Legal Links from the Prendergast Library

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FEDERAL LAWS & CODES

for Historical Documents click here

United States Code (House of Representatives)
http://uscode.house.gov/


- fulltext
- search the current U.S. Code

http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm


United States Code (via Cornell University Law School)
http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/

- Table of Popular Names
Congressional Record (THOMAS)
http://thomas.loc.gov/

This website is maintained by the Library of Congress.

includes:

- Congressional Record (fulltext)

  dates offered: 106th Congress (most recent) - 101st Congress (1989-1990)
- Congressional Record Index, dates offered: 106th - 103rd Congress (1994)

THOMAS
(legislative service from the Library of Congress)
http://thomas.loc.gov/

includes:

- bill summary and status for the current Congress
- Public Laws and Roll Call Votes back to 1975
- Congressional Record
- Congressional Index
- Committee Information: Reports, Home Pages and Hearing Schedules & Transcripts
- directory for the House & Senate
- under Judicial Link several US Code and State Statute Sites
- Historical Documents

Federal Register
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html

"The Federal Register is the official daily publication for Rules, Proposed Rules, and Notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as Executive Orders and other Presidential Documents."

- fulltext
- 1995-current

Code of Federal Regulations
(National Archives and Records Administration)

- fulltext
- 1997-current

GPO Access (U.S. Government Printing Office)
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/index.html

"Official Federal Government Information at Your Fingertips."

includes:

- Code of Federal Regulations
- Federal Register
- Congressional Record current-1995
- U.S. Code
- Supreme Court Decisions, 1937-1975
- Supreme Court Decisions, 1992-current
- Core Documents of U.S. Democracy
Lemon Laws

Fee Based Resources (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/com_law.html

NEW YORK STATE LAW & CODES

New York State Laws from the New York State Assembly

New York State Bill Search
http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/

New York State Laws (FindLaw)

includes:

- consolidated, unconsolidated laws and the NYS constitution
- fulltext

Other NYS Primary Materials (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/

- links to NYS: cases, codes and regulations

New York State Law (Washburn University School of Law)
http://www.washlaw.edu/washlaw/uslaw/uslmn_nc.html#New York

includes:

- New York State Statutes (listed alphabetically by Title)
- NYS consolidated and unconsolidated laws
- NYS courts
- Legislative Information

New York State Constitution (NYS Assembly)
http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?co=0

Checklist of Official Publications of the State of New York
(New York State Library)
http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/edocs/education/chcktext.htm


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Fee Based Resources (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/com_law.html
STATE LAWS & CODES

State Laws & Codes (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/index.html

- fulltext to the laws and codes of most states

State Laws (Washburn University School of Law)
http://www.washlaw.edu/washlaw/uslaw/statelaw.html

includes:
- home page for the state
- legislative information
- statutes (searchable database)
- state courts
- state agencies
- congressional delegation
- historical documents

State Constitutions (FindLaw)

Lemon Laws

INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Law & News (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/12international/index.html

- country pages: includes legal resources
- US Embassies around the world
- world legal news

International Courts (National Center for State Courts)
http://www.ncsconline.org/Information/info_court_web_sites.html

Web Sites of National Parliaments
http://www.ipu.org/english/parlweb.htm

- links to National Parliaments around the world

FAMOUS TRIALS

Famous Trials from Professor Doug Linder
http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm

*The materials included in the famous trials Web site are original works of authorship, government records, works for which copyright protection has expired, works reprinted with permission, or works that I believe are within the fair use protection of the copyright laws...
This is an educational and non-commercial site maintained at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School. Doug Linder, Professor of Law.

**History Channel**
http://www.historychannel.com

- type the word trials or the trial name you are looking for in the search box

**Court TV Online**
Famous Cases
http://www.courttv.com/trials/famous/

Tip:
type the trial name in a search engine
http://www.prendergastlibrary.org/legal.html#search

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT / CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office**
http://www.officeofthesheriff.com/

**Law Enforcement Agencies in Western New York**
http://www.rin.buffalo.edu/s_safe/poli/poli.html

**The Police Officer's Internet Directory**
http://www.officer.com/

- USA & International Agencies, etc...

**New York State Resources on Crime and Criminal Justice**
http://unix2.nysed.gov/ils/topics/crime.htm

**New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services**
http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us

**U.S. Department of Justice**
http://www.usdoj.gov

**U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics**
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/welcome.html

**Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online**
http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook

**Institute of Intergovernmental Research**
http://www.iir.com

**Justice Information Center**
http://www.ncjrs.org/homepage.htm

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**FEDERAL COURTS**
Supreme Court of the United States
http://www.supremecourtus.gov/

- Supreme Court Calendar
- current Term Opinions of the Court
- visiting the Court information

FindLaw Constitutional Law Center

- United States Supreme Court Decisions
- historical documents
- biographies

Judicial Resources (FindLaw)

includes:

- Supreme Court Opinions, searchable database on decisions since 1893.
  http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html
- US Court of Appeals, fulltext to decisions
- other Federal Court links

The Federal Judiciary Home Page (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts)
http://www.USCourts.gov/

