

NetNotes

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

American Arbitration Association (*adr.org*)

The ABA Section on Dispute Resolution (*americanbar.org/dispute*)

The College of Commercial Arbitrators (*ccarbitrators.org/*)

The Mediation Information and Resource Center (*mediate.com*)

BLOGS and NEWS

Find legal blogs at *legalblogs.findlaw.com*.

Find the latest legal news by going to various Internet sites including *reuters.com/legal/* or *news.bloomberglaw.com*.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

The Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system — Go to *sec.gov/edgar*.

From the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), *eec.gov*, you can find information on the following:

- Age Discrimination in Employment Act

- Americans with Disabilities Act

- Civil Rights Act of 1964

From the Department of Labor, *www.dol.gov*, you can find information on the following:

- Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)

- Fair Labor Standards Act

Family and Medical Leave Act

Federal Worker’s Compensation Law

National Labor Relations Act (*nlr.gov*)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (*osha.gov*)

Secretary of State — there are online links to each state’s secretary of state at *e-secretaryofstate.com*.

Uniform Commercial Code — Go to *law.cornell.edu/ucc* or *uniformlaws.org/acts/ucc*.

CIVIL PROCEDURE

Federal Rules of Evidence — *law.cornell.edu/rules/fre* or *uscourts.gov/forms-rules*.

State statutes of limitations can be found at *statelaws.findlaw.com*. Click on a state and then click the link for “Statutes of Limitations.”

COMMERCIAL ONLINE PROVIDERS

Casemaker (*casemakerlegal.net*)

Fastcase (*fastcase.com*)

Findlaw (*findlaw.com*)

Findlaw for Legal Professionals (*lp.findlaw.com*)

LexisNexis (*lexis.com*)

Westlaw (*westlaw.com*)

Some case management programs, like Clio, offer specific packages that include the option of having one of their personal representatives draft documents for you.

COURT SYSTEM

For federal court information, go to either the federal judiciary home page (*uscourts.gov*) or the Federal Judicial Center home page (*ajc.gov*).

Information on Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) can be found at *pacer.gov*.

For information on the U.S. Supreme Court, go to *supremecourt.gov*. You can hear oral arguments at *oyez.com*.

CRIMINAL LAW

The U.S. Department of Justice has a robust website with information relevant to federal crimes, as well as statistics about crimes and victims and information on hate crimes at *justice.gov*.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) maintains a website at *fbi.gov*.

The University of Michigan maintains statistics about crimes and victims through its National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD), found at *icpsr.umich.edu/web/pages/NACJD/index.html*.

A blog on current topics in criminal law can be found at CrimProf Blog.

OTHER GOVERNMENT SITES

Congress — Both the House and Senate maintain websites at *house.gov* and *senate.gov*.

The EEOC home page is located at *eeoc.gov*.

The U.S. Department of Justice website is located at *usdoj.gov*.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website is located at *uspto.gov*.

The White House's website is *whitehouse.gov*.

GRAMMAR and CITATION ASSISTANCE

Grammar Bytes! at *chompchomp.com*.

Help with grammar at *guidetogrammar.org*.

Introduction to Basic Citation at *law.cornell.edu/citation/*.

LEGAL ETHICS

The ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and information about developments in legal ethics and links to the states' Rules of Professional Conduct or Code of Professional Responsibility and to their ethics opinions can be found at *americanbar.org*.

NALA's Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility (*nala.org*).

NFPA's Model Code of Ethics can be found at NFPA's home page (*paralegals.org*).

To view the ABA Model Guidelines on the Utilization of Paralegal Services, go to *americanbar.org/groups/paralegals*.

A blog about developments in legal ethics can be found at *bernabepr.blogspot.com/*.

LEGAL SEARCH ENGINES

There are various search engines that can assist you with your Internet legal research. One that has been designed specifically for legal research is *findlaw.com*.

ORGANIZATIONS

American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) — *aafpe.org*.

American Bar Association (ABA) — *americanbar.org*.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) — *nationalcasa.org*.

International Paralegal Management Association (IPMA) — *theipma.org*.

NALA: The Paralegal Association (NALA) — *nala.org*.

National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) — *paralegals.org*.

Vote Smart — *votesmart.org*.

PRIMARY MATERIAL

For cases and codes, start at *lp.findlaw.com* and click “Cases & Codes.”

- For U.S. Supreme Court opinions dating back to the 1800s — select “US Supreme Court.”

- For federal appellate court opinions — select your circuit.

- For state court opinions — select your state.

- For federal statutes and regulations — select the U.S. Code or the Code of Federal Regulations.

- For state statutes and regulations — select your state.

- Current information on federal legislation — A good source is *thomas.loc.gov*, provided by the Library of Congress.

A good source of current information on federal legislation is *regulations.justia.com*.

The following documents can be accessed from *archives.gov*.

- The Declaration of Independence

- The Constitution

- The Bill of Rights

Congress established the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to disseminate nonpartisan information about the Constitution. It has created an online interactive Constitution at *constitutioncenter.org*.

TORTS

Consumer Product Safety Commission — *cpsc.gov*.

Medical information — You can find current medical news at *medscape.com*.

UNIFORM LAWS

Various uniform laws governing various areas of the law can be found at *law.cornell.edu*. This website includes information on the following:

- Uniform Commercial Code
- Uniform Probate Code
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act
- Uniform Interstate Family Support Act
- Uniform Premarital Agreement Act
- Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act