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care proxies, estate planning resources, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. <http://www.seniorlaw.com/resource.htm>

**Lawyer Referrals**

**ABA Lawyer Referral Service**

Lists links to local referral services by state, first to help you determine if you need a lawyer and then to help you find one who handles your type of case. From the American Bar Association. <http://www.abanet.org/referral/home.html>

**Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer Locator**

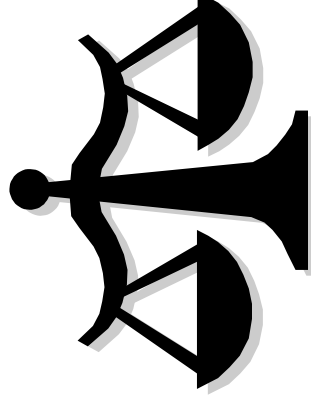
Contains more than 900,000 listings of lawyers and law firms in the United States, organized by state and by type of practice. <http://www.martindale.com/locator/home.html>

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*A Guide to*  
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*on the Internet*



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## **Introduction**

*A Guide to Legal Resources on the Internet* is a reference resource for adult patrons and librarians who have some experience using a computer and a basic knowledge of the Internet. These legal resources are not meant to replace the services a lawyer can provide, but they can help educate you about the law and procedures you can follow to resolve legal issues.

The Internet is a great resource for current legal information. You can access information about proposed and recent laws and regulations directly from state and federal Web sites.

The library's staff cannot give advice about legal questions, but they can try to help you find the right information to make your own decisions.

## **Selection Criteria**

As you examine legal resources on the Web, it is important to know your information sources are reliable, accurate, and timely. Since links to information and Web resources change frequently, it is also worth ensuring you are looking at the most current materials. The sites included

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## **Employment and Labor Resources**

### **Law Library Resource Exchange**

A well-organized directory of labor and employment law information, with links to Web sites such as the National Labor Relations Board and the ACLU Workplace Rights, as well as a wide range of other resources.

<http://www.llrx.com/features/labor.htm>

### **U.S. Business Advisor—Laws and Regulations**

Offers links to the most commonly requested Web sites for business law, including sites with regulations affecting small businesses. Also provides a legal encyclopedia.

<http://www.business.gov/busadv/maincat.cfm?catid=21>

## **Specialized Resources**

### **Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Legal Resources**

Extensive directory devoted to Internet resources for lesbian, gay, and bisexual legal issues.

<http://www.qrd.org/qrd/www/legal/>

### **SeniorLaw: Elder Law & Legal Resources on the Web**

Topics on this site include elder abuse and neglect, health insurance, health

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people in debt, legislative updates, and information on how to file bankruptcy. <http://www.abiworld.org/>

**DivorceInfo**

Provides basic information to help you get through your divorce. Includes links to state-specific information. <http://www.divorceinfo.com/>

**Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement**

Contains links to policies, reports, publications, state agency Web sites, and descriptions of state child support programs. <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/>

**National Fair Housing Advocate Online**

Provides the general public with timely news and information regarding housing discrimination. Features news, case research, and a guide to federal housing issues. <http://www.fairhousing.com/>

**Tenant.net**

Tenant information on this site focuses on New York, but you can also search for tenant information from other states. <http://www.tenant.net/>

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in this guide were chosen using the following criteria:

- The Web site publisher is clearly identified and can be contacted from the site.
- The Web site's purpose is stated in writing and is obvious when looking at the content.
- The information provided is comprehensive or uniquely important to legal research.
- The Web site is well known in the legal community. It is cited in multiple subject resources, both print and online.
- The information provided is current and regularly updated. Revision dates are posted on the site.
- The Web site is well organized and easy to use. Multimedia features enhance, rather than distract from, the content offerings.
- The Web site includes a search or index function for easier navigation.
- The Web site adheres to accessibility conventions widely accepted in the Internet community.

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## **General Legal Information**

### **FindLaw**

A searchable Web site with links to federal and state forms, cases, and codes. Provides information about labor laws, employment discrimination, bankruptcy, divorce, and many other topics. Offers the LawCrawler legal search engine.  
<http://www.findlaw.com>

### **Internet Legal Resource Guide**

A comprehensive index of online information about law and the legal profession. Provides law firm listings, legal forms, government documents, and the LawRunner legal search engine.  
<http://www.ilrg.com/>

### **Lectric Law Library**

Presents legal information in a light-hearted format. Visit the Rotunda for information on many legal topics, including wills and estate planning, consumer rights and protection, employment issues, family law, and property and debt issues.  
<http://www.lectlaw.com>

### **U.S. Legal Forms**

Offers legal forms for purchase, including federal, state, business, personal, real estate, and general forms covering hundreds of legal subjects and issues.

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Document costs range from \$6 to \$30 each.

<http://www.uslegalforms.com>

## **Federal, State, and Local Government Information**

### **FedLaw**

A clearly organized directory of U.S. codes, federal legislation, and Supreme Court and other federal court rulings. Includes links to state laws and government materials.  
<http://www.legal.gsa.gov/>

### **Municipal Codes Online**

Search city and county codes for local regulations and information.  
<http://www.spl.org/govpubs/municode.html>

### **State Web Locator**

Connects you to state agency and department Web sites so you can look up regional and local court cases, laws, and government resources.  
<http://www.infoctr.edu/swl/>

## **Family Law Resources**

### **ABI World**

This Web site, from the American Bankruptcy Institute, offers options for