

# Legal Research on the Internet

**What You Should Know:** Not all Internet sites are created equal. The sites below are helpful sources of legal information. Nonetheless, you should always critically evaluate any information you find on the Internet. You should consider the authority of the source, how recently the web site was updated, and whether the information is complete.

## Judicial

U.S. Supreme Court Decisions	<a href="http://supct.law.cornell.edu.supct/index.html">http://supct.law.cornell.edu.supct/index.html</a>
U.S. Supreme Court (official site)	<a href="http://www.supremecourtus.gov/">http://www.supremecourtus.gov/</a>
Ninth Circuit Decisions	<a href="http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/">http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/</a>
U.S. Bankruptcy Court- Western Washington	<a href="http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov/">http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov/</a>
U.S. District Court- Western District of WA	<a href="http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/">http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/</a>
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure	<a href="http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/overview.htm">http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/overview.htm</a>
Federal Rules of Evidence	<a href="http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/fre/overview.html">http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/fre/overview.html</a>
Washington Supreme and Appellate Decisions	<a href="http://www.legalwa.org">http://www.legalwa.org</a>
State and Local Court Rules	<a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/">http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/</a>
King County Superior Court Clerk's Office	<a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk.aspx">http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk.aspx</a>

## Administrative

FedWorld- Link to agency sites	<a href="http://fedworld.ntis.gov/">http://fedworld.ntis.gov/</a>
Firstgov- Federal Government	<a href="https://www.usa.gov/branches-of-government">https://www.usa.gov/branches-of-government</a>
Washington Administrative Code	<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/</a>
Washington Attorney General Opinions	<a href="http://www.atg.wa.gov/ago-opinions-year">http://www.atg.wa.gov/ago-opinions-year</a>
Washington City and County Codes	<a href="http://mrsc.org/Home/Research-Tools/Washington-City-Codes.aspx">http://mrsc.org/Home/Research-Tools/Washington-City-Codes.aspx</a>

## Legislative

United States Code	<a href="http://uscode.house.gov/search/criteria/shtml">http://uscode.house.gov/search/criteria/shtml</a>
Congressional Record, Bills, Status via Thomas	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a>
Revised Code of Washington	<a href="http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/">http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/</a>
Washington Bills	<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/default.aspx">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/default.aspx</a>

## Associations

American Bar Association	<a href="http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html">http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html</a>
Washington Bar Association	<a href="http://www.wsba.org">http://www.wsba.org</a>
King County Bar Association	<a href="http://www.kcba.org">http://www.kcba.org</a>
N.W. Justice Project	<a href="http://www.nwjustice.org">http://www.nwjustice.org</a>

## Legal Directory

Findlaw	<a href="http://www.findlaw.com">http://www.findlaw.com</a>
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### **Law School Sites**

Cornell University <http://www.law.cornell.edu/>  
Emory University <http://law.emory.edu/>  
University of Washington <http://www.law.uw.edu>

### **Forms**

Washington Family Law Forms <http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms>  
King County Superior Court Forms <http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/scforms.aspx>

**For more Sites:** The King County Law library web site contains more legal research links than are listed on this sheet. To find them go to [www.kcll.org](http://www.kcll.org).

## **Other Legal Resources and Referrals on the Internet**

### **Consumer**

**Washington Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division** <http://www.atg.wa.gov/consumer>  
Information and publications about the most common consumer protection questions

**Buying a Used Car** <http://www.atg.wa.gov/buying-used-car>  
Information about purchasing used cars. Sponsored by the Washington Attorney General

**Identity Theft** <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>  
How to prevent and respond to identity theft. Sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission

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### **Credit & Debt**

**American Consumer Credit Counseling** <http://www.consumercredit.com>  
A non-profit organization that assists individuals with financial education and debt management strategies.

**CENTS** <http://www.centsprogram.com>  
A non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing free legal advice and money management to individuals and families throughout the State of Washington. Program provides Personal Financial Management classes required by the new bankruptcy laws. The website outlines the range of their programs, projects and resources.

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court of Western District of WA** <http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov>  
Bankruptcy courts website, includes court location, court rules, fees & forms, approved credit counseling & financial management agencies, assistance to the public and more.

