of local court records for matters 1983 - present.
https://tylerpaw.fortbendcountytx.gov/

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-in-come families who qualify.
212 South 2nd Street, Richmond, TX 77469
www.lonestarlegal.org

Fort Bend County Bar Association
A directory of attorneys in Fort Bend.
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

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

SELF-HELP RESOURCES

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

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

Texas Court Help
Basic information about how to make your way through the court system.
www.texascourthelp.org

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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: 1st & 3rd Tuesday
English Speakers: 2nd & 4th Wednesday
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: 1st Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
English Speakers: 1st & 3rd Wednesday 5:00 – 9:00 pm
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

Patron Request for Information/Materials

Name: _____

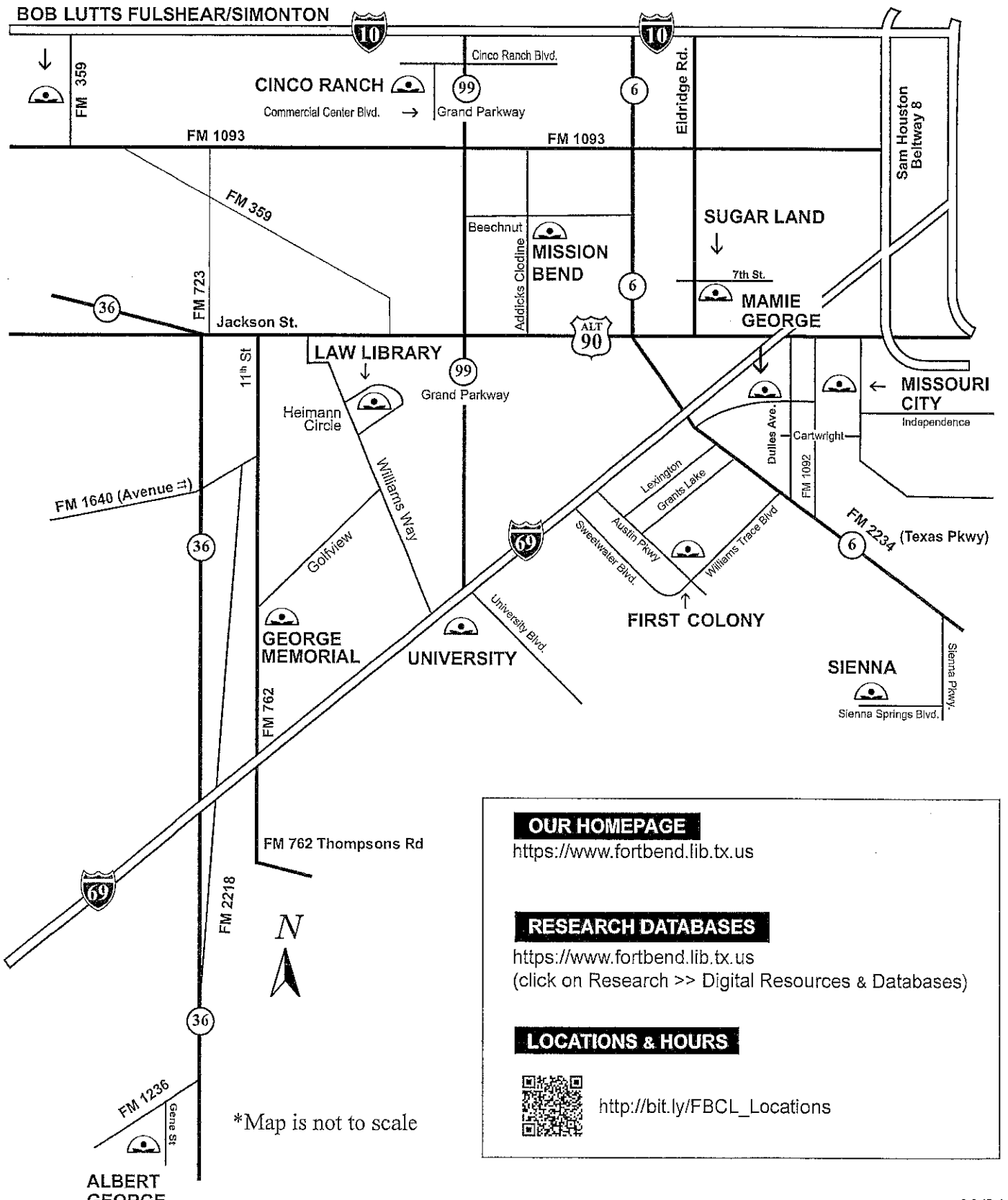
Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Requested information/materials: _____

