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Public Law Libraries (U.S.)

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Typical collections and services [edit]

LA Law Library

Oroville, California law library 2012

Public law libraries usually focus on information useful to the practicing attorney and self-represented litigants, rather than academic research material.[4] This typically includes primary sources of law as well as practical guides for handling legal matters.[5] In practice, depending on their levels of funding, individual public law libraries may offer some or all of these resources.

Print collection

According to the AALL's "County Public Law Library Standards,"[4] the typical public law library should provide access to its home state's current laws, including the published decisions of the state courts; current annotated state statutes, constitution, and court rules; and the current administrative code and agency decisions. Some provide older versions as well, for historical research. A citation service such as Shepard's Citations or Westlaw's Keycite is typically available for users to evaluate the currency and validity of primary law sources. In addition, the public law library usually carries the state legal encyclopedia, if any; practice material such as form books and legal treatises geared toward that state; and local legal newspapers and periodicals.

Public law libraries should generally offer similar coverage for federal material. In addition, ideally they offer a selection of national publications such as American Jurisprudence 2d, Corpus Juris Secundum, and American Law Reports (ALR); at least one general forms set; academic law reviews and a basic collection of legal texts, treatises, practice materials and looseleaf services of contemporary value on subjects of interest to the legal community and the public.

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In addition, most public law libraries collect "do-it-yourself" law books that provide information on common legal issues. One well-known publisher in legal self-help is Nolo Press; Atlantic Publishing Company, other resources include the "For Dummies" books and many specialized books such as consumer self-help books, tax preparation material, retirement planning books, and government publications on benefits programs.

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Comparison of County Law Libraries' Hours and Staffing By Population

COUNTY	POPULATION	DECSRIPTION OF LAW LIBRARY	ACTUAL PERSON RESPONSIBLE
KING	2,271,380	**FULL TIME LIBRARY STAFFING**	LAW LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION
PIERCE	928,696	**FULL TIME LIBRARY STAFFING**	LAW LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR
SNOHOMISH	844,761	APPOINMENT ONLY	LAW LIBRARIAN
SPOKANE	551,455	**FULL TIME LIBRARY STAFFING**	LAW LIBRARIAN AND PART TIME STAFF
CLARK	521,150	**ONE FULL TIME & ONE PART TIME LIBRARIAN**	LAW LIBRARIAN AND LAW LIBRARY ASSISTANT
THURSTON	299,003	NO LIBRARY ONE COMPUTER KIOSK	OFFICE ASSISTANT
KITSAP	277,658	**FULL TIME LAW LIBRARY**	LAW LIBRARIAN CONTRACTOR
YAKIMA	256,643	TWO KIOSKS ONLY OPEN 8 HOURS PER WEEK	NOT AVAILABLE
WHATCOM	231,919	PART TIME LAW LIBARY (14 HRS/WK)	LAW LIBRARIAN
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- **RCW 27.24.067**

- **Free use of library.**

- The use of the county law library shall be free to the judges of the state, to state and county officials, and to members of the bar, and to such others as the board of trustees may by rule provide. **Residents of counties with a population of three hundred thousand or more shall have free use of the law library**

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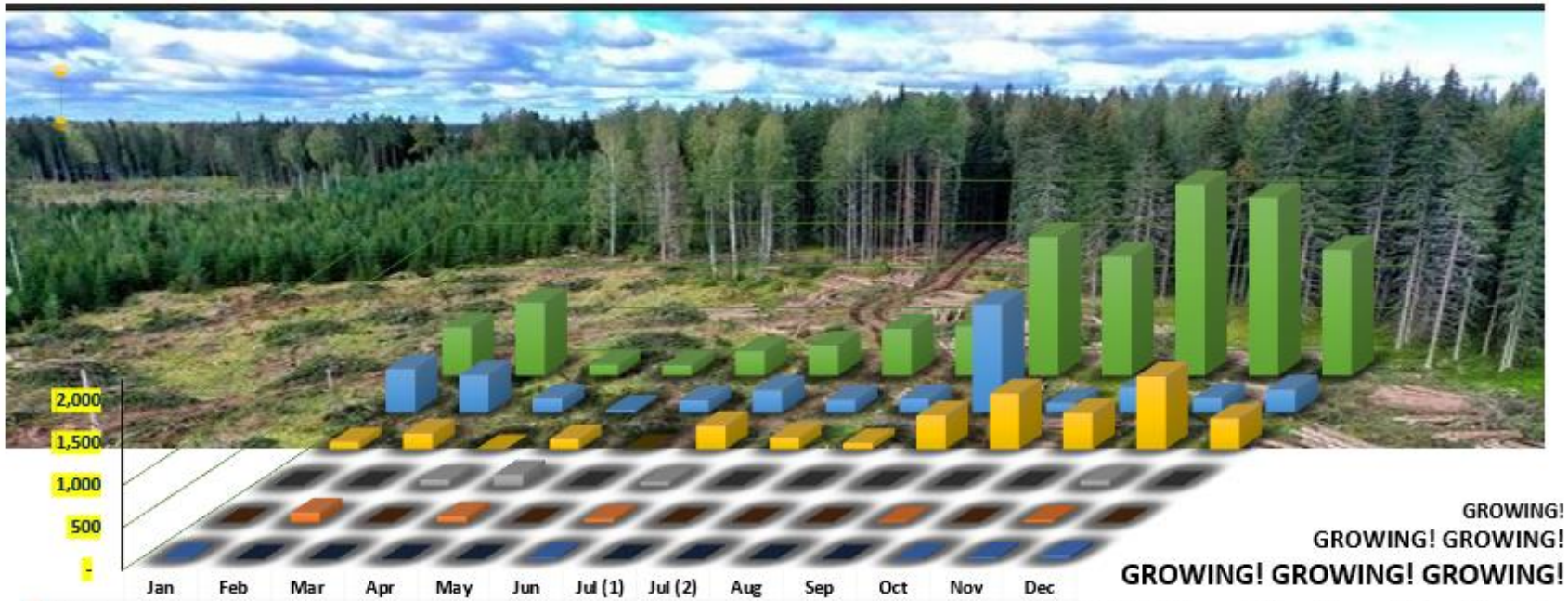

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Attorney	85	184	1	120	-	275	135	70	395	655	425	855	360
Public	511	437	165	30	140	260	145	158	1,271	110	295	172	265
Pro Se	567	860	125	120	285	355	550	580	1,633	1,408	2,345	2,100	1,482

County LLLT Veterans Attorney Public Pro Se

GROWING!
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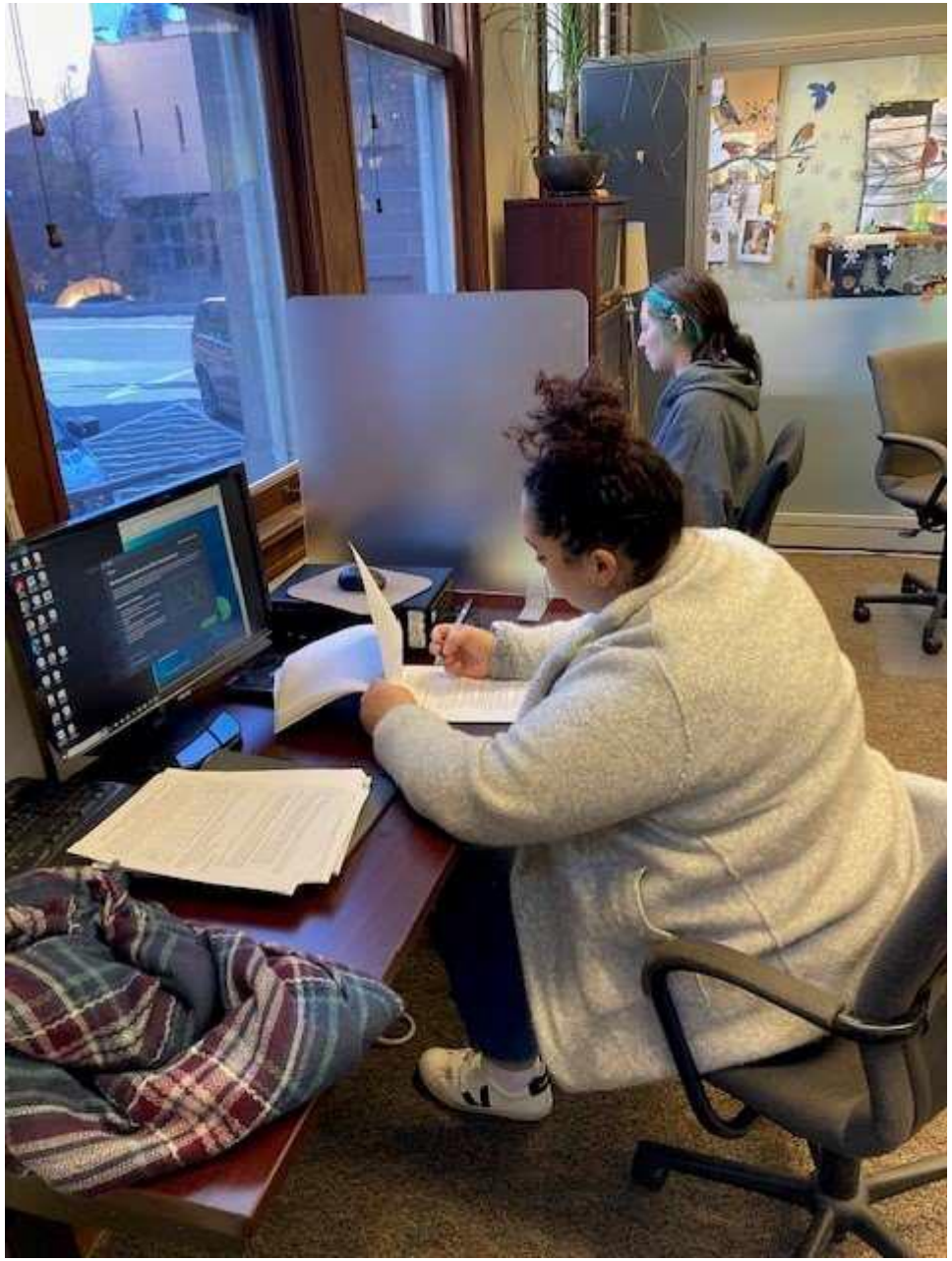
COVID-19 brought about devastating setbacks to all parts of the public service sector. But in mid-2022 our Law Library began its recovery. By increasing library hours and aggressively engaging in outreach activities Law Library usage has increased dramatically.

