

## WHERE TO FIND LEGAL FORMS

### OVERVIEW

Finding legal forms can be time consuming. There is not a sample form for every situation. Attorneys often create their own forms, if you are Pro Se, you will have to do the same. Florida does have some state Supreme Court approved forms. Court & court related websites such as Clerk of Court and Public Defenders have different forms that their staff created and are available to the public at their website. Many forms on government websites can be printed and used as is. Forms available vary from website to website. While not common, some forms are available in Spanish too. If you find a form and the language does not fit your situation or the form specifies a different jurisdiction, you can use the sample as a guide for creating your own.

When searching the internet, it is best to start with official government websites. Westlaw and GALE LegalForms are digital resources with forms. Westlaw is available at three locations as well as remote Pro Se access with an HCPLC card. GALE forms can be accessed at all branches and remotely if you have a HCPLC card. If you cannot find an approved form, the Law Library has multiple form books and treatises that contain templates. Templates are not meant to be a complete form, just suggested language. The customer can use the templates for guidance when creating their form. Remember, there are no approved forms or templates for every situation. Staff are happy to get you to resources and show you how to use them but cannot suggest forms or assist in filling forms out.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

- ❖ **Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms** - <https://www.flcourts.gov/>
- ❖ **Florida Supreme Court Approved Landlord Tenant Forms** - <https://www.floridabar.org/public/consumer/consumer004/>
- ❖ **13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Forms** - <https://www.fljud13.org/forms.aspx>
- ❖ **Hillsborough County Clerk of Court** - <https://www.hillsclerk.com/About-Us/Forms>
- ❖ **Public Defender 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit** - <https://www.pd13.state.fl.us/>

### LIBRARY RESOURCES

- ❖ **GALE Legal Forms** – At all HCPLC branches & remote access with a HCPLC card
- ❖ **Print form books and treatises** – Exclusive to the James J. Lunsford Law Library
- ❖ **Westlaw** – Available at Bloomingdale Regional Library, James J. Lunsford Law Library, and Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. Remote access for Pro Se customers with a HCPLC card

**NOTICE:** For more information on this or other legal topics visit the James J. Lunsford Law Library. **IF YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE.** Remember: Check with the Clerk of the Court for filing fees/court costs.