

## -LEGAL WEB SITES-

### WEB SOURCES

direct search

<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/direct.htm>

“direct search is a growing compilation of links to the search interfaces of resources that contain data not easily or entirely searchable/accessible from general search tools like Alta Vista, Google, or Hotbot. Although these ‘general’ tools are essential for the retrieval of Internet based data, searchers often fail to realize that a massive amount of information is not easily or entirely searchable/accessible via these search tools. Material ‘hidden’ from the general search tools is said to reside on the Invisible Web.”

FindLaw

<http://findlaw.com>

Subject directory to legal information, good primary sources, Federal case law, and Supreme Court decisions from 1893-present.

Google PDF File searching  
search term inurl:pdf

<http://www.google.com>

Guide to Law Online

<http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/index.html>

“The Guide to Law Online, prepared by the U.S. Law Library of Congress Public Services Division, is an annotated guide to sources of information on government and law available online. It includes selected links to useful and reliable sites for legal information.”

Illinois General Assembly

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/>

Provides links to Legislation and Laws, the State Senate, the State House of Representatives, and Illinois Legislative Agencies.

Internet Legal Research Guide

<http://www.ilrg.com>

“Welcome to the Internet Legal Resource Guide™. A categorized index of more than 4000 select web sites in 238 nations, islands, and territories, as well as more than 850 locally stored web pages and downloadable files, this site was established to serve as a comprehensive resource of the information available on the Internet concerning law and the legal profession, with an emphasis on the United States of America. Designed for everyone, lay persons and legal scholars alike, it is quality controlled to include only the most substantive legal resources online. The selection criteria are predicated on two principles: the extent to which the resource is unique, as well as the relative value of the information it provides.”

LawCrawler

<http://lawcrawler.findlaw.com>

AV search engine, intelligent agents, and other legal code and case law databases.

LawGuru

<http://www.lawguru.com/index.html>

Allows searching of 435 search engines, use Multiple Resource Research Tool that focuses on national and state codes and federal and state court opinions, search > 01 database simultaneously, and search Law Guru BBS, which has answers to > 13,000 legal questions

LawRunner

<http://www.lawrunner.com>

“LawRunner: A Legal Research Tool™ offers more than 1,100 advanced query templates found on more than 300 forms to facilitate usage of the most complex query parameters built into the AltaVista™ Software. These advanced query parameters are often unknown by, or too complicated for, the average person, but with the advent of the

LawRunner, targeted and more efficient usage of the AltaVista database is assured. Users not interested in American web sites should visit the LawRunner Global Index of 238 jurisdictions world-wide. Users who wish to limit their searches to the jurisdictions of any of the fifty United States should visit the LawRunner American State Index.”

lexisONE

<http://www.lexisone.com>

Free federal and state case law, complete Supreme Court case decisions, 1,400 free legal forms, and an Internet legal guide containing an annotated list of 16,000 links to law-related sites. In order to review information, you must register with lexisONE (there is no charge).

MyCounsel.com

<http://www.mycounsel.com>

This site promises visitors "law you can use," and it delivers just that. Browse an extensive library of articles covering areas of law such as bankruptcy, employment, family, real estate, small business, and traffic. You can also search the site's lawyer directory to find a lawyer in your area.

Nolo Self-Help Law

<http://www.nolo.com>

Free legal information written for the layman. The site is searchable and also has information broken down into subject categories.

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez: U. S. Supreme Court Multimedia Database

<http://oyez.nwu.edu>

This site contains information about Supreme Court cases, Justices of the Supreme Court, and a virtual tour of the Supreme Court Building.

State of Illinois Legislature

[http://www.state.il.us/government/gov\\_legislature.cfm](http://www.state.il.us/government/gov_legislature.cfm)

This page contains links to Legislation—Status and Text, Public Acts, Illinois Compiled Statutes, and the Illinois Constitution.

State Web Pages usually follow this pattern:

[http://www.state.\(Post Office abbreviation\).us](http://www.state.(Post Office abbreviation).us)

### **PRINT SOURCES**

Illinois Compiled Statutes (normally in Reference Section of the Library which means they cannot be checked out). Ask the Reference Librarian for directions. Virtually all public libraries own a copy.