OVER 250% GROWTH IN 6 MONTHS!

More Patrons Staying Longer

Growth trends for the Law Library show that not only is there rapid growth in touches (the number of patrons who come in), but also even greater growth in time spent in the Law Library.

As the trend lines show, time per touch is increasing, meaning more patrons are coming into the Law Library and, increasingly, they are staying longer in the Library while they are here.



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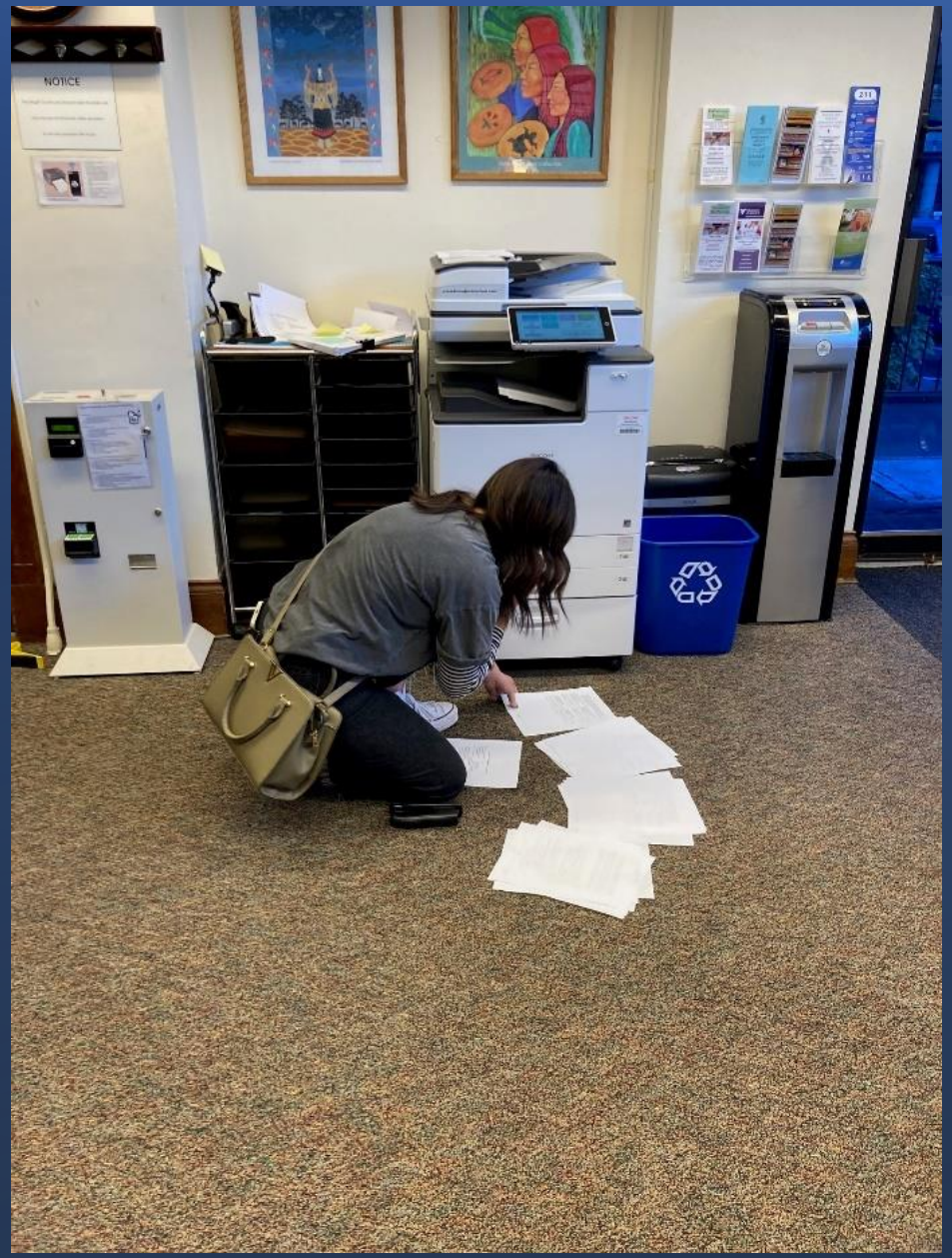