**Fair Debt Collection Practices** <https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/rules/rulemaking-regulatory-reform-proceedings/fair-debt-collection-practices-act-text>  
Information about the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. Sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission.

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## **Criminal Law**

### **Office of the Public Defender, King County**

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/OPD.aspx>

Their goal is to provide legal services to those persons who have been accused of a crime or are involved in civil proceedings in a King County court and cannot afford an attorney.

### **Crime Victims**

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsInsurance/CrimeVictims/>

Washington state's program for providing financial assistance for crime victims. Website includes downloadable forms. Sponsored by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries

### **Vacating/Sealing Criminal Records**

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=38>

### **Records**

Washington state courts website that provides downloadable forms for those wishing to vacate a criminal record.

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## **Discrimination**

### **King County Office for Civil Rights**

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/CivilRights.aspx>

King County's anti-discrimination office

### **Seattle Office for Civil Rights**

<http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights>

City of Seattle's anti-discrimination office

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## **Family Law: General**

### **Washington Law Help**

<http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org>

Contains self-help materials on family law

### **Legal Voice**

<http://www.legalvoice.org/tools/family-law.html>

General information on family law, dissolution, child support, dependency, and more

### **Child Support Resource Center**

<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs>

Washington state agency responsible for the collection and distribution of child support. Brochures available in many languages; information is available on the child support program, hearing rights, modifications, paternity, interstate child support, options for victims of domestic violence, employer guidelines, child support and foster care, direct deposit, and automatic support payments.

### **Washington Courts Family Law Mandatory Forms**

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/>

Documents, forms, and instructions needed to begin family court procedures. The forms can be downloaded and printed.

### **Family Law Section**

[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law.html)

Home page of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. Includes links to family law magazines and publications, reports, and committees. Highlights recent changes in family law.

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## **Family Law: Dissolution**

**Divorce Law Information Center**      <http://www.divorcelawinfo.com/states/wash/washington.htm>  
Provides general information on Washington divorce law. Includes court forms and a child support calculator. Sponsored by various divorce law firms.

**DivorceNet**      <http://www.divorcenet.com/states/washington>  
General information about divorce in Washington state. Sponsored by various divorce law firms.

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## **Family Law: Domestic Violence**

**Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence**      <http://wscadv.org/>  
Resources for Domestic Violence survivors in Washington State.

**Seattle-King County Domestic Violence Protection Orders**      <http://www.protectionorder.org>  
Information and forms for obtaining a protection order in King County

**King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence**      <http://www.kccadv.org/>  
Resources for DV survivors in King County

**Child Welfare Information Gateway**      <https://www.childwelfare.gov/>  
A national resource with information on the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

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## **Labor & Employment**

**Washington Law Help**      [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)  
Contains self-help materials on employment law

**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**      <http://www.eeoc.gov/>  
Federal government agency for employment discrimination. The above website has general information; publications listed at: <http://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/publications/index.cfm>

**Worker's Compensation Information**      <http://www.calbomschwab.com/workers-compensation>  
Information about Washington's workers compensation system. Sponsored by the Calbom & Schwab law firm (Eastern Washington)

**Primary Materials in Labor & Employment Law**      [http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/27labor/gov\\_laws.html](http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/27labor/gov_laws.html)  
Links to statutes, regulations, and government publications in the area of labor and employment law. Sponsored by FindLaw.com

**Employment Discrimination Information**      <http://www.discriminationattorney.com>  
Summaries of many topics in employment and discrimination law. Sponsored by the Greenberg law firm (Los Angeles)

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**National Employment Lawyers Association**<http://www.nela.org/home.cfm>

An organization of lawyers representing individual employees in cases involving employment discrimination, wrongful termination, employee benefits, and other employment related matters.

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**Immigration****Department of State- U.S. Embassies and Consulates**<http://www.usembassy.gov/>

Links to all U.S. embassies and consulates around the world with country-specific visa services and information.

**U.S. Department of State Visa Bulletin**<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/law-and-policy/bulletin.html>

Visa availability information

**Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)**<http://www.aila.org/>

Provides information on immigration legislation and advocacy, cases and decision, and more

**Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP)**<http://www.nwirp.org/>

Seattle based non-profit organization that offers comprehensive immigration legal services and community education for low-income immigrants and refugees.

