



# Clark County Law Library

## Reading Call Numbers



Understanding call numbers makes it easier to locate items on the library shelves. Call numbers are found on the spine of library materials.

In our collection, call numbers are assigned to items found in the Treatise, Reference, Reference Desk, Nevada, Self-Help, and Legal Guide sections.

The first letters in a call number represent the subject of the title. KF represents law, for example. Items are shelved alphabetically by the first letters of the call number. Read the first line of the call number alphabetically.

The numbers on the second line represent the subtopic. These numbers are shelved in ascending order beginning with one.

The following line contains a letter and number combination representing the author's last name. Read the third line alphabetically, then as a decimal number. For example, .B84 is before .B9.

The next line may not be present in all call numbers. If present, read alphabetically, then as a decimal number.

The following line is a publication date.

Finally, the last line of the call number may include the supplement, copy, or volume number.

If you are unable to locate an item, please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk.

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