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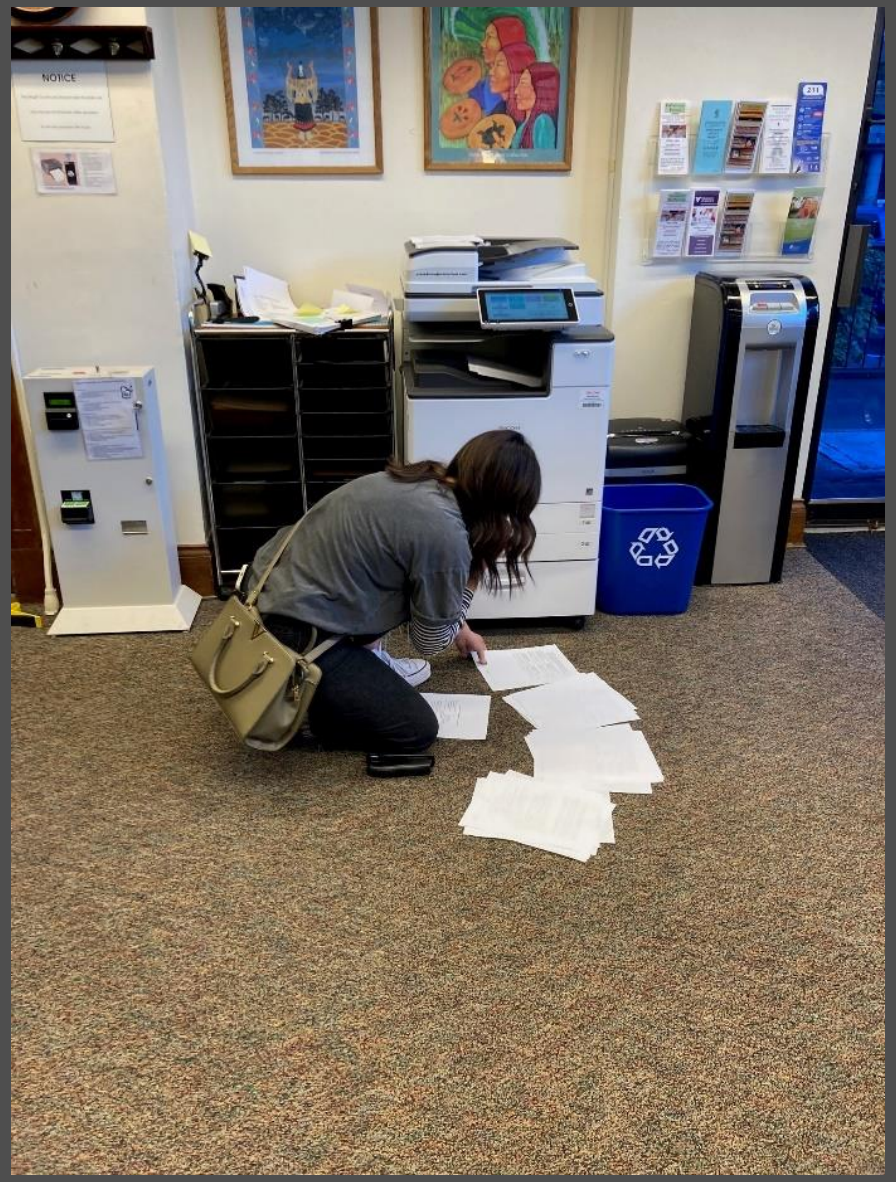
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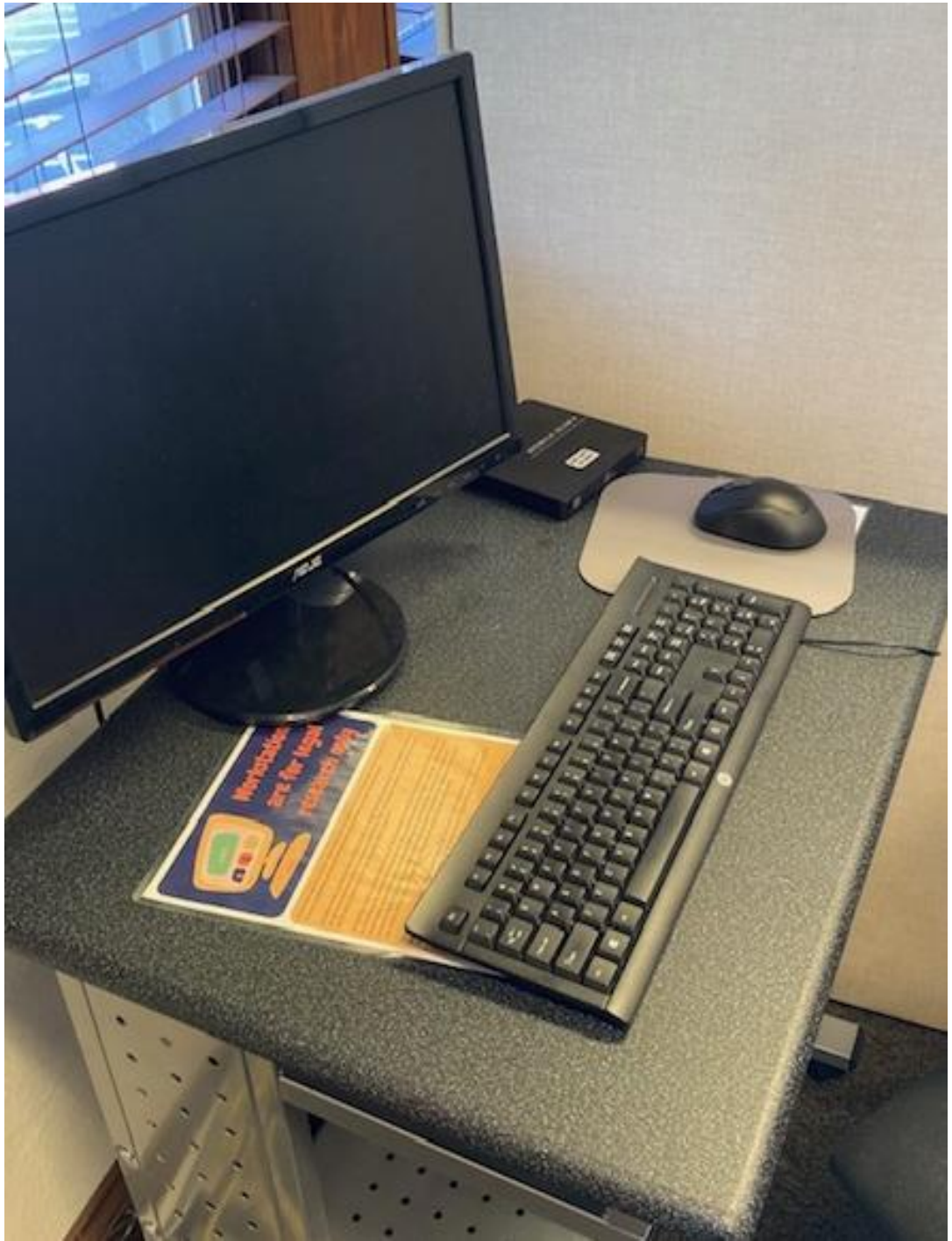

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ONLINE LEGAL FILL IN FORMS, LIKE THOSE FROM WASHINGTONLAWHELP.COM OR THE WASHINGTON STATE COURT FORMS PAGE

COMES LOADED WITH WORD AND EXCEL SO YOU CAN WORK ON DOCUMENTS OR SPREADSHEETS NEEDED FOR COURT.

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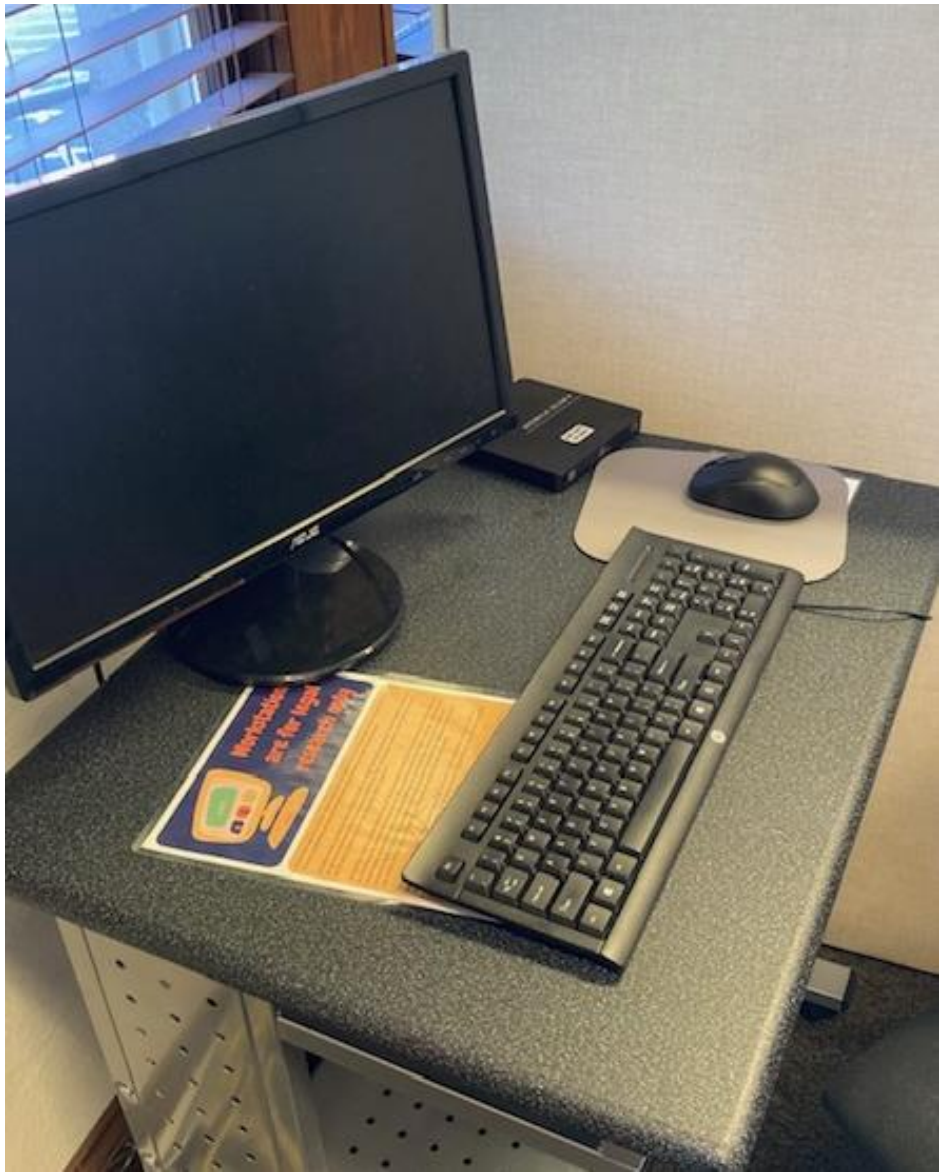

