

I. Getting Started—basic websites to help you begin your research

- A. **Google Scholar** (<http://www.google.com>)
 - This database now free searching of full text, federal opinions and state opinions; DC and Maryland cases are included by to 1997.

- B. **World Cat** (<http://www.worldcat.org>)
 - The world's largest online card catalog. A great place to look for various Treatises on your research topic and direct links to local libraries in your area.

- C. **FindLaw** (<http://www.findlaw.com>)

- D. **Guide to Law Online Georgetown--**
(<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/states/dc-in-depth.cfm>)

- E. **Zimmerman's Research Guide-** An Online Encyclopedia for Legal Researchers
(<http://law.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmermans/>)

- F. **WashLaw Web** (<http://www.washlaw.edu/>) or direct link to legal topics
(<http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/guides.html#keyword>)
 - Large collection of web links to various legal topics and includes a great topical list on different legal topics and guides to specific areas of law.

- G. **RefDesk.com** (<http://www.refdesk.co>)
 - Not specifically legal information, but a great website for checking data a and facts that may be useful for you trial/hearing.
 - links to almost 100 legal research pages at ref desk.com fact law page.
(<http://www.refdesk.com/factlaw.html>)

II. D.C. Legal Information Online

A. D.C. Code and Legislative History

1. D.C. Council's website (<http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/>)
 - Provides access to the official D.C. code, published by Westlaw, and links to legislative history, under the LIMS tab on the website, back to council period 13.

 - Archived editions of the D.C. Code can be found on www.lexis.com back to 1999 and in microfiche, back to 1890's at Georgetown Law Library and the Library of Congress.

2. Older Legislative History
 - PDS Library, scanned collection contains many old Legislative histories Starting with DC Law 1-1 (email Laura Moorer for more information)

 - D.C. Superior Court library-maintains paper copies of legislative history back to D.C. Law 1-1.

 - D.C. Legislative Services-located in the Wilson building, provides copies of old legislation. Call (202) 724-8050 to request your copies.

 - Old legislative history, prior to Home Rule, can be found at Georgetown Law Library, microfiche room and at the Library of Congress.\

B. D.C. Case Law

1. Google Scholar—back to 1997.
(<http://www.scholar.google.com>)

2. Cornell
(<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>)

3. Library of Congress
(<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states/us-dc.php>)

4. LexisOne
(<http://www.lexisone.com/caselaw/freecaselaw>)

5. FindLaw
(<http://www.findlaw.com>)

- C. **D.C. MPD Orders**—compilation of the Metropolitan Police Orders
1. PDS Law Library- email Laura Moorer for specific orders, PDS Library maintains a collection of certain orders but not a complete set.
 2. link to online
(<http://www.justiceonline.org/site/PageServer?pagename=DCMPDIndexOfDirectives>)
- D. **D.C. Court Rules**
1. DC Superior Court and D.C. Court of Appeals rules can be found online at
(http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/admin_orders/rules.jsp)
- E. **D.C. Superior Court Administrative Orders**
1. D.C. Superior Court Website
(http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/admin_orders/admin_orders.jsp)
 2. D.C. Superior Court Library- paper copies of older orders.
- F. **D.C. Municipal Regulations and Administrative Orders**
1. Office of Documents and Administrative Services-
(<http://www.dcregs.dc.gov/>)\
 2. LexisOne
(<http://www.lexisone.com/caselaw/freecaselaw>)

III. Federal Law—websites that provide access to the U.S. Code, federal case law, and U.S. legislation and regulations

- A. **Lawyer Express**
(<http://www.lawyerexpress.com/>)
- B. **FindLaw-** (<http://www.findlaw.com>)
- C. **Legal Information Institute (Cornell)-** (<http://www.law.cornell.edu>)
- D. **Public Library of Law-** (<http://www.plol.org>)
- E. **THOMAS-** (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>) very current online resource for federal legislative material. Full text of legislation available from 1989 (101st Congress) to the present.
- F. **GPO Access-** (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov>) full text access to the CFR, Federal Register, Congressional Record (only back to certain dates).
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>
- G. **Hiero Gamos-** (<http://www.hg.org/index.html>)
- H. **The Supreme Court website-** (<http://www.supremecourt.gov/>)
- I. **Justia-** (<http://cases.justia.com/us-court-of-appeals/>)

IV. Juvenile Law Research- websites that provides some access to juvenile law issues

- A. **Juvenile Information Network-** (<http://www.juvenilenet.org/>)
“is intended to encourage communications among juvenile justice professionals and to foster the development of new reform programs in systems at the state and local levels.”
Developed by the corrections community.
- B. **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court**
NCJFC- <http://www.ncjfcj.org/>
- C. **ChildStats** - <http://www.childstats.gov/>

This website offers easy access to statistics and reports on children and families, including: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education and health. The Forum fosters coordination, collaboration, and integration of Federal efforts to collect and report data on conditions and trends for children and families.
- D. **Cornell** – (http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/table_family)
- E. **National Center for Juvenile Justice**
(<http://www.ncjservehttp.org/NCJJWebsite/main.html>)
- F. **NCJRS- National Criminal Justice Reference Service**
(<http://www.ncjrs.gov>)
- G. **Social Science Network-** (<http://www.ssrn.com>) provides abstracts to many articles of scholarly papers to legal law journals.
- H. **National Law Review Project-** <http://www.lawreview.org/>
Access to over 200 online law review articles, full text search, for free
- I. **ABA Free Full-text Online Law Review/Law Journal Search Engine**
(<http://www.abanet.org/tech/ltrc/lawreviewsearch.html>)

V. Websites that Provide Legal Research for a low-cost fee

- A. **LoisLaw-** (<http://loislawschool.com>)
- B. **VersusLaw-** (<http://www.loislaw.com/>)
- C. **Fastcase-** (<http://www.fastcase.com/>)
***** DC Bar Members can access for free.**

VI. Interesting websites for fact checking, investigation, or just for fun!

- A. Wayback Machine- <http://www.archive.org/web/web.php>
Browse through over 150 billion web pages archived from 1996 to a few months ago.
- B. Old Newspapers articles, High Beam (<http://www.highbeam.com/>)
- C. Mapping website-
(<http://octo.dc.gov/DC/OCTO/Maps+and+Apps/Geospatial+Services>)
- D. Weather- (<http://www.noaa.gov/>)
- E. D.C. Crime Maps- (<http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/intro.asp>)
- F. Setting up Google Alerts- (<http://www.google.com/alerts>)
- G. D.C. Statistics <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/11000.html>
and <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>