

Legal Services

Nolo.com

Summary: Nolo.com is the website for Nolo Press, the leading publisher of law books for lay readers. It has deep and informative content on common legal matters (estates, divorce, taxes, etc.) that most people will encounter. It serves as an all-around reference encyclopedia and handbook on everyday law.

Uslegalforms.com

Summary: We found US Legal to be the most complete and comprehensive legal service available. US Legal has the largest collection of state specific legal forms and documents on the internet. They have everything an attorney or the average Joe could need in legal forms and non-legal letters. And if they don't, they'll find it for you. Their preparation service is convenient. You can ask legal questions to lawyers and find an attorney if you decide you want to be represented. The customer service US Legal provides is helpful and available in the evenings and Saturdays.

Lawdepot.com

Summary: Although LawDepot was a smaller service than US Legal, they provide an easy-to-use and straight forward approach to legal forms. It is inconvenient that you cannot see the pricing of the document until you are at the purchase page. Still, this service is great for those with very little knowledge of the law. Their Peace of Mind review option makes this website nicer than others that simply have the forms.

Findlegalforms.com

- Summary: Pros: There are thousands of forms to choose from and a 10 percent discount. Cons: The company does not offer a preparation service or a questionnaire to assist you in filing out your forms. The Verdict: This is a great website to use if you are more confident about filing out legal forms and you want a great selection.

Legalzoom.com

Summary: LegalZoom provides a complete legal service that walks you through the process from start to finish. This is the only service we found that offered to file any paperwork for us or mail our forms to us without a specific request. The only thing holding this service back is the number of fully preoperational forms they offer.

Legacywriter.com

Summary: Like BuildaWill, this site delivers a will that's ready to sign, and it's simple to use. The interview is quick and pulls names entered elsewhere to save typing. It offers helpful suggestions, such as how to leave everything to your spouse or to your children in equal portions. The main advantage here is that you download your will in an editable format (RTF) rather than as a PDF. You can opt to have a paper will mailed to you for \$9.95.

Buildawill.com

Summary: For those who don't have time to learn the intricacies of estate planning, this site offers an easy-to-read interview that strikes a nice balance of simplicity and edification. The site is peppered with pertinent legal tips, and when you get to the big decisions, it presents a crash course on estate planning. Don't know the answer to a question? Save your work and log on again later. You don't pay until you download a PDF of your will, and you can make modifications on the site for 30 days.

*Reviews from PCmag.com and Online-legal-forms-review.toptenreviews.com