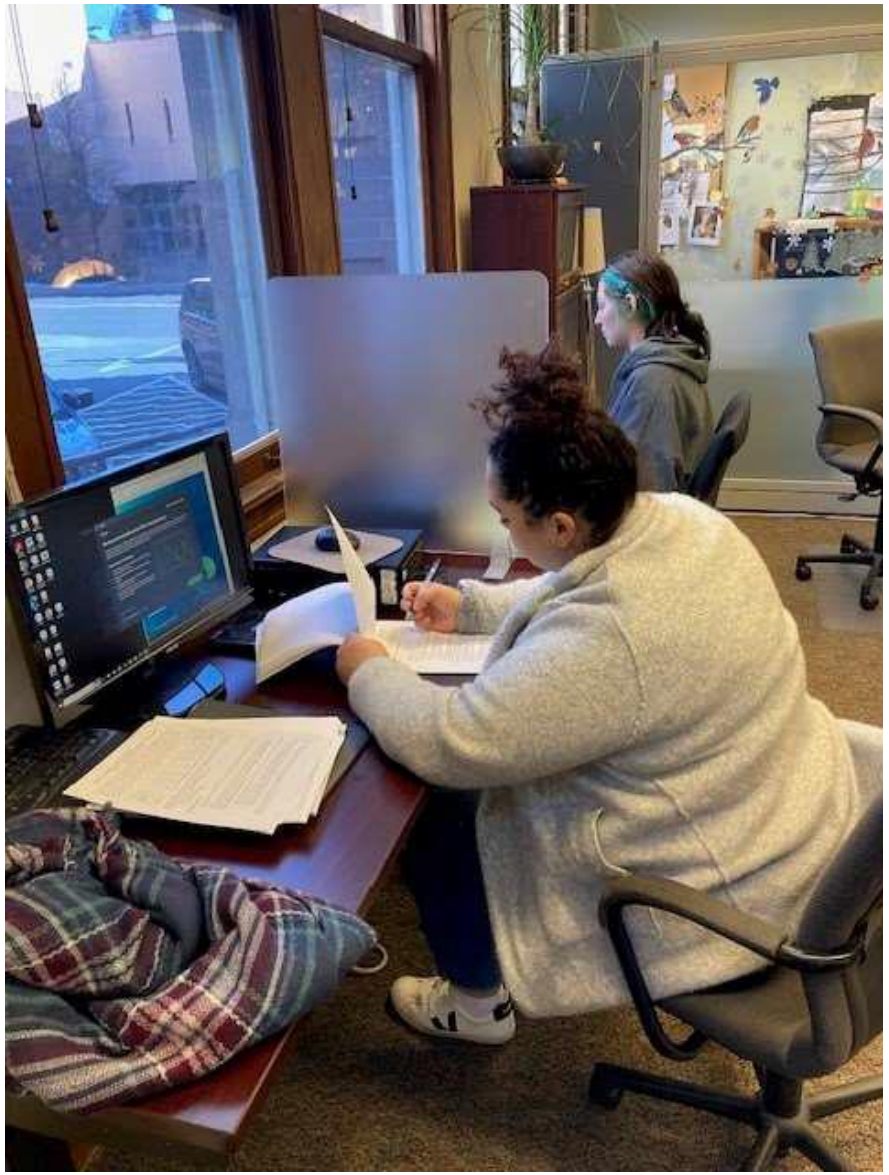

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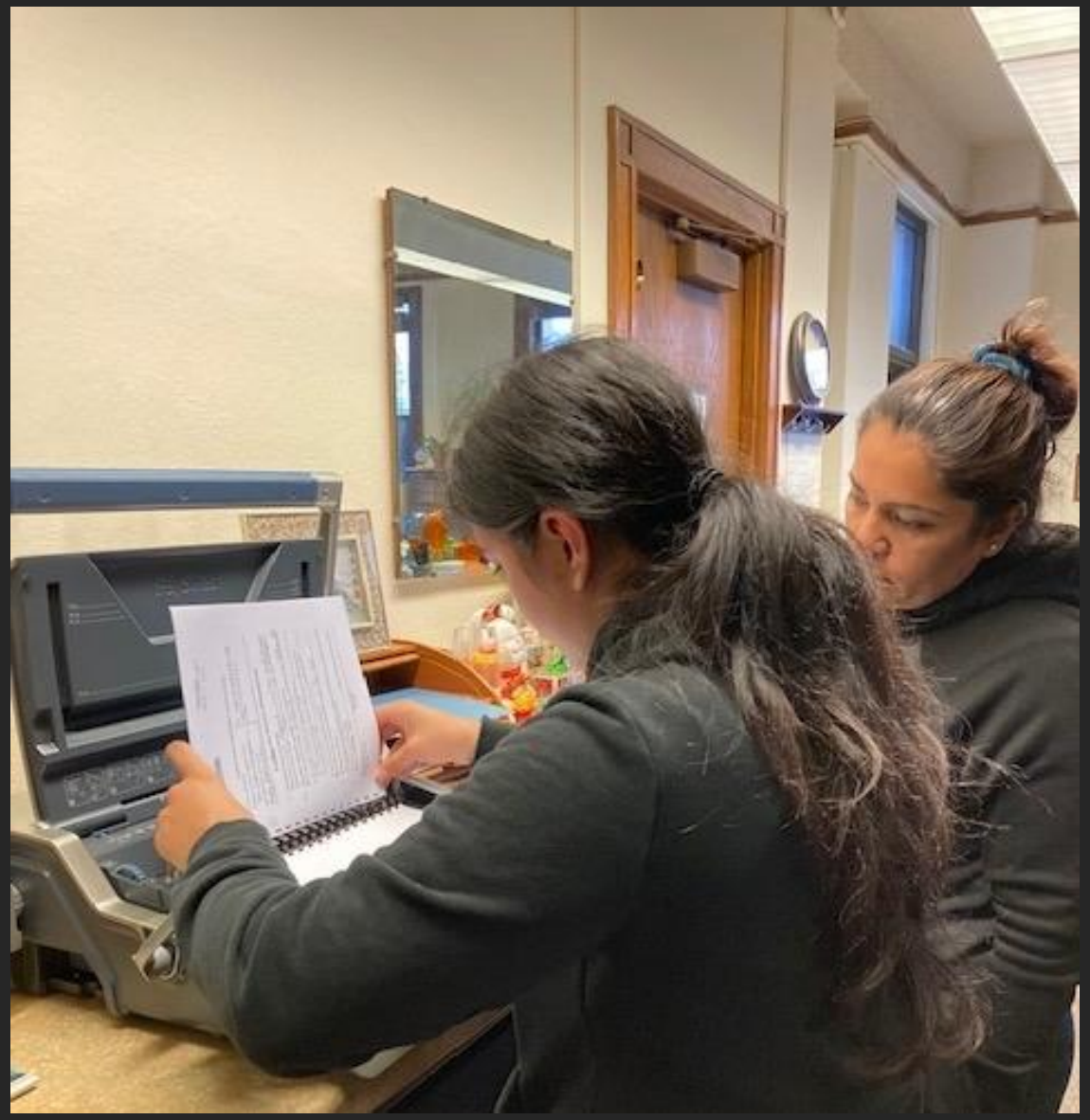

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VOILA !!

