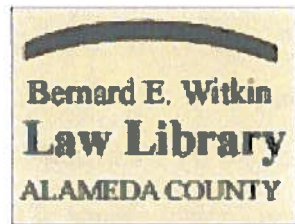


# News From... The Alameda County Law Library

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## Points of Interest:

- **Borrowing Privileges:** ANY attorney can obtain a library [borrowing card](#) for a fee of \$5.00.
- **Collection Strengths:** ALL California practice guides published by Rutter Group, CEB, and Matthew Bender.
- **Free Electronic Services:** Westlaw, Lexis, Shepards, OnLaw, VerdictSearch, HeinOnline & EBSCO.
- **MCLE: CDs & DVDs** available for rent.
- **Conference Rooms:** [available for rent.](#)
- **Wi-Fi Hotspot!**

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## EBSCO Legal Information Reference Center

The law library has purchased a subscription to the **Legal Information Reference Center**, an EBSCO Host database that provides access to the full-text of over 220 legal reference books. The majority of these titles are from **Nolo Press**, the premier publisher of legal self-help books. Written for self-represented litigants, consumers, and small business owners, Nolo Press books explain legal concepts and procedures in plain English. Many titles include form templates, as well as step-by-step instructions for completing, filing, serving, and recording forms.



Unlike other library databases, which can be accessed only within the library, EBSCO's Legal Information Reference Center **can also be accessed off-site** by Alameda county residents.

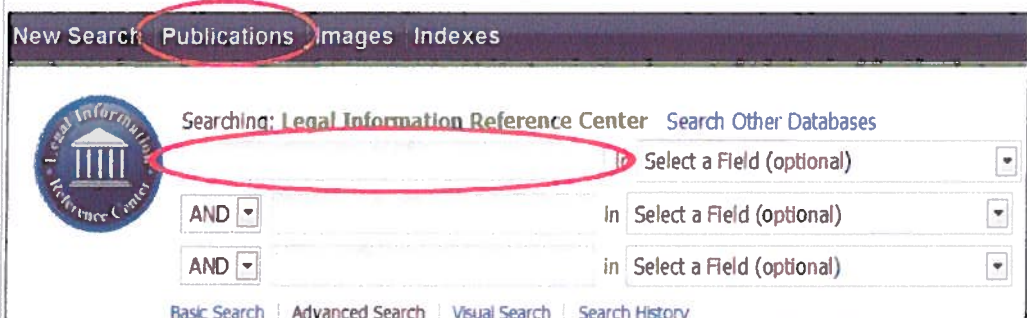


### Connecting to the Database

To connect to the database from your computer, navigate to the library's [Legal Databases](#) page and click on the hyperlink for [NOLO \(EBSCO Legal Information Reference Center\)](#). The Login Screen will appear. To login, enter CA in the "State Abbreviation" field and **Alameda** in the "Password" field.

### From the database interface, users can:

- Click "Publications" to **browse** for a publication by title. -or-
- **Enter** a term or phrase in a **search field** to search all publications.



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## Browse by Publication Title

If you know the name of the Nolo Press book you want to view, click on the "Publications" tab at the top of the screen, as illustrated on the preceding page. Enter the name of the book in the "Browse Publications" field and click "Browse." A complete list of the titles available through the database can be found here: <http://www.ebscohost.com/titleLists/lir-coverage.pdf>.

Next, locate the desired title in the results' list, and click the hyperlink to open the book's bibliographic record.

### Browse Publications: "Win Your Lawsuit"

From the bibliographic record, click on the hyperlinked publication date to access the contents of the book. The chapters will be displayed in sequential order, as individual PDF files.

Once opened as a PDF document, chapters can be saved to your computer, or emailed.

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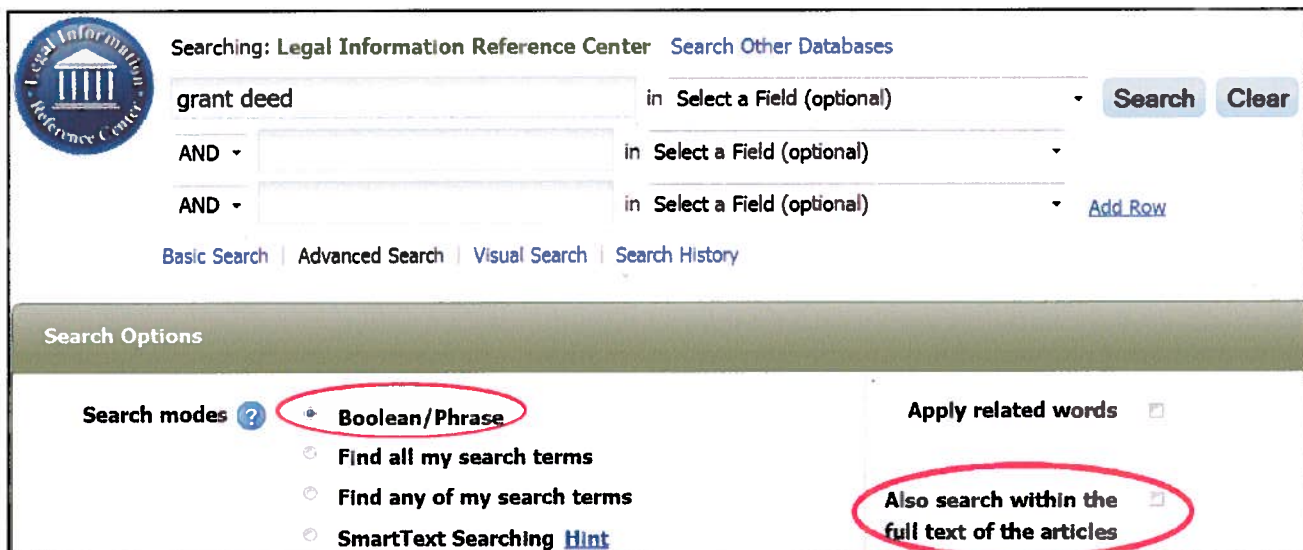
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## Search for a Topic or Form

