

What resources are there for librarians to help people who are asking questions related to criminal legal cases?

Library patrons who are or may be justice-involved or have a loved one who's justice-involved:

- Vinelink– tool to see basic public status of an individual's criminal case
 - <https://vinelink.com/search/DE/Person>
- If they may be incarcerated by ICE/Immigration:
 - <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>)
- Active Delaware warrants
 - <https://pubsrv.deljjs.delaware.gov/WantedPublic/Default.aspx>
- Expungement:
 - Free legal help: <https://ods.delaware.gov/second-chances-screening-form/>
- Finding when/where court may be: <https://courts.delaware.gov/calendars/>
- Out of state:
 - Pennsylvania cases:
 - <https://www.pacourts.us/courts/courts-of-common-pleas/docket-sheets>
 - Maryland cases
 - <https://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/casesearch/inquiry-search>
 - At kiosk in any Maryland law library, can access actual documents; otherwise, only docket

For library patrons who are looking to research legal issues:

- Limited search options:
 - Delaware court opinions: <https://courts.delaware.gov/opinions/>
 - Delaware written law: <https://delcode.delaware.gov/>
 - Federal court cases: <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/>
- Libraries – legal information, not advice – cannot give opinion on how to handle a particular circumstance or to help fill out a form
 - Judicial Law
 - free access to Westlaw, Lexis, Hein (charge for printing)
 - Print materials include books written for non-practitioners of law
 - Legislative
 - Delaware Code (present and historical); Laws of Delaware; and legislative intent resources:
 - Bills and amendments with synopses
 - Audio and video
 - Committee meeting minutes
- Dictionary for legalese: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/>

For library patrons seeking low-income or free legal help:

- Criminal defense (public defense): <https://ods.delaware.gov/request-for-representation/>
- Civil legal aid: <https://delegalhelplink.org/>
- Financial legal issues, including estate planning and deed transfer issues: <https://dcrac.org/>
- Immigration help:

- Asylum: <https://hiaspa.org/>
 - Immigration options, not including asylum:
<https://www.declasi.org/legal-services/immigration-legal-services/>
- Limited Legal Assistance Program (NCC only)
<https://courts.delaware.gov/help/legalassistance.aspxe>