

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
State Resources www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/states.html

STATE OF NEVADA

Nevada Home Page www.nv.gov
Nevada Legislature www.leg.state.nv.us
Nevada Revised Statutes www.leg.state.nv.us/law1.cfm
Nevada Secretary of State www.sos.state.nv.us/
Nevada Supreme Court www.nevadajudiciary.us/

CLARK COUNTY

Clark County Departments www.accessclarkcounty.com
Clerk's Office
www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/clerk/Pages/clerkhome.aspx
District Court
www.clarkcountycourts.us/ejdc/courts-and-judges/index.html

Family Law Self-Help Center www.clarkcountycourts.us/shc/
Law Library www.accessclarkcounty.com/law_library
Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada www.lacsn.org

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SITES

House of Representatives www.house.gov/
Senate www.senate.gov/
White House www.whitehouse.gov/

U.S. Courts

Federal and State Court Structure Charts and Links
www.ncsconline.org/D_Research/Ct_Struct/Index.html
Federal Judiciary www.uscourts.gov/
United States Supreme Court www.supremecourtus.gov/

Federal Laws, Rules, And Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/
Federal Citizen Information Center www.info.gov
Federal Register www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html
Federal Rules of Court www.uscourts.gov/rules/
U.S. Code www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode
U.S. Government Printing Office www.access.gpo.gov