

# INTERNET LEGAL RESEARCH

## WHAT IS AVAILABLE

Many state and federal research sources are available online. State sources include state laws, state Supreme Court cases, city codes, and county codes. Federal government sources include courts, laws, codes, and regulations.

The Internet may also be searched for additional legal sources. The Clark County Law Library provides computers with Internet access and several links on our webpage to helpful legal resources.

When doing legal research using the Internet it is important to remember that anyone can post information online. Make sure that sources are authoritative and were written by trustworthy authors.

## TIMELINESS OF SOURCES

The older the information, the less likely it is that it will be on the Internet. For example, many state Supreme Court cases only go back four years.

## SEARCHING

When using a word or phrase to search, the computer will look for exact matches. Remember, spelling counts! If a word does not exactly match the words in the text, there will be no results. Therefore, if you are unsure of the exact word or phrase, try as many different words as possible for the same topic. If you cannot come up with alternate search terms, print indexes, legal dictionaries, and other reference sources such as *Words and Phrases* can be very helpful.

## RAPID GROWTH OF THE INTERNET

The number of Internet sites is growing rapidly. Due to this growth, sites are constantly changing. Keep in mind that sites can leave the Internet just as quickly as they appeared. Addresses and site content also tend to change frequently.

## USEFUL SITES

The following research links provide valuable information on the Internet. This list is just a starting point; remember that you make all of the decisions about your research.

Federal Government Resources [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov)  
State Resources [www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states.html](http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states.html)

## STATE OF NEVADA

Nevada Home Page [www.nv.gov](http://www.nv.gov)  
Nevada Legislature [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)  
Nevada Revised Statutes [www.leg.state.nv.us/law1.cfm](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/law1.cfm)  
Nevada Secretary of State [www.nvsos.gov/](http://www.nvsos.gov/)  
Nevada Supreme Court [www.nevadajudiciary.us/](http://www.nevadajudiciary.us/)

## CLARK COUNTY

Clark County Departments [www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov)  
Clerk's Office [www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/depts/clerk/pages/default.aspx](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/depts/clerk/pages/default.aspx)  
District Court [www.clarkcountycourts.us/ejdc/courts-and-judges/index.html](http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/ejdc/courts-and-judges/index.html)

Family Law Self-Help Center [www.clarkcountycourts.us/shc/](http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/shc/)

Law Library [www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary)

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada [www.lacsn.org](http://www.lacsn.org)

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SITES

House of Representatives [www.house.gov/](http://www.house.gov/)

Senate [www.senate.gov/](http://www.senate.gov/)

White House [www.whitehouse.gov/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/)

## U.S. Courts

Federal and State Court Structure Charts and Links  
[www.ncsc.org/Information-and-Resources/Browse-by-State/State-Court-Websites.aspx](http://www.ncsc.org/Information-and-Resources/Browse-by-State/State-Court-Websites.aspx)

Federal Judiciary [www.uscourts.gov/](http://www.uscourts.gov/)

United States Supreme Court [www.supremecourt.gov/](http://www.supremecourt.gov/)

## Federal Laws, Rules, And Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations and Federal Register  
[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action)

Federal Rules of Court  
[www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies.aspx](http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies.aspx)

U.S. Code / U.S. Government Printing Office  
[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action)