Multiple search fields appear at the top of the main screen. By entering a word or phrase in one or more search fields, users can search all publications contained in the database simultaneously. Multiple words are treated as a phrase. If you do not select a specific field, the database defaults to searching only chapter titles, chapter abstracts, and form names. If you want to search the full-text of all publications, check the box next to "Also search within the full text of the articles." This may significantly increase the number of results returned.

To limit your results to form templates, simply include the word "form" in your search, or select "Form" from the "Document Type" list on the search interface. Forms open as fillable rich text files.

### Simple Search: grant deed



Searching: Legal Information Reference Center [Search Other Databases](#)

grant deed in Select a Field (optional) **Search** **Clear**

AND  in Select a Field (optional)

AND  in Select a Field (optional) [Add Row](#)

[Basic Search](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | [Search History](#)

**Search Options**

**Search modes** ?  **Boolean/Phrase**

Find all my search terms

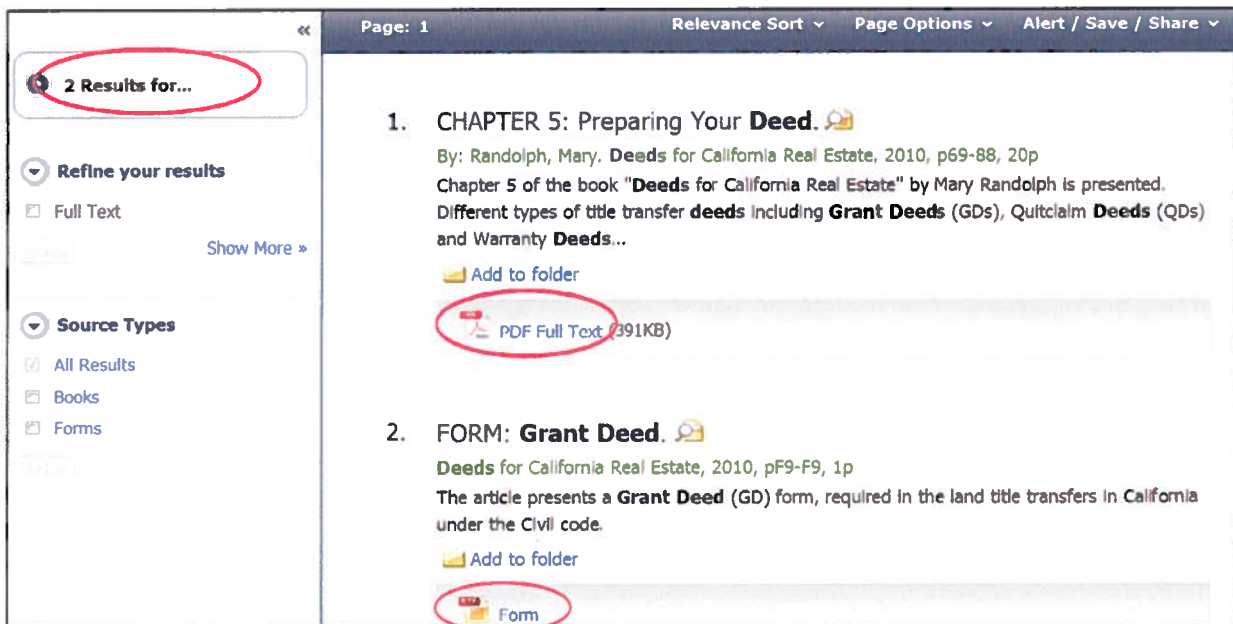
Find any of my search terms

SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

**Apply related words**

**Also search within the full text of the articles**

In this example, the defaults were unchanged. The words "grant deed" were treated as a phrase and the database searched only the chapter titles, chapter abstracts, and form names. Two results were found- a chapter and a form.



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**2 Results for...**

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Books

Forms

1. **CHAPTER 5: Preparing Your Deed.**

By: Randolph, Mary. *Deeds for California Real Estate*, 2010, p69-88, 20p  
Chapter 5 of the book "*Deeds for California Real Estate*" by Mary Randolph is presented. Different types of title transfer deeds including **Grant Deeds** (GDs), Quitclaim **Deeds** (QDs) and Warranty **Deeds**...

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2. **FORM: Grant Deed.**

*Deeds for California Real Estate*, 2010, pF9-F9, 1p  
The article presents a **Grant Deed** (GD) form, required in the land title transfers in California under the Civil code.

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