

Recommended Websites for Legal Research

1. Extensive free online legal research begins with Lexisweb – legal search engine. Legal research legal journals, legal terms, citations and more!

<http://lexisweb.com/>

2. Primary legal materials and links to a wide array of U.S. and international legal reference websites by Legal Information Institute at Cornell University Law School

www.law.cornell.edu

3. An online Encyclopedia for Legal Researcher - excellent starting point

<http://law.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmermans/>

4. Very useful one-stop site for all New Jersey related legal materials online.

<https://law-library.rutgers.edu/new-jersey-law>

5. NJ Law Librarians Association; very useful site with links to many cases of different levels

www.njlla.org

6. Federal Digital system. Website of the US Government Printing Office.

www.gpo.gov/fdsys

7. Law library of Congress has links to many government legal publications and the expertise of law librarians on many subjects.

www.loc.gov/law

8. NJ State Law Library. Provides access to current and historical NJ primary legal materials.

www.njstatelib.org/research_library/legal_resources

9. Presented by the Library of Congress, Congress.gov is the official website for U.S. federal legislative information.

www.congress.gov

10. Free legal information and Resources. Research Laws or Find a Lawyer.

<http://public.findlaw.com>

11. Provides free case law, codes, regulations and legal information for lawyers, business, students and consumers world wide.

www.justia.com

Law Library at Rutgers

West Orange Public Library patrons can use the law library at Rutgers. Westlaw (online legal research service) is available there for free. Hard Copy resources can be used in the library but are non-circulating for the public.

Rutgers University Law Library–Newark
<http://law-library.rutgers.edu/>

Center for Law and Justice
123 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102–3046

- Reference & User Services: 973-353-5676
- Circulation: 973-353-5677
- Administration: 973-353-3121
- Government Documents: 973-353-5966

Hours (open to the Public):
Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm
Sat: 10-6pm
Sun: noon-6pm



Guide to Printed and Online Legal Resources



West Orange Public Library
46 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052
(973) 736-0198
www.wopl.org

PRIMARY SOURCES

Judiciary Law

New Jersey Court Rules REF 347.74905 RUL

It states, discusses and explains the rules and gives annotations to relevant cases.

www.judiciary.state.nj.us/rules/index.html

NJ Federal Local Court Rules

www.njd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-appendices

Legislative Law

New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA)

Please note: WOPL no longer has NJSA. For up-to-date online version (updated daily) go to:

1. <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us>

Laws and Constitution – Statutes

2. Rutgers site has an easier search engine:

<http://njlaw.rutgers.edu/collections/njstats>

Administrative Law

New Jersey Register (NJR)

Published 2 times per month, contains rule proposals and rule adoptions by state agencies REF 347.794 NEW

www.lexisnexis.com/njoal

New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC)

Looseleaf publication of the codification of rules adopted. Once adopted, this is evidence of law. Updated monthly, as rules are adopted in NJR. REF 347.794 NEW

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode/>

New Jersey State information about Administrative Law

<http://www.state.nj.us/oal/>

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Codification of all adopted regulations, arranged by agency, updated yearly.

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action

Federal Register (FR)

Published daily. Includes notices, proposed rules, final rules and presidential documents.

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR

A user-friendly version of the FR:

www.federalregister.gov

A site made for easier filing of public comments:

www.regulation.gov/#home

SECONDARY SOURCES

Legal Dictionaries

Black's Law Dictionary

REF 340.03 BLA

Findlaw

<http://dictionary.findlaw.com>

Nolo (in plain English)

www.nolo.com/dictionary

Wex

www.law.cornell.edu/wex

Legal Encyclopedias

Wex

www.law.cornell.edu/wex

Legal Citation Format

New Jersey Manual on Style

www.judiciary.state.nj.us/appdiv/manualonstyle.pdf

Legal Abbreviations

Web resource providing acronyms and abbreviations as well as a list of other guides to these types of resources

<http://lib.law.washington.edu/pubs/acron.html>

Allows to search for the meaning of abbreviations for English language legal publications, from the British Isles, the Commonwealth and the United States, including those covering international and comparative law.

www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk

Acronym Finder

www.acronymfinder.com

Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer Directory

www.martindale.com

www.lawyers.com

Lawyer Directory - NJ Judiciary Attorney Index

NJ Judiciary Attorney Index—bar admission date & status (active)

<https://njcourts.judiciary.state.nj.us/web15z/AttvPAWeb/pages/home.faces>

General Reference & Lawyer Directories

Contains contact information for various governmental entities, many of which cannot easily be found anywhere else. It includes a comprehensive list of admitted attorneys and their contact information, as well as many other odds and ends.

New Jersey Lawyers Diary and Manual, including bar directory of New Jersey

REF 340.023 NEW

New York Lawyers Diary and Manual, including bar directory of New York

REF 340.023 NEW

www.law411.com

Online Legal Research Guides

1. How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers

www.aallnet.org/sections/lisp/howtoresearchlegalproblem-final.pdf

2. Nolo Press Legal Research Page

www.nolo.com/legal-research

3. Georgetown Law Research Guides General and by Topic

www.law.georgetown.edu/library/research/guides/index.cfm

4. Findlaw by Topic

<http://corporate.findlaw.com/law-library>

5. Nolo Legal Encyclopedia - Free Legal Articles by Topic

www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia

6. Hieros Gamos Law Center - Areas of Practice

www.hg.org/practiceareas.html

For Public Patrons

1. Legal Services of NJ - self help resources. Provides legal overview of common topics (family law, housing, immigration, etc.), easy to read and understand, available in English and Spanish.

www.lsnjlaw.org/pages/default.aspx

2. Free Publications of NJ State Bar Foundation

www.njsbf.org/for-the-public/public-publications.html

3. Represent Yourself in Court (Pro Se)

www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose/index.htm