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: 1/2/2025

Jasmine Abila

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SKAGIT)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Jasmine Abila signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

DATED: 1/2/2025

Notary Public

Printed Name: Cindy L. Adams

My appointment expires: 10/19/2026

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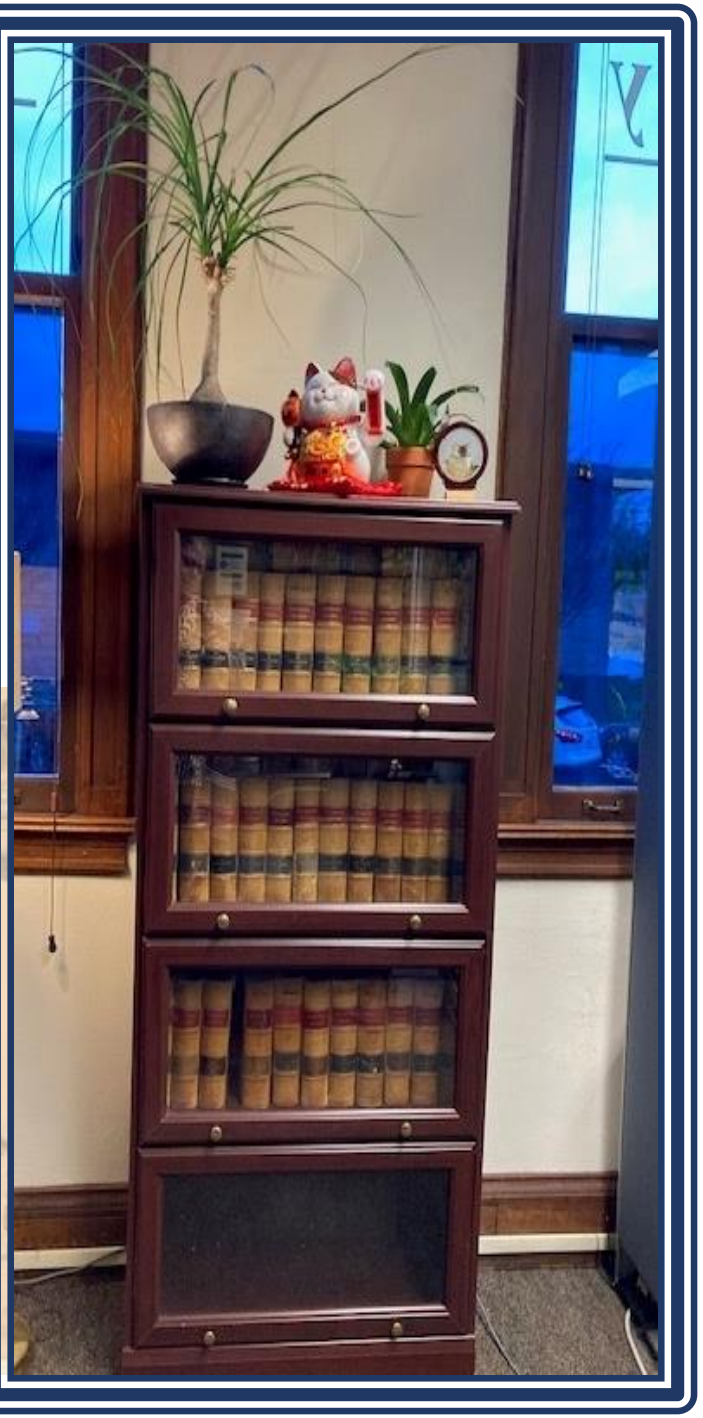

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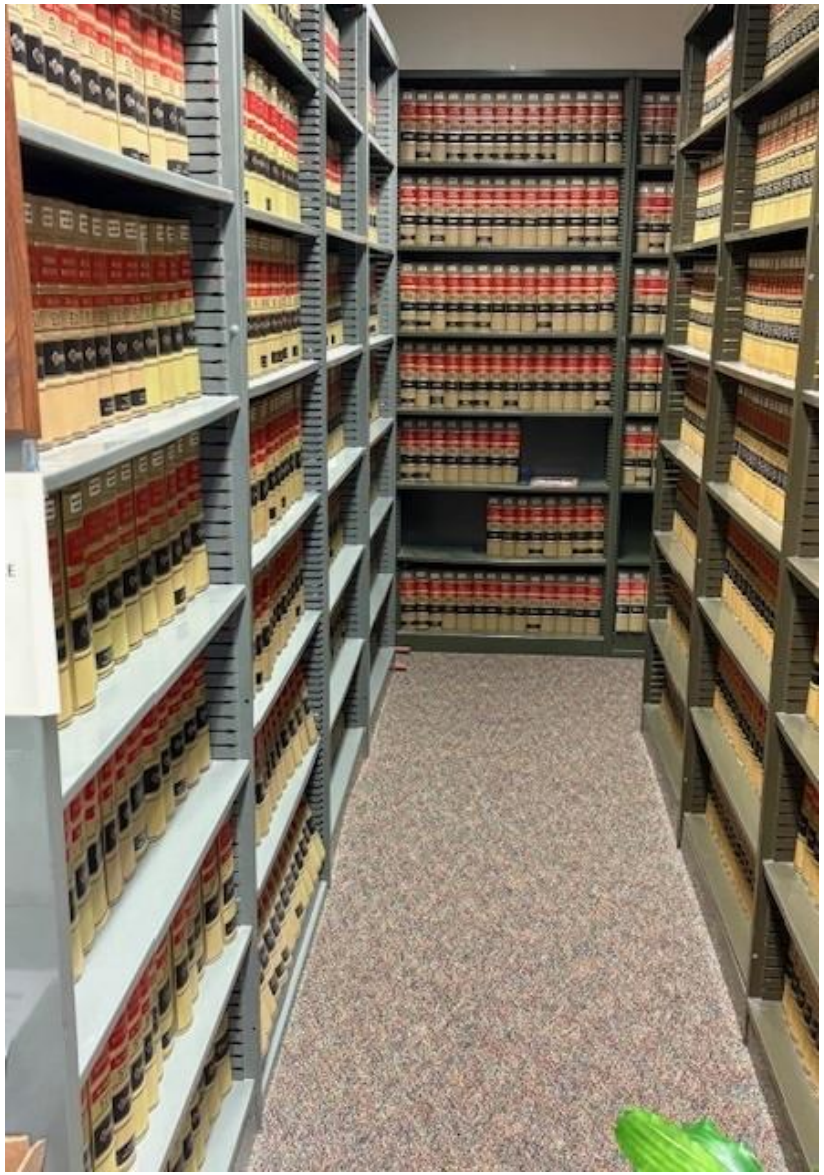

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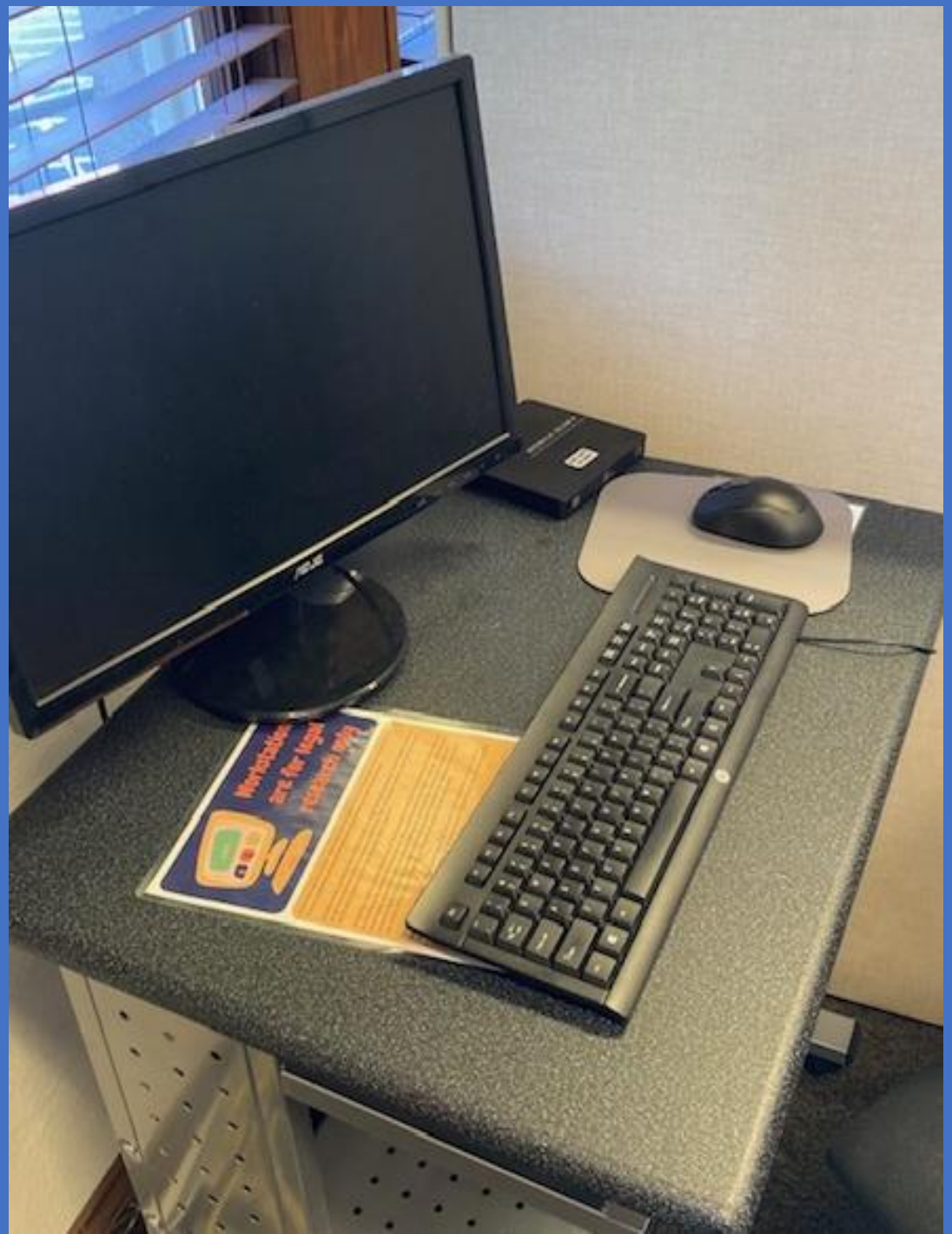

