



# Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

## PROPERTY, REAL & PERSONAL: A Selective Research Guide

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### I. MICHIGAN TREATISES

**Michigan Real Property Law: Principles and Commentary 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by John G. Cameron, Jr.**

**Location: KFM 4312 .C36 1993**

This two volume set with annual cumulative supplements, has been prepared to familiarize lawyers and laypersons with the basic principles of Michigan real property law.

**Michigan Real Property: Practitioners Series, by Catherine B. LaMont**

**Location: KFM 4312 .L35**

This three volume set provides Michigan attorneys with guidance in all aspects of real estate law practice for all types of clients, whether they are owners, purchasers, sellers, lenders, brokers, landlords, tenants, developers, builders, creditors or insurers.

### II. MICHIGAN GUIDES

**Michigan Lease Drafting and Landlord-Tenant Law, by Chard Shoffner**

**Location: KFM 4317 .C33**

This book covers both residential and commercial leases and landlord-tenant relationships. It includes complete sample leases and other forms, which can be downloaded from the forms computer adjacent to the reference desk.

**Michigan Real Estate Practice and Forms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by Nyal D. Deems**

**Location: KFM 4326 D438 1989**

Among the subjects covered in this two volume set, are real estate descriptions, preliminary agreements, land contracts, water and mineral interests, leases and land use regulation. It contains 170 model forms available for download from the forms computer adjacent to the reference desk.

**Michigan Residential Real Estate Transactions ed. by Gregg A. Nathanson**

**Location: KFM 4326 .M53**

This book is a lawyer's guide to handling residential transactions, including the attorney client relationship, purchase agreements, disclosure requirements, financing, inspection, title



insurance and closing. It includes extensive forms, which can be downloaded from the forms computer adjacent to the reference desk.

### III. NATIONAL TREATISES

**American Law of Property: A Treatise on the Law of Property in the United States**  
edited by A. James Casner

**Location: KF 561 .A55**

This classic seven volume set deals comprehensively with the law of real and personal property. The authors were drawn from the most learned property professors of the mid twentieth century.

**Law of Real Property, The edited by Tilghman E. Ballard 4<sup>th</sup> edition**

**Location: KF 567.4 .L3 1911**

This is a comprehensive examination of the law of property, with commentary cases and statutes in fifteen volumes.

**Powell on Real Property edited by Michael Alan Wolf**

**Location: KF 570 .P57**

This is the preeminent treaties on the law of real property, continuously updated in seventeen volumes.

**Restatement of the Law, Property: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. by the American Law Institute**

**Location: KF 657 .R48 2000**

Since the 1920's this series has sought to produce a clear and precise restatement of the common law. This publication has authority greater than any other legal treatise, one nearly on par with the decisions of courts.

American Law Institute Restatement Series

**Thompson on Real Property edited by David E. Thomas**

**Location: KF 570 .T56 1994**

Now in its fifteenth edition, in fifteen volumes, this law library standard is an in-depth survey of real property law, with particular emphasis on its history. It is updated annually with pocket-parts.

### IV. JOURNALS

**Michigan Real Property Review**

**Location: KFM 4312 .A29 M5**

Official journal of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan  
Coverage 1976-1999

**Practical Real Estate Lawyer**

**Location: KF 566 .A3 P33**

Published by the American Law Institute – American Bar Association Committee Professional Education. It is published bi-monthly.



## **Probate and Property**

**Location: KF 566 .A3 P76**

This is the magazine of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the American Bar Association, published bi-monthly.  
Coverage 1987-Present

## **Real Property Probate and Trust Journal**

**Location: K18 .E15**

The journal of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the American Bar Association is published quarterly.  
Coverage 1966-Present

## **V. HORNBOOKS, NUTSHELLS & STUDY AIDS**

### **Community Property in a Nutshell 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Robert L. Mennell**

**Location: KF526.Z9 M46 1988**

Nutshell series

### **Estates in Land and Future Interests 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Lawrence W. Waggoner**

**Location: KF605 .W38 1993**

Nutshell Series

### **Estates in Land and Future Interests: Problems and Answers 4<sup>th</sup> ed. by John Makdisi**

**Location: KF605 .M35 2004**

### **Landlord and Tenant Law in a Nutshell 4<sup>th</sup> ed. by David S. Hill**

**Location: KF590.Z9 H45 2004**

Nutshell Series

### **Law of Property, The by William B. Stoebuck**

**Location: KF 570 .C86 2000**

West Hornbook Series

### **Law of Property: An Introductory Survey, The 5<sup>th</sup> ed. by Herbert Hovenkamp**

**Location: KF570 .S53 2001**

West Hornbook Series

### **Personal Property in a Nutshell 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. by Barlow Burke**

**Location: KF705.Z9 B83 2003**

Nutshell Series

### **Property: Examples and Explanations 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Barlow D. Burke**

**Location: KF560 .B87 2004**

Example and Explanations Series

### **Real Property in a Nutshell 4<sup>th</sup> ed. by Roger Bernhardt**

**Location: KF570.Z9 B47 2000**



Nutshell Series

**Understanding Property Law by John G. Sprankling**

**Location: KF561 .S67 2000**

Understanding Series

**Introduction to Property by Joseph William Singer**

**Location: KF570.Z9 S56 2001**

**Property [sound recording] 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Julian C. Juergensmeyer**

**Location: KF570.Z9 J84 2000**

7 sound cassettes (ca. 540 min.) covering all aspects of Property law.