- links to the Federal Circuits

FAQ section includes answers to:

- who appoints federal judges
- how do you file a civil or criminal case
- how are jurors contacted for service in a federal court case

US Court of Appeals Decisions (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/10fedgov/Judicial/Appeals_courts.html

- fulltext to circuit court opinions from 1995-current

Judicial Branch
(Louisiana State University Libraries)
http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/judicial.html

- links to fulltext opinions written by federal courts

Fee Based Resources (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/com_law.html

Shepard's Company
http://www.shepards.com/

- Shepardize® a case
NEW YORK STATE COURTS

New York State Unified Court System
(Division of Legal Information & Records Management of the New York State Unified Court System Office of Court Administration)
http://www.courts.state.ny.us/

- some forms included
- links to recent decisions from NYS courts
- listing of links to NYS courts on the web

http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctpages.html

New York Court of Appeals (Cornell University)
http://www.law.cornell.edu/ny/ctap/

- decisions from 1990-current
- background information on the Court of Appeals

New York State Courts (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/courts.html

- links to New York State Courts
- case law -- under primary material

$$$$Fee Based Resources (FindLaw) $$$$ http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/com_law.html

$$$$Shepard's Company$$$$ http://www.shepards.com/

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STATE COURTS

State Court Locator (Villanova University School of Law)
http://vls.law.vill.edu/Locator/statecourt/index.htm

"The State Court Locator is a service provided for by Villanova University School of Law and is intended to be the home page for state court systems on the Internet. This Page provides links to home pages and opinions by state judiciaries that can be viewed and downloaded by users."

State Court Websites (National Center for State Courts)
http://www.ncsconline.org/Information/info_court_web_sites.html

- links to state court websites

$$$$Fee Based Resources (FindLaw) $$$$ http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/com_law.html

$$$$Shepard's Company$$$$ http://www.shepards.com/
The Federal Web Locator is a service provided by the Center for Information Law and Policy and is intended to be the one stop shopping point for federal government information on the World Wide Web. This list is maintained to bring the cyber citizen to the federal government's doorstep.

**U.S. Department of Justice**
http://www.usdoj.gov/

Includes:
- press releases
- speeches and statements

Welcome to the New York State Government Information Locator Service (NYS ILS). The NYS ILS provides a single point of access to information services provided by New York State Government agencies, the State Legislature and the Judiciary. The ILS is jointly operated by the New York State Archives and Records Administration and the New York State Library.

**Office of NYS Attorney General**
http://www.oag.state.ny.us/

Includes:
- press releases
- speeches
- reports

State and Local Government on the Net
http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm

- links to county and city governments

Listing of State Attorney Generals
(National Association of Attorney Generals)
http://www.naag.org/ag/full_ag_table.cfm
LEGAL REFERENCE / LEGAL RESEARCH

Forms

- Court Forms (FindLaw)
  http://forms.lp.findlaw.com/
  - contains both Federal and State forms

WashLaw WEB Forms (Washburn University School of Law) http://www.washlaw.edu/legalforms/legalforms.html
  - where to find legal forms on the Internet

Legal & Business Forms
  (Lectric Law Library)
  http://www.lectlaw.com
  - click on "The ROTUNDA"
  - then click on "FORMS"

New York State Court Forms
  http://www.courts.state.ny.us/forms3.html

Tax Forms
  http://www.prendergastlibrary.org/bookmarks/t.html#taxes

Copyright Forms from the United States Copyright Office (Library of Congress)
  http://www.loc.gov/copyright/

General Resources:

- Findlaw: Internet Legal Resources
  http://www.findlaw.com

"FindLaw, the leading Web portal focused on law and government, provides access to a comprehensive and fast-growing online library of legal resources for use by legal professionals, consumers and small businesses. FindLaw’s mission is to make legal information on the Internet easy to find. Visitors to the FindLaw site will find a broad array of features that include Web search utilities, cases and codes, legal news, and community-oriented tools, such as a secure document management utility, mailing lists, message boards and free e-mail."

lexisONE® [Case Law]

"lexisONE® is a unique Web community designed to meet the day-to-day practice demands of small-firm attorneys. The lexisONE® service is loaded with free resources, including: case law, forms, and headline legal news."

WORLDLawDirect.com
  http://www.worldlawdirect.com/index.php

"...Access free legal advice on US and international law. Lawyers from 26 countries are available for consultation 24 hours a day."
Hieros Gamos  
http://www.hg.org/

"The Comprehensive Law and Government Portal"
"HIEROS GAMOS was established in 1994 by Lex Mundi, the leading association of independent law firms. It is now the largest internet site for law and government materials with more than 200,000 listings and 100,000 links."

Emory Law Library (Atlanta, Georgia)  
http://www.law.emory.edu/LAW/refdesk/toc.html

- law by subject links  
- links to United States Documents both modern and historic

Washlaw Web (Topeka, Kansas)  
http://www.washlaw.edu/washlaw/washlaw.html

- everything law related

Internet Law Library  
(LawGuru.com/)  

"The Internet Law Library (formerly the U.S. House of Representatives Internet Law Library) was originally provided to the public courtesy of the United States House of Representatives Law Revision Counsel...The Counsel's mission includes making the law (particularly the U.S. Code) available to the public. The Law Revision Counsel's goal was to provide free public access to the basic documents of U.S. law."

