

# Santa Cruz Superior Court Self Help Center

## Helpful Internet Resources

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### Free internet access for legal research is available at:

**Santa Cruz County Law Library:** located at 701 Ocean Street, Room 70, Santa Cruz, CA, phone 831-420-2205, Open Monday-Thursday 8 am to 3 pm and Friday 8 am to 12 pm [www.lawlibrary.org](http://www.lawlibrary.org).

**County of Santa Cruz Libraries:** Check with your local library regarding policies for use of computers and research. You must have a library card to use a library computer (or if you live out of the county there is a fee charged). To get more information about library locations and hours call 831-420-5730, [www.santacruzpl.org](http://www.santacruzpl.org).

**Santa Cruz Superior Court Self Help Center:** located at 1 Second Street, Watsonville, CA has public computers available for legal research. There is a time limit and a page limit while using these computers. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 and 1-3. For more information see the court web site at [www.santacruzcourt.org](http://www.santacruzcourt.org) or call 831-786-7200, push 4 to leave a message.

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### General Resources:

**Santa Cruz Superior Court:** [www.santacruzcourt.org](http://www.santacruzcourt.org)

**California Courts Self Help Center:**  
[www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm)

**California Court Self Help Center in Spanish:**  
[www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)

**Legal Aid referrals and self help resources:**  
[www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)

**California Rules of Court:** [www.courts.ca.gov/rules/](http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules/)

**Court Forms: State Forms:**  
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm>

**Local Forms:** <http://www.santacruzcourt.org/forms-filing/local>

**California Codes ("The Law") and Legislation:**  
<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

**Pending California Legislation:**  
<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

**Self Help Legal Books:** Nolo Press publishes Self Help Legal Books. These books are available at the public and law library, book stores and [www.nolo.com](http://www.nolo.com). Nolo Press books are also now available for free on-line through the Santa Cruz County Law Library. You can access this free resource at [www.lawlibrary.org](http://www.lawlibrary.org).

**Conflict Resolution Center (Mediation Santa Cruz County):** [www.crcsantacruz.org](http://www.crcsantacruz.org)

**Attorneys:** California State Bar: [www.calbar.org](http://www.calbar.org) or Santa Cruz County Bar: [www.santacruzbar.org](http://www.santacruzbar.org)

### County and State Sites:

- Santa Cruz County: [www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us](http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us)
- California State Home Page: [www.ca.gov](http://www.ca.gov)
- Secretary of State: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
- Federal Courts: [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov)
- Department of Social Services: [www.dss.cahwnet.gov](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov)
- Department of Consumer Affairs: [www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)
- California Department of Public Health: [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)

- Franchise Tax Board: [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov)
- Internal Revenue Service's: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
- To find the owner of a business using a fictitious business name: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/business-programs/>
- To find the agent for service of process for a corporation or an LLC: <https://businesssearch.sos.ca.gov/>

**Sites listed by subject matter on back**

### **Families and Children:**

- Guide to Separation and Divorce: [www.FamiliesChange.ca.gov](http://www.FamiliesChange.ca.gov) and for kids [www.Changeville.ca.gov](http://www.Changeville.ca.gov)
- Department of Child Support Services child support calculation:
  - Regular DCSS: [www.childsup.ca.gov/](http://www.childsup.ca.gov/)
  - Calculator [www.childsup.ca.gov/resources/calculatorchildsupport.aspx](http://www.childsup.ca.gov/resources/calculatorchildsupport.aspx)

### **Immigration:**

- Judicial Council Immigration Resource Directory [www.courts.ca.gov/immigration.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/immigration.htm)
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services: [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)
- Immigration Legal Resource Center: [www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)
- National Immigration Law Center: [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org)
- Santa Cruz County Immigration Project: <http://Cabinc.org/SCCIP/>
- Immigration Option: [www.immi.org/](http://www.immi.org/)
- Find an Immigration attorney: [www.immigrationlawhelp.org/](http://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/)

### **Employment:**

- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)
- California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: [www.dfeh.ca.gov](http://www.dfeh.ca.gov)
- Legal Aid at Work: [legalaidatwork.org/](http://legalaidatwork.org/)

### **Veterans and Military Families:**

- Stateside Legal: [www.statesidelegal.org](http://www.statesidelegal.org)
- The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono program: [www.vetsprobono.org](http://www.vetsprobono.org)

### **Seniors:**

- Seniors Council: [www.seniorscouncil.org](http://www.seniorscouncil.org)
- Senior Citizens Legal Services: <http://seniorlegal.org>
- Senior Network Services: [www.seniornetworkservices.org](http://www.seniornetworkservices.org)

### **Record Clearance:**

- California Judicial Council Statewide Information: [www.courts.ca.gov/1070.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/1070.htm)
- Santa Cruz Public Defender's Clean Slate Program: [www.scddefenders.com/cleanslate-1/](http://www.scddefenders.com/cleanslate-1/)
- Prop 47 Statewide Information: [www.myprop47.org](http://www.myprop47.org)

- How to request a copy of your own State Record: <https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/security>

### **Small Claims:**

- California Courts – Small Claims Information & Forms [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-smallclaims.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-smallclaims.htm)
- Small Claims Demand Letter Tutorial [www.courts.ca.gov/11145.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/11145.htm)
- Resolving Small Claims Cases – video [www.courts.ca.gov/20129.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/20129.htm)
- Small Claims Mediation – Conflict Resolution Center [www.crcsantacruz.org](http://www.crcsantacruz.org)
- Department of Consumer Affairs publication [www.dca.ca.gov/publications/small\\_claims/](http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/small_claims/)
- California Secretary of State Business Portal – Corporations Search <https://businesssearch.sos.ca.gov/>
- Financial Institutions – Central Locations for Service of Process [www.dbo.ca.gov/Laws\\_&\\_Regs/legislation/service\\_of\\_legal\\_process/default.asp](http://www.dbo.ca.gov/Laws_&_Regs/legislation/service_of_legal_process/default.asp)

**Law Libraries:** Sample forms and pleadings (including pleading paper) can be found at the following sites:

- Santa Cruz Law Library: [www.lawlibrary.org/santa\\_cruz\\_self\\_forms.php](http://www.lawlibrary.org/santa_cruz_self_forms.php)
- Sacramento Law Library: [www.saclaw.org/](http://www.saclaw.org/)

### **Santa Cruz County Local Community Resources:**

- Community Information Database, Santa Cruz Public Libraries: [www.santacruzpl.org/cid](http://www.santacruzpl.org/cid)

### **Video and Tutorials:**

*(note these are published by other courts, some local rules and procedures may differ from court to court):*

Variety of Topic Sacramento County Law Library: [www.saclaw.org/pages/multimedia-resources.aspx](http://www.saclaw.org/pages/multimedia-resources.aspx)

California Judicial Council videos on Small Claims, Evictions, Civil Harassment, & Debt Collection: [www.courts.ca.gov/20614.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/20614.htm), [www.youtube.com/calcourtsselfhelp](http://www.youtube.com/calcourtsselfhelp)

This is only a small sampling of the resources available to you on the internet. Except for its own site, the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County does not maintain, endorse, or take responsibility for the accuracy of any of the information on these websites.