**Washington Defender Association Immigration Project**<http://www.defensenet.org/immigration-project>

Defends and advances the rights of noncitizens within the criminal justice system who are facing the immigration consequences of crimes.

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**Landlord/Tenant****Housing Justice Project**<http://www.kcba.org/pbs/HJP.aspx>

Provides eviction advice, defense and negotiation for low-income King County residential tenants

**Washington Law Help**[www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)

Contains self-help materials on landlord/tenant law

**Landlord/Tenant Law**<http://www.atg.wa.gov/landlord-tenant>

Summary of Landlord/Tenant Law in Washington state. Sponsored by Washington Attorney General

**Washington State Tenants Union**<http://www.tenantsunion.org/>

Nonprofit organization providing information and advocacy for residential tenants

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**Legal Ethics****LegalEthics.com**<http://www.legaethics.com/index.law>

General ethics resources covering many states

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**ETHICSearch** [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional\\_responsibility.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility.html)  
Sponsored by ABA Center for Professional Responsibility (restricted to lawyers and other legal professionals)

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## **Native American**

**Native American Rights Fund** <http://www.narf.org>  
Non-profit dedicated to advocating for and serving Native American populations and organizations

**National Indian Law Library** <http://www.narf.org/nill/>  
Non-profit legal organization devoted to defending and promoting the legal rights of Native Americans

**National Tribal Justice Resource Center** <http://www.naicja.org>  
Guide to tribal justice systems. Sponsored by the National American Indian Court Judges Association

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## **Poverty and Public Benefits**

**Washington Law Help** [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)  
Contains self-help materials on poverty/public benefits law

**Solid Ground Public Benefits Assistance** <https://www.solid-ground.org/our-impact/more/>  
Provides assistance to those in need, including assistance and advocacy for obtaining shelter, food, transportation, and communication

**Unemployment Law Project** <http://www.unemploymentlawproject.org>  
Seattle based organization dedicated to helping people obtain unemployment insurance benefits

**Washington Parent Power** <http://www.washingtonparentpower.org>  
Description of economic supports available to families, including health care, child care, food assistance and scholarships

**Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition** <http://www.wroc.org>  
Information on the rights of people who receive public assistance (welfare, food stamps, WorkFirst, etc.)

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## **Senior Citizens**

**Senior Services of Seattle/King County** <http://seniorservices.org>  
The largest non-profit agency serving older people in Washington. Services include: Meals-on-Wheels, Volunteer Transportation, Homesharing, Minor Home Repair, African American Outreach, Senior Information and Assistance, Senior Rights Assistance as well as neighborhood senior centers and adult day health programs.

**Administration on Aging** <http://aoa.gov>  
Federal agency for older persons

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**Washington State Probate**<http://www.wa-probate.com>

Free Washington State probate forms and instructions

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**Youth****Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington**<http://www.sylaw.org>

Provides assistance and referrals to street youth that face a variety of legal problems, including family issues, educational problems, mental health issues, and difficulty accessing state and federal entitlements such as housing and financial assistance.

**Team Child**<http://www.teamchild.org>

TeamChild provides civil legal services for juveniles involved in the criminal justice system.

**ACLU**

Know Your Rights: A Guide for Public School Students in Washington

<https://www.aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Guide%20Public%20School%20Students.pdf>

**ACLU**

Parents' Guide to Public School Discipline in Washington

[https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Discipline\\_guide\\_parents\\_3\\_07.pdf](https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Discipline_guide_parents_3_07.pdf)

**ACLU**

Parent's Guide to Truancy in Washington

[https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Truancy\\_guide\\_parents\\_9\\_10.pdf](https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Truancy_guide_parents_9_10.pdf)

**ACLU**

Parents' Guide to School Board Advocacy in Washington

[https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Advocacy\\_guide\\_parents\\_3\\_07.pdf](https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Advocacy_guide_parents_3_07.pdf)

**Children's Defense Fund**<http://www.childrensdefense.org>

Lobbying and information regarding rights of minors. Children's Defense Fund pays particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities.