

Legal Research on the Internet

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Links to Legal Research Portals on the Internet

<http://www.courts.alaska.gov/library.htm> Alaska State Court Law Library Website

The University of Washington's guide to links for legal research on the internet can be found at <http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html>. Their website also includes research guides addressing particular topics

www.washlaw.edu is an incredible site that includes links to government websites and case law for all 50 states, court rules, Federal case law, International Law, links to People Finder websites

www.law.cornell.edu includes the Legal Information Institute that has extensive online legal databases including the U.S. Supreme Court back to the 1930s, the U.S. Code, the CFR, and an incredible collection of secondary sources.

<http://gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex> provides a simple, searchable database of federal legal information including Supreme Court opinions, all the federal court circuit decisions, and the Congressional Record.

www.findlaw.com is an outstanding legal resource including articles explaining the law as well as links to State and Federal statutes, case law, law schools, law journals and reviews, and many other searchable resources.

www.lawguru.com/ilawlib/index.html "The Internet Law Library" includes links to other U.S. and international legal resources.

www.thelawengine.com This is a very good site including many resources and links to free sites (requires subscription).

Sources of case law on the Internet

www.findlaw.com – links to state and federal case law from all 50 states

www.lexisone.com. LexisOne includes links to journal articles that are very useful to practicing attorneys. LexisOne is a site accessing all the case law offered by Lexis® for the past five years. You have to register as a user but there is no charge.

Websites to locate public records

A portal that collects links to both free and fee public information is <http://www.brbspub.com/>.

For links to Alaskan public records, a comprehensive list of government information sites is located at <http://www.brbspub.com/freeresources/pubrecsitesSearch.asp?subcat=State%2C+County%2C+and+City+Sites&st=Alaska>.

www.cpadirectory.com will search for Certified accountants and firms and <http://architectfinder.aia.org/> will search for architects in the United States. www.Martindale.com searches for attorneys.

There are two Alaska State Trial Courts databases, accessed via <http://www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/> CourtView (<http://www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/pa/pa.urd/pamw6500.display>) is searchable by name and includes the dockets from all cases that aren't confidential, including criminal and civil cases. CourtView includes court records filed in Anchorage, Palmer, Fairbanks and 29 other locations. The Name Index (<http://orca.courts.state.ak.us/names/>) covers the other court locations in Alaska, and can be searched by name but the docket and disposition cannot be retrieved electronically.

Each state maintains public records noting birth, death, marriage, and divorces of its residents. An online index describing how to retrieve vital records for each state in the United States is located at <http://vitalrec.com/index.html>.

Alaska Recorders Office <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ssd/recoff/search.cfm>

Anchorage Borough Real Estate Property Tax

<http://redirect.muni.org/propappraisal/public.html>

Juneau Borough www.juneau.org/assessordata/sqlassessor.php

Fairbanks www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/Assessing/propsearch.aspx

Kodiak <http://www.kodiakak.us/index.asp?nid=293>

Kenai <http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/assessingdept/Default.htm>

Legal Forms

The Alaska State Court forms can be found at: <http://www.courts.alaska.gov/forms.htm>

Another valuable online resource is free model jury instructions. A directory of these instructions can be found at www.llrx.com/columns/reference38.htm

www.akd.uscourts.gov/ref_forms.htm forms for the U.S. District Court for District of Alaska
www.akb.uscourts.gov/forms.htm The U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Alaska Court forms
www.legaldocs.com. Includes forms for contracts, wills, leases and many other commonly used legal forms. While the site charges for some of the more complex forms, some of the forms are free and even some of the complex forms can be "previewed" for free on your browser.

At forms.lp.findlaw.com there are links to business contracts, government forms, forms addressing specific issues and links to state and federal court forms websites. Findlaw includes about 3,000 free forms and 12,000 for fee forms.

Findlaw Corporate Counsel Center, Business Contracts, <http://contracts.corporate.findlaw.com/index.html>. Offers free forms by industry (consumer products, drugs and biotech, financial services, health care, telecommunications, etc.) and by type (compensation, finance, intellectual property licensing, securities, etc.).

International Trade Centre, Juris International. Contracts: Models and Drafting, <http://www.jurisint.org/en/con/index.html>. More than 200 model contracts for international commercial transactions.

Internet Legal Resource Guide, Legal Forms Archive, <http://www.ilrg.com/forms/>. Dozens of forms for basic agreements, buying and selling, credit and collection, employment, leases and tenancies, loans and borrowing, personal and family, transfers and assignments, and other transactions. There is a fee to download the forms.

WashLaw, Legal Forms, <http://www.washlaw.edu/legalforms/>. Provides links to sites with forms, including courts, secretary of state offices, and other agencies.

Internet sites to find people or information

<http://www.argali.com/>: includes information gathering telephone numbers, zip code, weather and other information from sources like AnyWho, InfoSpace, MelissaData, Verizon Superpages, and Weather Underground. It allows you to search by name only, reverse directory lookup and links to maps indicating the location of the individual or business. Personal searches are free, there's a fee for professional searches.

Virtual Gumshoe, is a website that contains information regarding missing people, <http://virtualgumshoe.com/>.

<http://www.free-peoplesearch.com/missingpeople/> provides free missing people searches. The website "Rob's SearchEnginez", http://searchenginez.com/socsec_usa.html, reports that the social security number of a deceased person may be found on personal papers, death certificates, funeral home records, records held by financial institutions, voter registration information at the county courthouse or online, or an individual may obtain this information from the deceased person's former employers.

Researching Business Information on the Internet

Business.com (www.business.com)

FMLX (www.fmlx.com) a UK-oriented site that aggregates links about companies, stock information, analysis and research.

Hoover's Online (www.hoovers.com/free/) information on more than 12 million companies across 300 industries. Free trial, fee for subscription.

www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml EDGAR stands for Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval. Search interface allows a keyword search of company names, with the filings available in .txt format

10-K Wizard found at www.tenkwizard.com includes a high quality interface to search the information found in EDGAR discussed above and also adds company key financial indicators (requires subscription).
