

Noon Time Legal Seminar (in person OR via Teams)
Tuesday, May 19, 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Free!

How to do Legal Research for the Non-Attorney

Presented by Harlie Harrison, Attorney

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Attendance may be in person at the Madelyn Helling Branch of the Nevada County Library, **OR** via Teams from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. This free seminar is geared towards the non-legal community, although everyone is welcome. No MCLE credit is offered. These seminars are designed for information only and do not constitute legal advice.

About the Seminar

This presentation introduces legal research fundamentals for non-attorneys who must navigate legal issues but lack formal legal training. It explains how legal information is structured (statutes, regulations, cases, and rules of court) and shows where reliable, authoritative materials can be found using free platforms. The seminar will focus on practical search strategies in simple ways so the participants can confidently locate and use legal information without paid subscriptions. The following topics will be discussed during the presentation:

- Identify the legal situation where information is sought.
- Where to begin looking.
- Identify reliable free sources for rules of court, statutes, regulations, and case law.
- Access court websites and government legislation websites.
- Access Google Scholar and other free legal websites.
- Apply basic search strategies and concise wording to produce the best search outcomes.
- How to use AI to conduct legal research, being cautious of the pitfalls in drafting legal documents.

About the Presenter

Harlie Harrison is a California-licensed attorney, with a focus on family law. Other areas of representation include civil harassment restraining orders. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked as a paralegal from 2013 to 2025 and acquired a wealth of experience in legal research, especially in accessing free legal information online without subscriptions. Her goal now as an attorney is to become a Family Law Specialist, an accreditation through the State Bar of California.

Register here: [Seminar How to do Legal Research for the Non-Attorney](#)

The Teams link and materials will be sent by the Law Library prior to the seminar. You may attend via Teams or in person at the Madelyn Helling Library. Spaces are limited.