Sum and Substance Series

## VI. FORMS

**American Jurisprudence Legal Forms Annotated**

**Location: KF170 .A54**

In fifteen volumes, a carefully compiled and edited collection of legal forms, designed to guide the practicing lawyer in the drafting of legal documents.

**Commercial Real Estate Forms 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. by Stuart M. Saft**

**Location: KF 593 .C6 S233**

This eight volume set, with commentary, contains forms for the use in preparing real estate agreements in a commercial situation.

**Current Leasing: Law and Techniques – Forms edited by Patrick J. Rohan**

**Location: KF 588.1 .R64 1982**

Both a treatise and form book in seven volumes, encompassing all aspects of lease drafting.

**Michigan Business Formbook edited by Mark A. Kleist**

**Location: KFM 4352 .A65 M532**

This two volume set includes extensive coverage of property forms  
Institute of Continuing Legal Education

**Michigan Legal Forms edited by Justin G. Klimko**

**Location: KFM 4268 .M53**

This comprehensive ten volume work includes two volumes exclusively dedicated to Real Estate forms.

## VII. DATABASES

**Matthew Bender Online**

The Brennan Law Library is a proud subscriber to the LexisNexis Matthew Bender Online database. The service provides full text searching of more than 300 treatises. It offers authoritative, comprehensive and accurate legal information covering every major practice area. These works are authored by the leading experts in the legal community. Access is



available only on campus, from a public access terminal in the library, computer lab or Cooley Center. Simply bring up the Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries electronic catalog and portal and click on the Databases for Lansing link. Click on the Matthew Bender link and you will see a list of the more than 300 treatises to choose from. You can look through the table of contents of a selected work, then link to the full text of that chapter, or you can do a word or phrase search of the entire text. You can even do a word or phrase search of several treatises at once. Online treatises on property include:

**Construction Law by ed. Steven G.M. Stein**

This treatise provides comprehensive coverage of all aspects of the construction law field from the initial stages of bidding and contract negotiation to the handling of subsequent litigation. It sets out substantive and procedural law, and also offers practical, strategic advice in handling construction law problems. Each chapter examines a particular area of the construction law field and provides in-depth discussions, analyses, and substantial case authority.

Print Location: KF902. C622 1986

**Nichols on Eminent Domain by Julius L. Sackman**

This is an eighteen-volume treatise and practice guide on the law of eminent domain. It contains detailed discussion of the underlying concepts of eminent domain, comprehensive analysis of the relevant statutes, regulations and case law from every jurisdiction, as well as forms to enhance the practitioner's ability to handle every type of condemnation proceeding and transaction.

Print Location: KF 5599.A6 N5

**Powell on Real Property ed. by Michael Alan Wolf**

This is the preeminent treaties on the law of real property, continuously updated in seventeen volumes.

Print Location: KF 570.P6

**Zoning and Land Use Controls by Patrick J. Rohan**

This is a ten-volume treatise and practice guide on the law of zoning and land use controls. It sets out substantive and procedural law, and also offers practical, strategic advice in handling zoning law problems.

Print Location: KF 5698 R63

**Westlaw**

Many of the resources already noted are available full text to Cooley students through their Westlaw accounts. Westlaw has 170 databases dedicated exclusively to real property law. To access them as a topical block, click on the Directory from the Westlaw home page, and then Topical Practice Areas and finally Real Property. The sub-topics and selected databases are listed below.

Real Property Combined Databases  
Real Property - Law Reviews, Texts and Bar Journals  
Real Property and Construction Law  
Texts and Periodicals Combined

**RP-TF**

**RPCL-TEXTS**



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| Real Property Case Law and Judicial Material<br>Multistate Real Property Cases<br>Michigan Real Property Cases                                       | <b>MRP-CS<br/>MIRP-CS</b>    |
| Real Property Statues and Legislative Materials<br>Americans with Disabilities Statues<br>Federal Housing and Development-U.S. Code Annotated        | <b>AWD-ST<br/>FDHR-USCA</b>  |
| Real Property Administrative Material<br>Americans with Disabilities Code of Federal Regulations<br>Federal Housing and Development Regulations      | <b>AWD-CFR<br/>FHDR-CFR</b>  |
| Real Property Public Records and Filings<br>Asset Locator-Combined<br>Real Property Transactions Records Combined                                    | <b>ASSET-ALL<br/>RPT-ALL</b> |
| Real Property Journals and Law Reviews<br>Hofstra Property Law Journal<br>Real Estate Law Journal  | <b>HOFPLJ<br/>WGL-RELJ</b>   |
| Real Property Treatises, Forms and Practice Materials<br>Calculating Construction Damages<br>Law of Easements and Licenses in Land                   | <b>JW-CCD<br/>LELL</b>       |
| Real Property Legal Newspapers, Newsletters and Current Awareness Materials<br>Commercial Leasing Law and Strategy<br>Zoning and Planning Law Report | <b>COMLLST<br/>ZPLR</b>      |

