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# Legal Information Links for Public Librarians

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### U.S. Legal System Overview:

[http://usinfo.org/enus/government/govt\\_overview.html](http://usinfo.org/enus/government/govt_overview.html) - big general overview

**U.S. Supreme Court:** <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>

**U.S. Courts –** <http://uscourts.gov/courtlinks>

**U.S. Supreme Court:** <http://www.oyez.org> - decisions, news and audio of oral arguments

**GPOAccess:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov> - U.S. government printing office

**Thomas:** <http://www.thomas.gov> - THOMAS was launched in January of 1995 to make federal legislative information freely available to the public.

### Florida Governmental Sites:

**Florida Statutes:** <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/>

**Florida Senate:** <http://www.flsenate.gov> - Information on individual Senators, committees, bills, session calendars, publications and lobbyists.

**Florida House of Representatives:** <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

**Florida Department of State:** <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/> Includes historic information, information on corporations (SunBiz), and Florida Administrative Code (a/k/a regulations)

**Florida Courts:** <http://www.flcourts.org> Opinions from Florida Supreme Court, links to lower courts, forms (self-help), and court information

**Florida Clerks of Court:** <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/fgils/coclerks.html> - Links to each county clerk in Florida.

**Florida Government Information Locator:** <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/fgils/> - "a virtual card catalog of government information available on the Internet and beyond. Although the focus of the Locator is information *from* and *about* Florida State government, we recognize the relationships between levels of government and include links to local and federal government resources as well."

**Florida Bar:** <http://www.floridabar.org> Florida Rules of Court, find an attorney (and see status of attorneys), rules regulating Florida Bar/standards for sanctions, and Florida legal news.

## **Commercial (non-government) Research:**

**LexisOne:** <http://www.lexisone.com> - (Registration Required - free case law – the past five years of federal and state decisions...plus other research features)

**FindLaw:** <http://www.findlaw.com> - West's equivalent of LexisOne

**Nolo:** <http://www.nolo.com/> - Your old friend Nolo comes to the rescue online as well. There is some great, readable stuff on here for your patrons!

**Justia:** <http://www.justia.com/> - Free case law, codes, regulations, legal articles and blogs...plus lawyer directory.

**Municode:** <http://www.municode.com> – Comprehensive coverage of local (county and city) ordinances.

**Google Scholar:** <http://scholar.google.com>

**Public Resource:** <http://public.resource.org>

## **Educational Websites:**

**Georgetown Law Library:** <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/> - One of the best academic law library sites going...see the Guide to Free & Low cost Legal Research at: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/freelowcost.cfm>

**Cornell University Law School's Legal Information Institute ("LII"):**  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/> This site has an introduction explaining their vision, which is publishing law online for free, creating instructional materials about the law, and exploring technology to make the law more accessible. It is not a "pretty" site, but loaded with info!

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