



Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

Using Westlaw & Lexis to Find a Job: A Research Guide

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Overview:

This research guide is a selective guide to aid the individual in knowing how to use Westlaw and Lexis to find a job in the legal field. Locating career information and specific databases are listed for each electronic resource.

I. WESTLAW RESOURCES

Westlaw offers a variety of legal directories. The directories listed can be an excellent source of information on potential employers (where to apply, interview information, etc.)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Database</u> |
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| <i>West's Legal Directory</i> | |
| For Michigan | (WLD-MI) |
| For a specific practice area | (WLD-XX) <i>insert practice area abbrev.</i> |
| For attorneys in private practice | (WLD-PRI) |
| For corporate law offices and counsel | (WLD-CORPCO) |
| For government law offices | (WLD-GOV) |
| For judges | (WLD-JUDGE) |

II. LEXIS RESOURCES

Lexis also makes available a number of directories.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Database</u> |
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| <i>Lexis Employer Directory</i> | (CAREER; EMPDIR) |
| <i>Martindale-Hubbell</i> | |
| <i>U.S. Professional Biography Listings</i> | (CAREER; USBIO or MARHUB; USBIO) |
| <i>U.S. Practice Profile Listings</i> | (CAREER; USPROF or MARHUB; USPROF) |
| <i>Michigan Listings</i> | (MARHUB; MIDIR) |



In addition to the directories above, Lexis has offers networking opportunities for specific practice areas (<http://www.lexisnexis.com/communities>). Access to free tools such as blogs, wikis, RSS feeds and email updates allow users of Lexis to reach out and network with other professionals throughout the United States and internationally.

