

COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW
A JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S
MANUAL

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Greetings on behalf of the board of A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual.

Thank you for your inquiry. It is our goal to provide prisoners with publications that explain their legal rights and help them navigate through the justice system to secure those rights. With this goal in mind, we offer three publications: *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*, 12th Edition (2020); the *JLM Immigration & Consular Access Supplement* (2018); the *JLM Louisiana Supplement* (2018); and the *JLM Texas Supplement* (2013).

As a student run, volunteer organization, we are unable to respond to individual inquiries regarding specific legal situations or individual cases. Additionally, institutional rules prohibit us from sending any publications other than the *Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual* and related supplements. However, we have enclosed a list of additional helpful resources that may be ordered directly from other publishers.

To order any *Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual* publication, complete and return the enclosed order form to Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual, Attn: JLM Order, 435 W. 116th St., New York, NY 10027. Please include a check or money order made payable to *Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept payment by postage stamps.

The enclosed order form contains additional information on *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*, 12th Edition (2020); the *JLM Immigration & Consular Access Supplement* (2018); the *JLM Louisiana Supplement* (2018); and the *JLM Texas Supplement* (2013). Please write to us or email us with any additional questions about the *JLM* or to track the status of your order.

Sincerely,
The Managing Directors
A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual
Columbia Human Rights Law Review

Litigation Resources Specifically for Prisoners

Columbia Human Rights Law Review does NOT publish or sell any of the resources listed below. Prices and availability are subject to change.

Books

- *The Prisoners' Assistance Directory*. The American Civil Liberties Union Prison Project publishes the PAD. It includes contact information and services descriptions for over 300 national, state, local and international organizations that provide assistance to prisoners, ex-offenders and families of prisoners. It also includes a bibliography of informative books, reports, manuals and newsletters of interest to prisoners and their advocates. Latest edition was updated in 2012. It can be downloaded for free at <https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/2012-prisoners-assistance-directory>.
- *Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual, Fourth Edition*, by John Boston & John Manville. 960 pages with extensive footnotes that focuses on enforcing the rights of prisoners and possible remedies. Oxford University Press / 2001 Evans Road / Cary, NC 27513 / 866-445-8685.
- *Annual Review of Criminal Procedure*, by the Georgetown University Law Journal (published annually). This publication is more than 1000 pages long, and reviews in great detail the current law on criminal procedure. Currently available to prisoners for \$25 plus tax. Call 202-662-9457 for information on how to order. Office of Journal Administrator/ Georgetown Law Journal/ 600 New Jersey Avenue N.W./ Washington, D.C. 20001.
- *The California State Prisoners Handbook, Fourth Edition and 2014 Supplement*, by Heather MacKay & the Prison Law Office. A comprehensive practice guide to prison and parole law in California. 1,100 pages plus 350 pages of appendices. Available to prisoners for \$40 from: ChromaGraphics 440 Tesconi Circle/ Santa Rosa/ CA 95401 / (800) 630-4104.
- *The Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System, Fourteenth Edition*, by Paul Bergman & Sara J. Berman-Barrett. A "plain-English" handbook on criminal law, 672 pages, available for \$31.99 from: Nolo.com/ 950 Parker Street/ Berkeley, CA 94710-2576.

Pamphlets, Guides, & Newsletters

- *The National Lawyers Guild* offers the *Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook* for \$2 to Jailhouse Lawyers to assist with their civil rights/Section 1983 cases. Payable in stamps, check, or money order. Only one handbook per request. The National Lawyers Guild offers its quarterly newsletter, "Guild Notes," for free online at <https://www.nlg.org/guild-notes/>. The NLG is the country's oldest and largest progressive bar association. Direct letters to: National Lawyers Guild / 132 Nassau Street, Suite 922/ New York, NY 10038. 212-679-5100
- *Prison Legal News*. Monthly magazine (48 pages), edited by Paul Wright. Costs \$30 per year for prisoners, from PLN <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/subscribe/print>. Call: 561-360-2523
- *The National Prison Project Journal*. Legal journal last published four times a year by the ACLU National Prison Project. \$2 per year for prisoners: National Prison Project Publications / 915 15th St. N.W. / 7th Floor / Washington, D.C. 20005.
- Prisoner Support Directory. The Prison Activist Resource Center provides a resource packet to prisoners, their friends and family members. You can download the 2016 (current at the time) directory for free at <https://www.prisonactivist.org/sites/default/files/2016-v2-parc-directory.pdf>. To contact please write to: PARC/PO Box 70447 Oakland/CA 94612.