## Lexis

The Lexis/Nexis online legal research database includes several hundred individual databases (called libraries) dedicated to real and personal property. Although less centralized than Westlaw, large groupings on the subject are found under several topical library categories. What follows is a selective list.

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| Assets Library<br>Michigan Deed Transfers and Tax Records<br>Michigan Real Property-Ingham County  | <b>ASSETS<br/>ASSETS;MIOWN<br/>ASSETS;MIPING</b>                                     |
| Construction Law Library<br>Construction Cases Federal and State Combined<br>Michigan Construction Law Cases<br>Michigan Bill Tracking and Text<br>Construction Law (treatise) | <b>CONSTR<br/>CONSTR;MEGA<br/>CONSTR;MICTCN<br/>CONSTR;MIBILL<br/>CONSTR; CONSTR</b> |



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| Matthew Bender Library                         | <b>MATBEN</b>         |
| Practical Guide to Disputes Between Landowners | <b>MATBEN;ADLAND</b>  |
| Purchase and Sale of Real Property             | <b>MATBEN;PSRLPR</b>  |
| Powell on Real Property                        | <b>MATBEN;POWELL</b>  |
| Current Leasing Law and Techniques             | <b>MATBEN;LEALAW</b>  |
| Michigan Library                               | <b>MICH</b>           |
| Michigan Real Estate Case                      | <b>MICH;REALTY</b>    |
| Michigan Law and Practice                      | <b>MICH;MLP</b>       |
| Personal Property Library                      | <b>P-PROP</b>         |
| Stock Ownership                                | <b>P-PROP;STOCK</b>   |
| Michigan Motor Vehicle Registration            | <b>P-PROP;MIMVR</b>   |
| Real Estate Library                            | <b>REALTY</b>         |
| Real Estate Related Case Law                   | <b>REALTY;COURTS</b>  |
| Zoning Law and Practice                        | <b>REALTY;ZONLP</b>   |
| Secondary Source Library                       | <b>2NDARY</b>         |
| Property Law Review Articles                   | <b>2NDARY;PROPLR</b>  |
| Purchase and Sale of Real Estate               | <b>2NDARY; PSRLPR</b> |
| Real Estate Financing: Text, Forms, Tax        | <b>2NDARY;REALEF</b>  |
| Real Estate Tax Digest                         | <b>2NDARY;RETAXR</b>  |

## VIII. INTERNET RESOURCES

The Internet is now home to thousands of web sites dedicated exclusively to Property Law or as part of a large online legal collection. Below is a selective list of some of the most respected along with their internet addresses.

### **Cata Law**

<http://www.catalaw.com/>

CataLaw is the catalog of catalogs of worldwide law on the Internet. It aids legal research by arranging all indexes of law and government into a uniform, universal and unique metaindex. Simply pick property law from the homepage topical pull down menu.

### **FindLaw**

<http://findlaw.com/>

FindLaw is the highest-trafficked legal Web site, providing the most comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, students and individuals. These resources include web search utilities, cases and codes, legal news, an online career center, and community-oriented tools, such as a secure document management utility, mailing lists, message boards and free e-mail. From the homepage, under For Legal Professionals, click on Browse by Practice Area, then Property Law and Real Estate.

### **Hieros Gamos**

<http://www.hg.org/perprop.html>



This is a worldwide directory of legal resources. From the Law Practice Area on the home page, click on a comprehensive topic library on Personal or Real Property

### **Legal Information Institute at Cornell University:**

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

The Institute publishes electronic versions of core materials in numerous areas of the law both online and packaged for download -- ranging from the Constitution to the Uniform Commercial Code, including.

Landlord-Tenant Law: An Overview

Mortgage Law: An Overview

Real Property: An Overview

Each provides an overview of the topic, including links to related state and federal statutes, judicial decisions, conventions and treaties, and key internet resources. From the homepage, click on Law About and choose your topic.

### **Michigan Courts**

<http://courts.michigan.gov/>

This official and award winning site of the Michigan Courts offers easy access to Michigan cases, statutes, court rules, regulations, jury instructions, and much more. You can access cases relating to property through the systems Appellate Digest. Just click on Court of Appeals on the homepage, then from the resources pull-down menu, Appellate digest.