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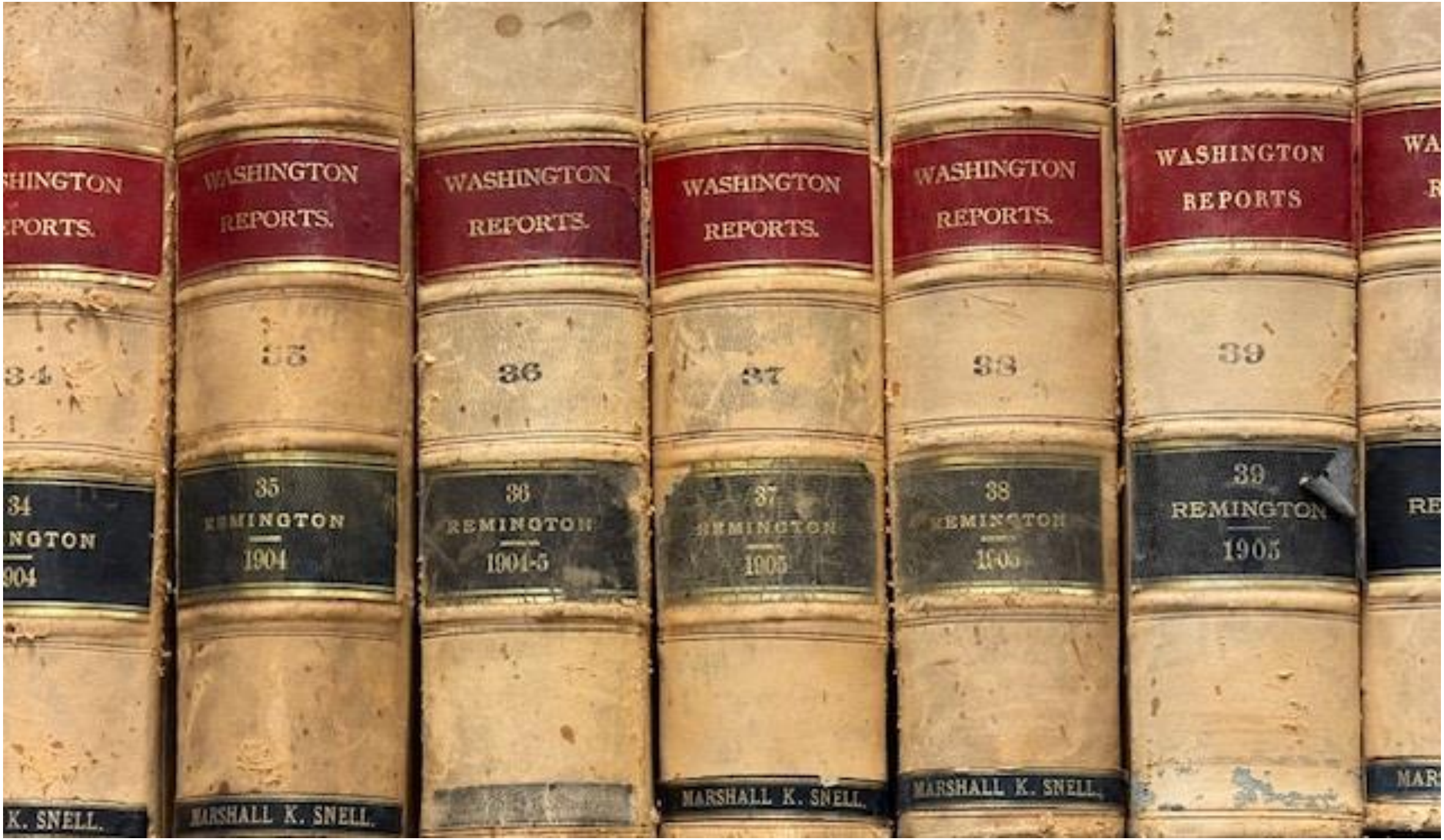
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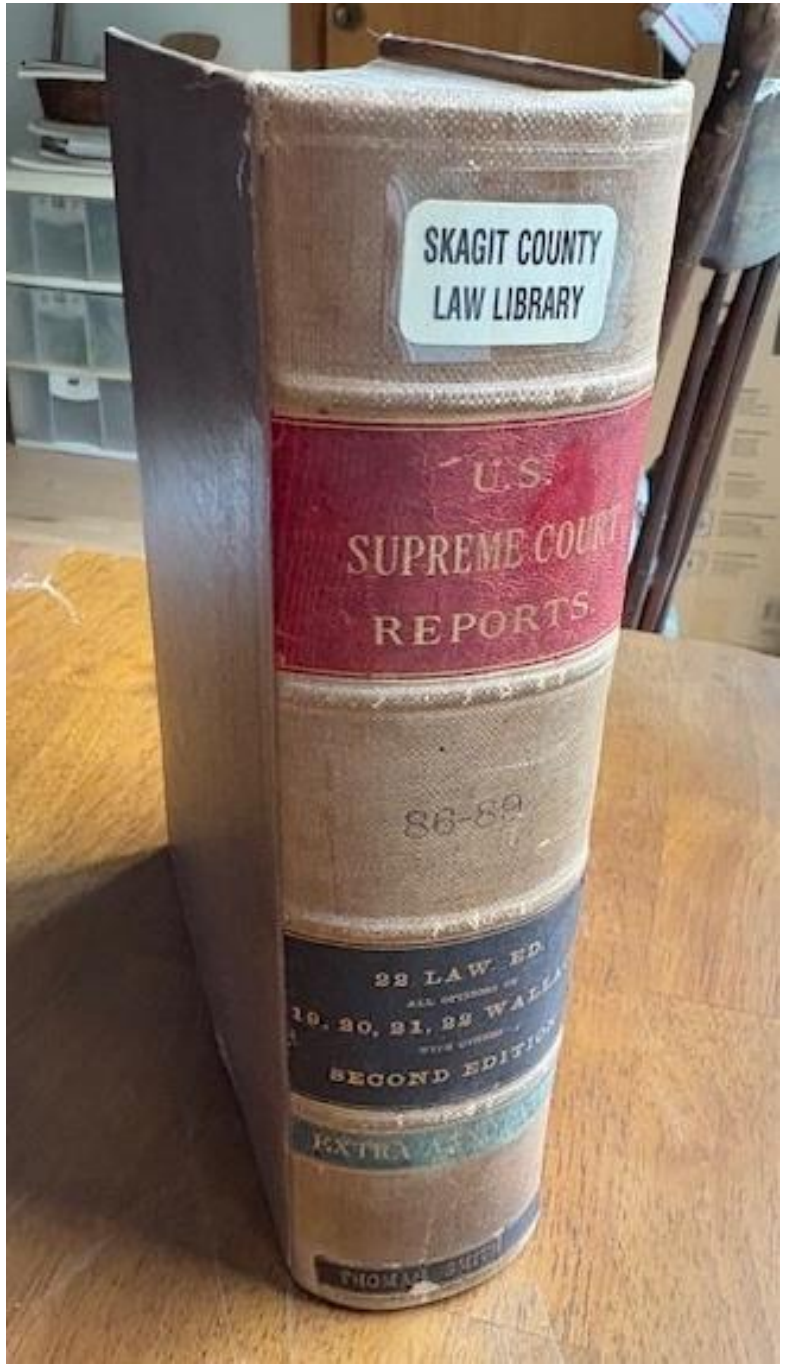
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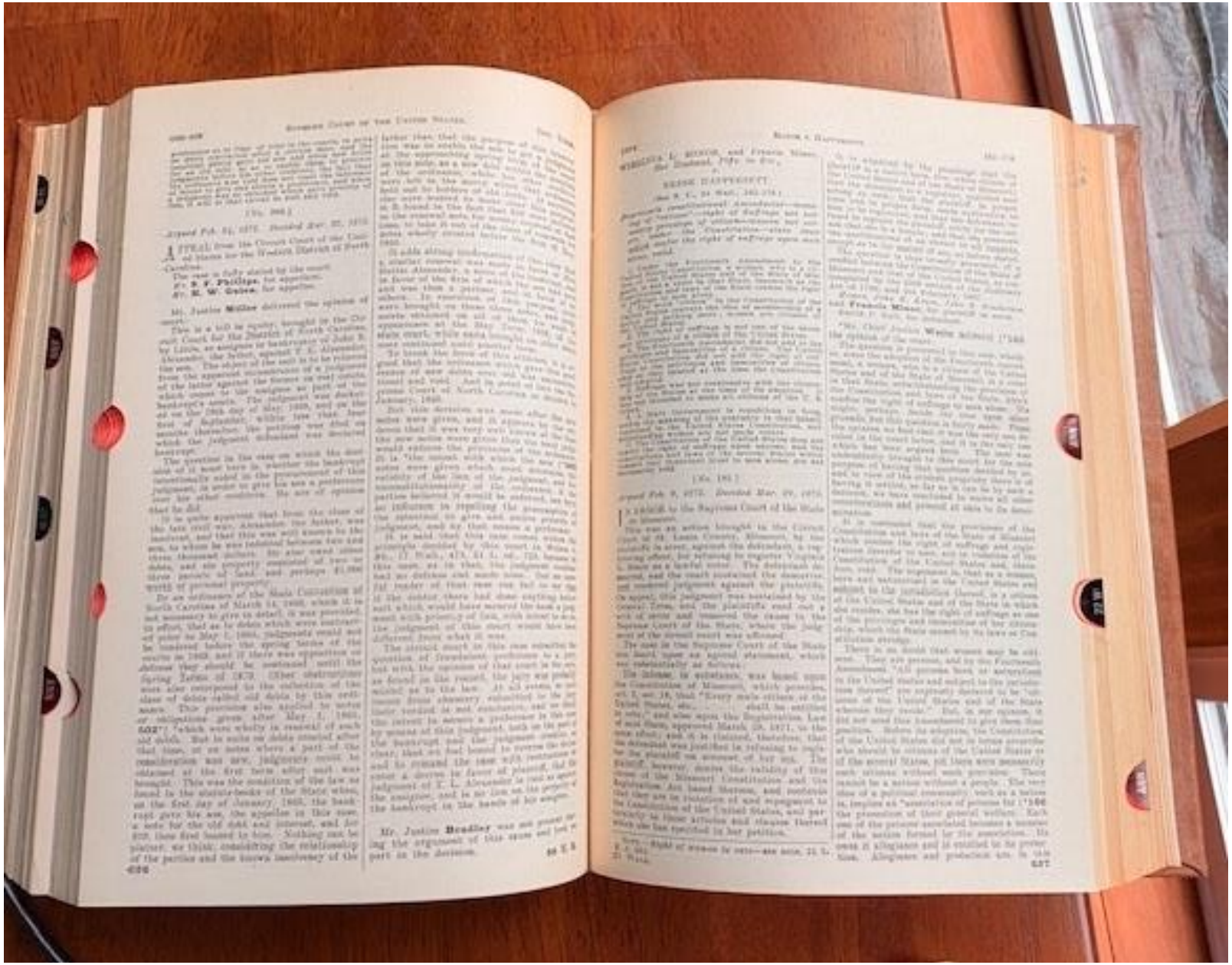