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WHAT PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

The *Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual* offers four publications designed to explain the legal rights of incarcerated people and help incarcerated people navigate the justice system to secure those rights. All of our publications are softcover books that are stamped "direct from publisher" when shipped. Due to institutional restrictions, we cannot offer any materials from other sources or publishers.

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual, 12th Edition (2020) – The main volume of the *JLM* is a book containing basic self-help litigation information, including information on conducting legal research, seeking legal representation, choosing a court, and filing a lawsuit. The main *JLM*, which is over 1,400 pages, also contains specific chapters on habeas corpus, parole, DNA, the Prison Litigation Reform Act, religious freedom in prison, infectious diseases, mental disabilities, the rights of LGBT prisoners, and more. The *JLM* does NOT contain information on substantive law (such as the elements of crimes or degrees of a crime). It covers both federal and state law, with an emphasis on New York State law.

JLM Louisiana State Supplement (2018) – The Louisiana State Supplement is a 387-page supplement to the main *JLM*, containing information specific to incarcerated people navigating the justice process in Louisiana courts and institutions.

JLM Immigration & Consular Access Supplement (2018) – The Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is a 110-page supplement to the main *JLM* containing information about the immigration consequences of criminal convictions for people who are not U.S. citizens, as well as information about the right of non-U.S. citizens to access their countries' consulates.

JLM Texas Supplement (2013) – The Texas Supplement is a 392-page supplement to the main *JLM* containing information specific to incarcerated people navigating the justice process in Texas courts and institutions.

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (JLM) and all supplemental publications are written and updated by law student members of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. The law prohibits us from providing any legal advice to incarcerated people. The information contained in any of the *JLM's* publications is not intended as legal advice or representation nor should you consider it as such. Additionally, your use of the *JLM* should not be construed as creating an attorney-client relationship with the *JLM* staff or anyone at Columbia Law School. We have attempted to provide information that is up to date and useful. However, because the law changes frequently, we cannot guarantee that the information in our publications and on our website is current or correct.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

JLM publications may be ordered together, or each book may be ordered separately. All prices include the cost of shipping. Payments may be made by check or money order and must be received in full before an order can be processed. **Overpayments will be considered donations and processed as such.** If you are incarcerated or if you are ordering for a person who is incarcerated, please follow the pricing for incarcerated people.

For organizations, institutions, and people who are not incarcerated: The 12th Edition of the main *JLM* is \$140; the Louisiana State Supplement is \$100; the Texas Supplement is \$70; and the Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is \$50.

For incarcerated people, and their loved ones (friends and family): We are able to provide a significant discount to incarcerated people due to the generosity of donors and alumni. For incarcerated persons, the 12th Edition of the main *JLM* is \$30; the Louisiana State Supplement is \$25; the Texas Supplement is \$20; and the Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is \$15.

If you are indigent, and do not have family or friends who can afford a copy of the JLM: If you would like to receive a copy of the *JLM* or one of the supplements, please send us a letter with a short explanation of your financial need, including indigent status and whether or not your family or friends are able to buy a copy for you. We have *extremely* limited ability to offer free manuals and an explanation is required to qualify for a free copy.
If you have a library at your facility, you can also try asking the librarian whether they can order a copy of the *JLM*.

HOW DO I PLACE AN ORDER?

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Please keep a record of your order, especially if you pay by money order, in case there is a problem with receiving or processing your order. The *Jailhouse Lawyers' Manual* is not responsible for any lost or delayed mail or payments. Please inform us of any restrictions on incoming mail that your facility may have (for example, no padded envelopes, or first class mail only).

We send all shipments to incarcerated people via USPS Priority Mail. If your facility does not accept mail from USPS, please let us know, and please tell us which other carrier(s) your facility accepts. The *Jailhouse Lawyers' Manual* is not responsible for any delays resulting from your facility's refusal to accept our delivery of the *JLM*, nor for any deliveries of the *JLM* that are lost or destroyed. **Due to the nature of the institutional mail systems, we request that you allow up to twelve weeks from the date of your order for delivery. Because our office is student-run, your order may not be processed as quickly over school breaks.**

If you have a question about your order, please email us at jl原因.board.mail@gmail.com. We are working as hard as we can, with a limited staff, to respond to your orders and questions. Thank you for understanding.

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	Main JLM, 12th Edition	<i>Immigration Supplement</i>	<i>Texas Supplement</i>	<i>Louisiana State Supplement</i>
For Incarcerated People	\$30	\$15	\$20	\$25
For Institutions and People who are <u>not</u> Incarcerated	\$140	\$50	\$70	\$100
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