FORT BEND COUNTY
LIBRARIES

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

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LIBRARIES

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

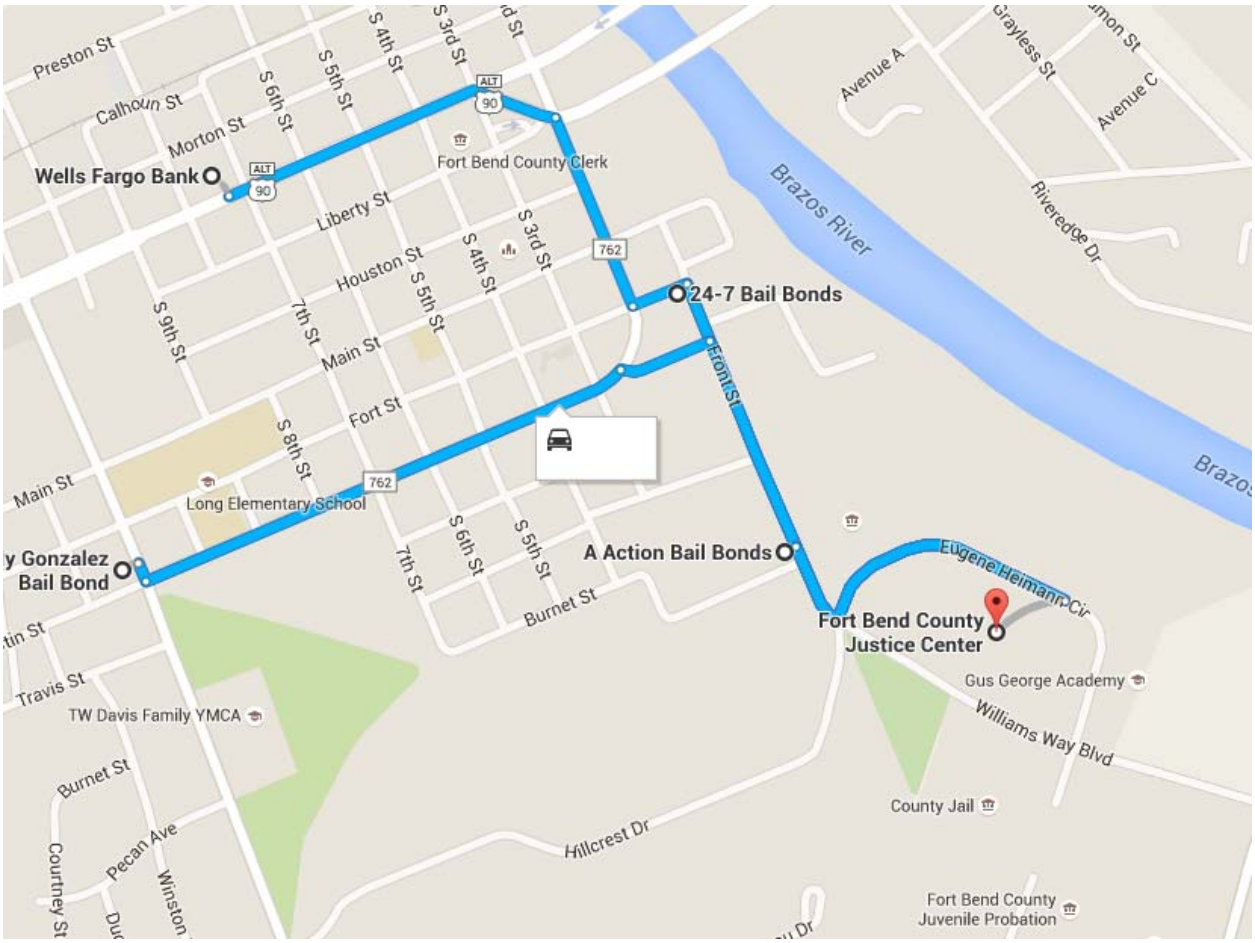
Library Card Guidelines

- 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

Courtesy of Fort Bend County Law Library

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