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VIRGINIA L. MINOR, and Francis Minor, Her Husband, *Plffs. in Err.*,

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(See S. C., 21 Wall., 162–178.)

Fourteenth constitutional Amendment—meaning of "citizen"—right of Suffrage not necessary privilege of citizen—women not voters, under the Constitution—state laws which confer the right of suffrage upon men alone, valid.

1. Under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, a woman, who is a citizen of the United States and of the State of Missouri, is not a voter in that State, inasmuch as the Constitution and laws of the State confine the right of suffrage to men alone.

2. The word "citizen" in the Constitution of

“Let us raise up a League of Women Voters—the name and form of organization to be determined by the voters themselves; a League that shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian in character and that shall be consecrated to three chief aims:

•To use its utmost influence to secure the final enfranchisement of the women of every state in our own Republic and to reach out across the seas in aid of the women's struggle for her own in every land.

•To remove the remaining legal discriminations against women in the codes and constitutions of the several states in order that the feet of coming women may find these stumbling blocks removed.

•To make our democracy so safe for the Nation and so safe for the world, that every citizen may feel secure and great men will acknowledge the worthiness of the American Republic to lead.”

Carrie Chapman Catt March 24, 1919

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Where does the US stand with other nations with regard to justice and democracy?

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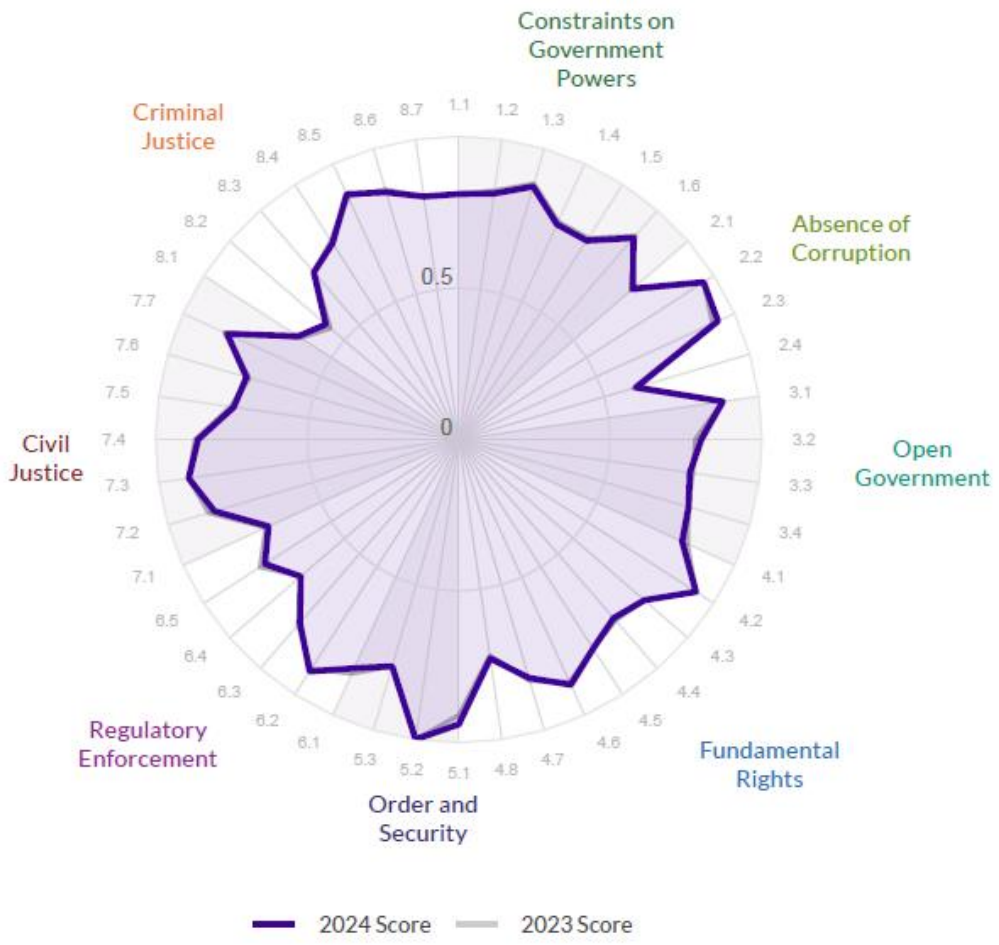

