

# “Legal Research on the Internet” Links

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## Legal Dictionaries

Nolo Press: <http://www.nolo.com/glossary.cfm>

Findlaw: <http://dictionary.lp.findlaw.com/>

## Case Law

Findlaw : <http://findlaw.com/cacases/> (free, but registration required)

California Courts: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

## Statutes

California statutes: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

## Regulations

California Code of Regulations: <http://www.calregs.com/>

## City & County Codes

Sacramento City Code: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/>

Sacramento County Code: [http://municipalcodes.lexisnexis.com/codes/sacramento\\_co/](http://municipalcodes.lexisnexis.com/codes/sacramento_co/)

## Court Rules

CA Rules of Court: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/>

Sacramento Local Rules: [http://www.saccourt.com/geninfo/local\\_rules/local\\_rules.asp](http://www.saccourt.com/geninfo/local_rules/local_rules.asp)

## Topical Research

Findlaw “Learn About the Law”: <http://public.findlaw.com>

Cornell LII (Wex): <http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex>

Nolo: <http://www.nolo.com>

California Courts: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/>

County Court websites, with procedures, forms and samples:

Sacramento: <http://www.saccourt.com>

Santa Clara: <http://www.scservice.org/>

## Public Agencies

California Agency Information: <http://www.ca.gov>

California Agency Directory: <http://www.ca.gov/About/Government/agencyindex.html>

California State Phone Book: <http://www.ca.gov/directory.html>

## Public Records

California Secretary of State: <http://kepler.ss.ca.gov/list.html>

Free Public Records Finder.com: <http://www.freeprf.com>

Sacramento County Recorder: <http://www.erosi.saccounty.net/>

Sacramento Superior Court Case Index: <http://www.saccourt.com>

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## Forms

Judicial Council Forms: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/>

Sacramento County Local Forms: <http://www.saccourt.com/forms/localforms.asp>

U.S. Court Forms: <http://www.uscourtfirms.com> (free, but registration required)

## Law Reviews

Washburn Legal Research on the Web: <http://www.washlaw.edu/lawjournal/>

D’Angelo Law Library (U. of Chicago) Law Review Home Pages:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/law/lawreviews.html>

## Additional resources:

### Federal and out-of-state case law:

Altlaw: <http://altlaw.org/>. All Supreme Court cases, 40+years of federal appellate cases, most with West Reporter citations, but not pincites. Advanced search functions available.

PreCyDent: <http://www.precydent.com/>. All U.S. Supreme Court cases, federal appellate cases since 1950, with citations, including pincites. Some state case law coverage (without citations). Advanced search functions available.

Justia: <http://law.justia.com/> Federal and state cases, including some access to current case dockets. Citations, but not pincites. Blackbox search (no advanced search available).

### Federal and out-of-state statutes, regulations, and other government information:

Code of Federal Regulations: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>

Cornell Legal Information Institute (LII): <http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

Findlaw: <http://lp.findlaw.com/>

Justia: <http://law.justia.com/>

Each has different selection, coverage, and features, so you may want to visit more than one when tracking down information. For instance, LII offers a “Popular Names Table” for the U.S. Code, which neither of the others do.

### City and County codes and ordinances

Seattle Public Library has a great resource for locating county and city codes throughout the US: [http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection\\_municodes](http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection_municodes)

UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies has links to most California codes: <http://igs.berkeley.edu/library/calcodes.html>

### Court rules

California Court Info lists local rules for all counties which offer them online:

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/localrules.htm>

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## Secondary Sources

Megasites:

Justia Legal Practice Areas: <http://www.justia.com/sitemaps.html>

WashLaw: <http://www.washlaw.edu/>

MegaLaw: <http://www.megalaw.com/index.php>

Heiros Gamos: <http://www.hg.org/>

Emory Law School’s Megasite Law Guide: <http://www.law.emory.edu/law-library/research/ready-reference/megasite-law-guides-by-subject.html>

## Public Records

Other resources:

Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Viewer: <http://www.assessor.saccounty.net/AssessorsParcelViewerApplication/default.htm>

## Forms

Other resources:

LexisONE: <http://www.lexisone.com/lx1/store/catalog?action=rootFreeCategory>  
(some forms free, but registration required)

Free Legal Forms on the Internet custom search engine: <http://www.google.com/coop/cse?cx=002892257286258227766%3Akp6pmwot5km>

## Law Reviews

Other resources:

Law Library of Congress’ “Law Reviews Online:”

<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/federal/lawreviews.html>

University Law Review Project: <http://www.lawreview.org/>