



Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

Brennan Law Library Useful Internet Legal Resources

Case Law -- Federal and non-Michigan

Cornell - Supreme Court Collection (supct.law.cornell.edu/supct)

SC summaries within hours of the ruling. Includes email delivery.

ELS - Macmillan Law Library - Federal Courts Finder (www.law.emory.edu/FEDCTS)

Links to all federal courts. Opinions and court information such as location, fees, special rules.

lexisONE (www.lexisone.com)

Free. USSC opinions since 1791 and state and federal court opinions for five years. Full Terms & Connectors searching and root expanders

FindLaw (www.findlaw.com/casecode)

(Owned by Westlaw). All USSC opinions and Federal circuit courts since 1995. Also includes many state courts. Uses the NEAR connector and the * and ** as root expanders. However, the advanced search features did not work when this bib was written.

Supreme Court of the United States (www.supremecourtus.gov)

All USSC cases, and transcripts from oral arguments since 2000

OYEZ USSC oral arguments (www.oyez.org)

Oral arguments and transcripts going back to the 1980s, with plans to go back to 1955. Usually there is a two or three month lag before the transcript is available.

Westlaw Lexis Competition

Fastcase (www.fastcase.com/Corporate/Home.aspx)

All state and federal cases \$95 per month all state and federal cases. Boolean searching

National Law Library (www.itislaw.com)

All state and federal cases \$86 per month.

Loislaw (www.loislawschool.com)

All state and federal cases \$161 per month.

VersusLaw (www.versuslaw.com)

All state and federal cases \$14 per month.

CaseClerk.Com (www.caseclerk.com)

All state and federal cases \$70 per month.



General Search Tools

Altavista (www.altavista.com)

Google (www.google.com)

Note the "Advanced" search feature and also Google Scholar and Google Blogs

Live Search (MSN) (www.live.com)

Yahoo (www.search.yahoo.com)

Federal Statutes, and Agency Regulations

US Code via Google (www.google.com)

From google, search: **US CODE** and you will have links to the US Code at the Cornell Legal Information Institute (LII), US Code at the Government Printing Office access page, and the official site at the US House of Representatives. All three provide searching and browsing capabilities.

THOMAS (thomas.loc.gov)

Best free source for legislative history. Search full text of pending bills, current laws, and the congressional record for floor debates, and hearings.

Federal Agency Regulations: CFR and Federal Register via Google

CFR: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr>

Federal Register: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr>

Remember that the Federal Register has chronological listings of regulations as they are promulgated. Later the regulations are codified by issuing agency and topic into the CFR.

Justia Regulations Tracker (regulations.justia.com)

A search engine for finding federal agency regulations.

State Legal Sites

Most states have cases, bills, statutes, attorney general opinions, court rules, jury instructions, state court briefs and local ordinances online. Government web sites, however, are often cumbersome



Best to just use a search engine like google:
Example searches that work:

- texas attorney general opinions
- pennsylvania court rules
- kentucky court forms
- indiana jury instructions
- florida attorney general opinions
- illinois court opinions
- georgia agency regulations
- new jersey bill tracking
- michigan supreme court briefs

Legal News

American Lawyer (www.americanlawyer.com)

Jurist Legal News (www.jurist.law.pitt.edu)

Law.com (<http://www.law.com>)

Scout Report (scout.wisc.edu),

From the search window, search "Legal News," or "Criminal Law," or Constitutional Law, etc.

Legal Search Engines & Portals

Cornell LII (www.law.cornell.edu)

Earliest and most famous of the legal portals. It's focus is on federal materials and also the state of New York. There are research guides, and links to all state cases and statutes.

USA.GOV (www.usa.gov), & USAsearch.gov

An official federal government portal. The 2nd site being a search engine for the first site

FindLaw (www.findlaw.com)

We've already discussed this. It has links to most of the useful state resources.

GPO (www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html)

Government Printing Office. Links to 1000s of online GPO publications, many of which are no longer available in print. Additional links to CRF, Federal Register, US Code, pending bills.

Internet Legal Resource Guide (www.ilrg.com)

1000s of easy to access links. Suggest using the search window for your state, or legal topic

LSU portal -- U.S. Federal Agencies (www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html)

Huge well organized list of federal agencies and quasi-agencies.

WASHLAW (www.washlaw.edu)

Extremely well organized portal, sorted by states and countries.

Forms



All Law - Forms (www.alllaw.com/forms)

Both free and fee based forms.

U.S. Legal Forms, Inc. (www.uslegalforms.com)

Fee based sorted by state and topic. Most cost around \$25 per form.

FindForms (www.findforms.com)

A search engine that searches various forms web sites. Some free and some are pay.

FindLaw Court Forms (forms.lp.findlaw.com)

Free non litigation form samples. Actual contracts and such rather than fill in the blank style forms.

FormsGuru (www.formsguru.com)

Generic non litigation forms. Sorted by state. Most cost around \$16

ILRG Legal Forms Archive (www.ilrg.com/forms)

Free generic non-litigation forms such as quit-claim deeds, LLC articles of organization, etc.

LawInfo (www.lawinfo.com)

Select the Business Resources Tab, and then Free legal forms. Large collection.

LegalDocs(www.legaldocs.com)

Prices vary from \$5 to \$150 depending on type and size of the document

Other Legal Tools

Blawg (www.blawg.com)

Search legal blogs. For example, search "elder law" (with the quote marks)

LLRX – Briefs Online (www.llrx.com/features/briefsonline.htm)

Many sample federal and state appellate briefs

Illinois Trial Practice Weblog (www.illinoistrialspractice.com)

Blog from a circuit judge offering practical advice to attorneys (based on the blunders he sees attorneys make most every day.)

Municipal Code Corporation (www.municode.com)

It's free. Just select the Online Library, then click the state you want.

Statistics

Polling Report (www.pollingreport.com)

A compilation of public opinion polls from various polling companies

FedStats.Gov (www.fedstats.gov/)

Excellent stats links by topic, state, agency etc.



Gov Stats Portal @ Vanderbilt (www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/fdtf/statistics.html)

Very good portal to lots of statistics sources

U.S. Dept of Labor Portal (www.bls.gov/bls/other.htm)

Great portal with links to all of the main government sources of statistics

Scout Report (scout.wisc.edu)

After you get here, search for example, "Crime Statistics," or "poverty statistics, etc.")

Noodletools (www.noodletools.com/debbie/resources/math/stats.html),

It's an excellent statistics portal

USA.GOV (www.usa.gov)

This site is loaded with government information. To find statistics, use the search window and search "statistics"

Legal Employment

ILRG Largest 250 Firms (www.ilrg.com/nlj250)

ILRG Salaries (www.ilrg.com/employment/salaries)

NALP Directory (www.nalpdirectory.com)

Matindale.com (www.martindale.com)

EmplawyerNet.com (www.emplawyernet.com)

Monster.com (www.monster.com)

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