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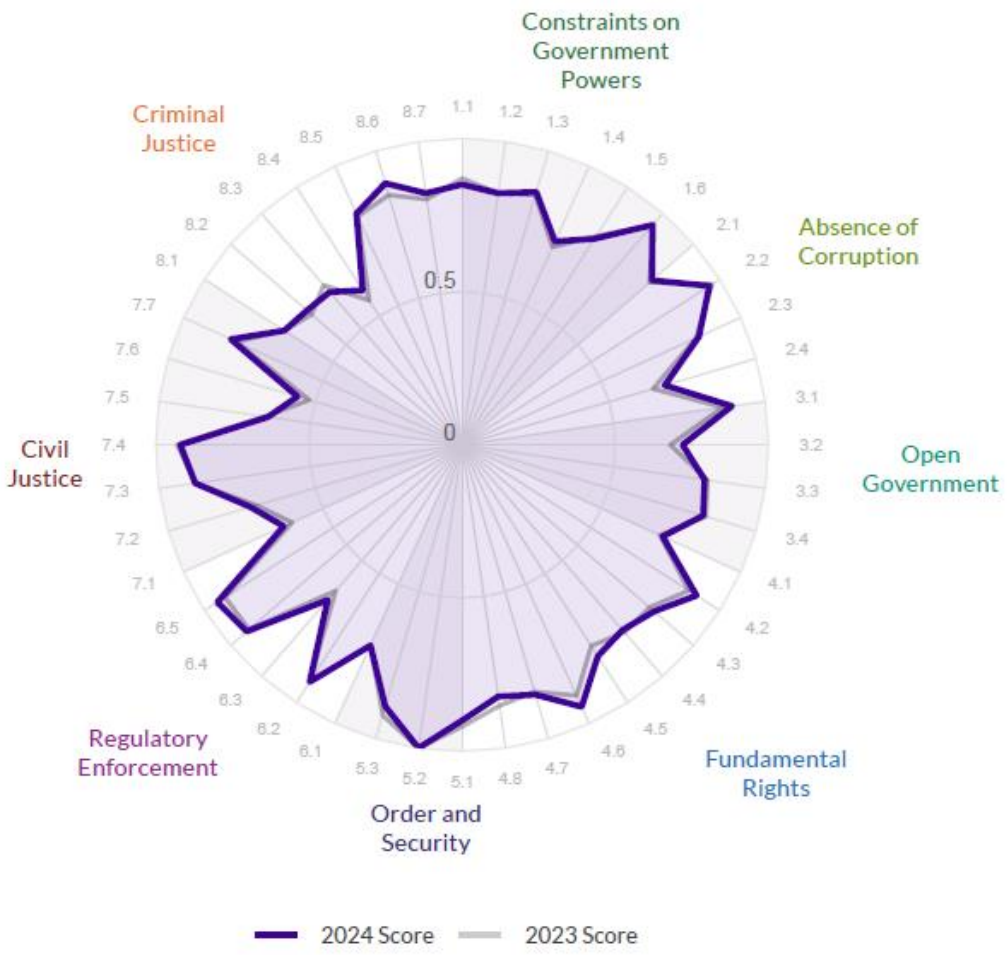

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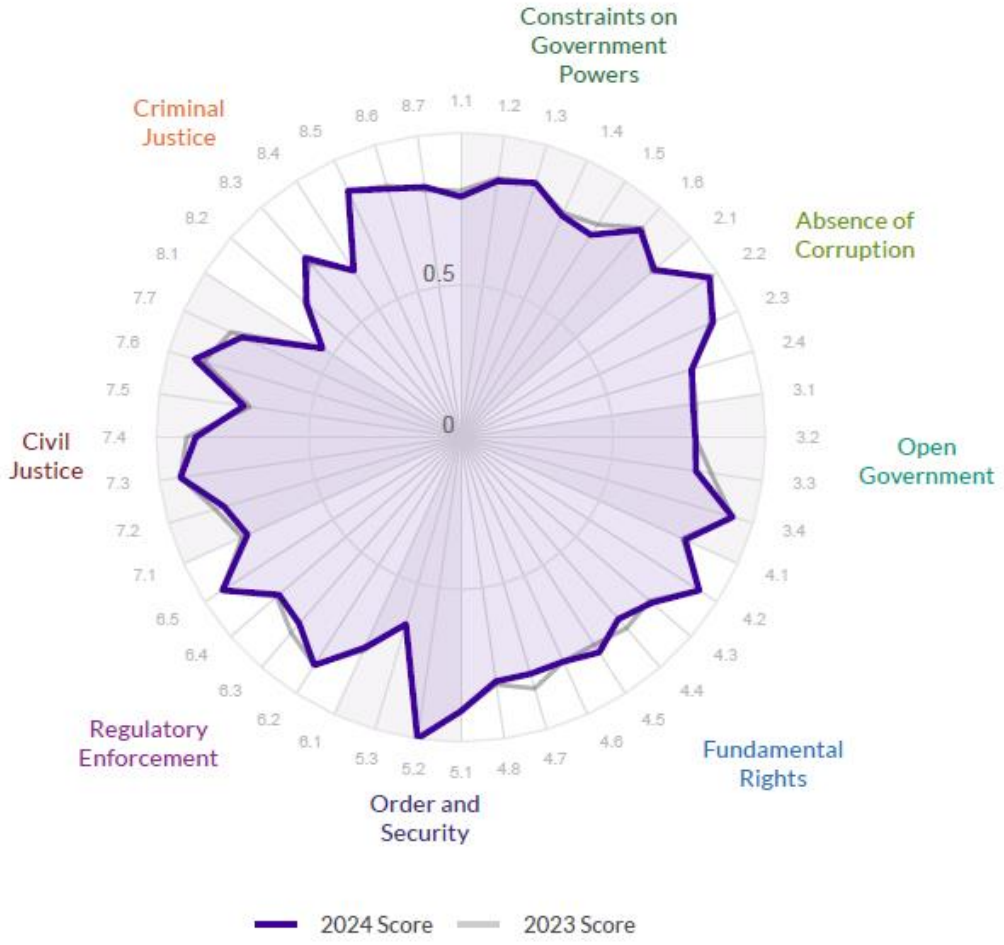

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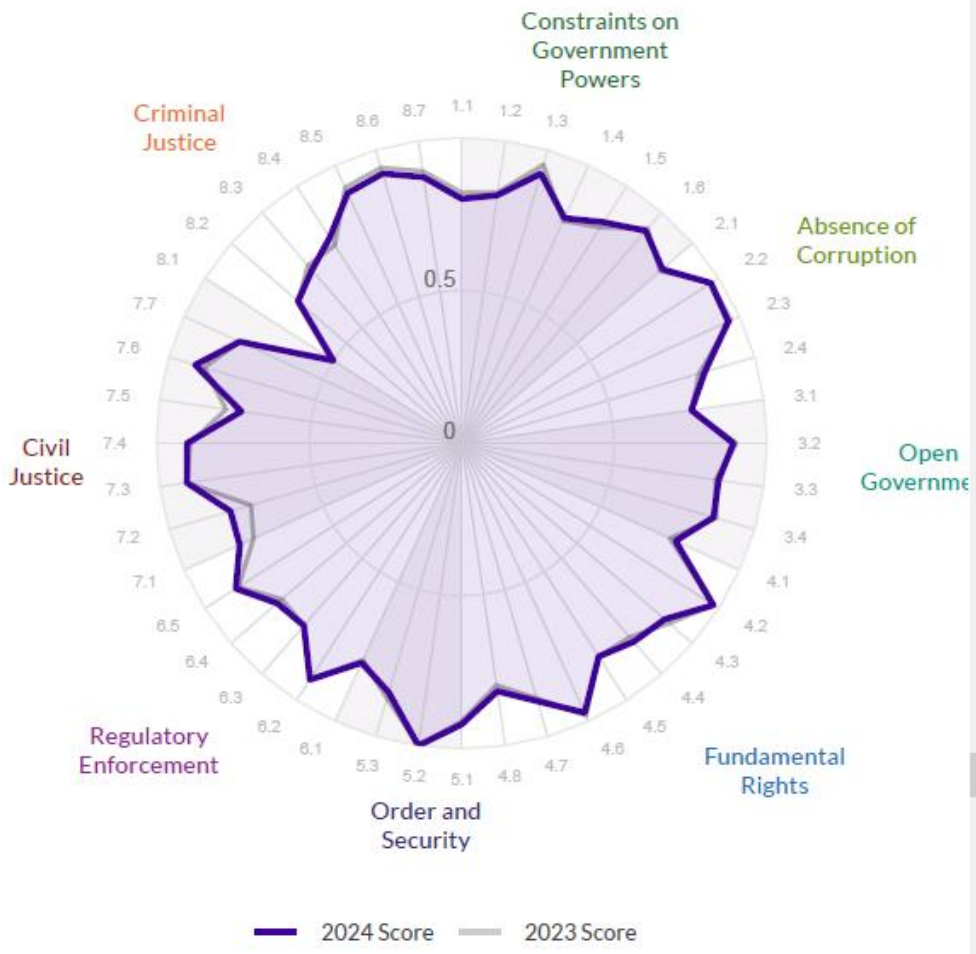

Sweden

Score: 86

United States Rank: Rule of Law

10. Estonia	82
09. Ireland	82
08. Netherlands	83
07. Luxembourg	83
06. New Zealand	83
05. Germany	83
04. Sweden	86
03. Finland	87
02. Norway	89
01. Denmark	**90**

23. Hong Kong	72
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