Lemon Law Information and Sites (Autopedia)  

"Welcome to the most comprehensive Lemon Law information site on the Internet. Winner of Yahoo Internet Life's 4 Star Award with complete coverage of all Lemon Law Statutes in all 50 states."

Historical Documents

The U.S. Constitution from the Library of Congress  
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/const/const.html

U.S. Constitutional Research  
http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/constitution/

The Bill of Rights from the Library of Congress  
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/const/bor.html

U.S. Founding Documents  
http://www.law.emory.edu/FEDERAL/

includes:

- scanned originals of the Constitution, Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence  
- Federalist Papers

Links to United States Documents Both Modern and Historic  
(Emory Law Library)  
http://www.law.emory.edu/LAW/refdesk/country/us/docs.html

New York State Constitution  
http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?co=0

State Constitutions  
(FindLaw)  
Legal Dictionaries:

**Legal Dictionary** (FindLaw)
http://dictionary.findlaw.com/

**Legal Dictionary**
http://dictionary.law.com/

*other dictionaries*, including foreign language dictionaries
http://www.prendergastlibrary.org/bookmarks/d.html#DICTIONARIES

Legal Encyclopedias:

**Nolo's Online Legal Encyclopedia**
http://www.nolo.com/lawcenter/ency/index.cfm

**West's Encyclopedia of American Law** (West Publishing Company)
R 348.73 W, Prendergast Library

Legal News:

**Legal News (FindLaw)**
http://news.findlaw.com/

*includes:*
- US & World legal news
- top headlines in: investigations, litigation, crime & trials, etc...

**Legal Newswire**
http://www.lawnewsnetwork.com/newswire/

"This is your definitive national digest of daily legal news from law.com and selected from key outlets across the nation."

**Court TV Online**
http://www.courttv.com/
- US & World legal news
- trials in the news
- verdict archive - from the Court TV cases
- famous cases

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LAWYERS / LAW FIRMS

**Martindale Law Directory**
http://www.martindale.com

Locate a lawyer by:
- name
- firm
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- corporate
Findlaw / West Legal Directory
http://directory.findlaw.com/

- click on "Consumer"
- click on "Find a Lawyer"
- Narrow search by:
  - Topic
  - State and City
- site includes Legal Guides

A Guide to Attorney Disciplinary procedures in New York State
http://www.nysba.org/

for other states, military & some countries:
Directory of Lawyer Disciplinary Agencies
(Center for Professional Responsibility)
http://www.abanet.org/cpr/disciplinary.html

LAW SCHOOLS

Law Schools & Law Reviews from FindLaw
http://lawschools.findlaw.com/index.html

Law Schools & Prelaw Materials from Hieros Gamos (law portal)
http://www.hg.org/schools.html

LSAT (Law School Admission Council)
http://www.lsac.org/
includes:
- test dates & deadlines
- testing locations
- online registration

SEARCH ENGINES

Search Engines (list from the Prendergast Library)
http://www.prendergastlibrary.org/bookmarks/s.html#SEARCHENGINES

Legal Search Engines:

Hieros Gamos
http://www.hg.org/

"The Comprehensive Law and Government Portal"

LawCrawler (FindLaw)
http://lawcrawler.findlaw.com/
Mailing Lists:

Discussion Groups (The Law List)
http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/lawlists/info.html

"Law Lists includes electronic discussion groups run by mailing list management software (listserv, listproc, majordomo, mailbase, etc.), newsletters, journals, etc. The Law Lists guide is intended to facilitate person-to-person networking, legal research, and exchange and dissemination of legal information worldwide. It generally does not include lists on commercial online services or that are fee-based."

Law Related Discussion Groups (Hieros Gamos)
http://www.hg.org/listservs.html

BigEar: Current Legal Resources on the Net (Cornell Law School)
http://barratry.law.cornell.edu:5123/notify/buzz.html

"BigEar listens to a variety of law-related mailing lists and newsgroups. From each, it selects messages which contain references to Net documents, and constructs a convenient cumulative listing which shows the title of the document, a link to it, and a link to the message ‘announcing’ it on the mailing list. At the end of a week’s time, the old listing is scrapped and a new one started. It thus offers a (slightly distorted) view of what’s new on the Net for lawyers, and of what people are talking about."

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association
http://www.abanet.org/

All Bar Associations (Hieros Gamos)
http://www.hg.org/bar.html

- addresses & links, if available, domestic & international listings

New York State Bar Association
http://www.nysba.org/

Legal Associations Internet Sites (LAWlink)
http://www.abanet.org/lawlink/associations.html

LAW LIBRARIES

Law Libraries (FindLaw)
http://www.findlaw.com/05libraries/index.html

Law Libraries (Yahoo!)
http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/Law/Legal_Research/Libraries/

University at Buffalo Law Library
http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/law/
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